

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# CONVENTION RULES 2025

## **ARTICLE I. OFFICERS**

The incumbent Executive Chair and Executive Secretary shall be Chair and Secretary respectively of the Convention. A parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chair.

## **ARTICLE II. DELEGATES**

Delegates shall meet the qualifications set forth in the Bylaws. The credentialing committee shall credential the delegates at the beginning of the Convention.

## **ARTICLE III. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES**

Each delegate must register with the credentialing committee as required by the Board of Directors. A delegate may not be registered prior to resolution of all challenges in which he/she has been named.

## **ARTICLE IV. VOTING ELIGIBILITY**

All delegates shall be eligible to vote on all matters. In order to vote on a given matter, a delegate must be present on the floor at the time the vote is taken. Each delegate present shall have one vote.

## **ARTICLE V. VOTING PROCEDURE**

Voting will be by voice vote or a show of hands. If ten or more delegates so request or object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a vote, a counted vote, roll call, or secret ballot will be held.

## **ARTICLE VI. DEBATE PROCEDURE**

During debate in Convention each delegate shall be limited to five minutes on any one issue unless otherwise specified.

## **ARTICLE VII. AGENDA**

The business at Convention shall consist of the following items:

- Registration
- Reports of Party officers
- Bylaws, Platform, and Convention Rules Committee Reports
- Resolutions and other business
- Election of Judicial Committee

## **ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS**

Section 1 - Nominations shall be from the floor. For each office, a majority vote will be necessary and sufficient for election. In cases where no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, runoff votes will be held, dropping the lowest running candidate after each ballot.

Section 2 - Unless the delegates at a Convention of the state Party decide otherwise, all members of the Party shall automatically be alternate delegates at the National Convention, but such members shall serve as delegates only if alternate delegates individually elected at the state Convention are already serving as delegates or are not present on the floor of the National Convention. Unless the delegates at a Convention of the state Party decide otherwise, the Chair of the Party shall serve as the Chair of the National Convention delegation. The members of the delegation present shall have the power to determine which alternate delegates shall fill vacancies in the National Convention delegation, subject to the first sentence.

Section 3 - Votes cast for "None of the Above" shall be considered valid in any nomination or election. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above", none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office, or be nominated for that office in that particular election. In elections or nominations having more than one possible winner, ballots cast for NOTA and another candidate will be deemed illegal.

## **ARTICLE IX. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**

Section 1 - No candidate may be nominated for any office who is ineligible to serve in that office or who has not expressed a willingness to accept the nomination of the Party.

Section 2 - Nominees for any office shall be chosen by majority vote. Should no candidate obtain a majority on a ballot, then a new ballot shall be taken. After every second ballot, if no candidate has yet received a majority vote the candidate with the least number of votes shall be struck from subsequent ballots.

Section 3 - No candidate for public office at any level shall be nominated or endorsed who has not signed the statement "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals."-