

## Libertarian Party of Wayne County Bylaws

### ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Libertarian Party of Wayne County."

### ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to further the principles of liberty as expressed in the Statement of Principles of the National and State Libertarian Party, by nominating and campaigning for candidates for political office, and by conducting political informational activities.

### ARTICLE 3. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the County Party shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. None of these offices shall be combined. All of these offices shall be elected at a regular County Convention. For all offices, the Delegates shall get the option of voting "None Of the Above". If "None of the Above" receives a majority, the office shall be held vacant until the next County Convention.

Section 2. (a) The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the County Central Committee, and at all County Conventions. The Chair shall be the chief executive officer. In the absence of directive from the County Central Committee, the Chair shall have the power to speak for and generally manage the affairs of the County Party.

(b) In years in which a Libertarian primary is required by law, on or before April 1, the Chair shall forward by mail or otherwise deliver to the board of county election commissioners a certificate showing the number of delegates to the county convention to which each precinct of the county is entitled, as described in MCL 168.623a

(c) The Chair shall appoint members of the Party to serve as precinct election inspectors and notify the appropriate city, township, or village board of election commissioners of the appointment, as described in MCL 168.674

Section 3. The Vice-Chair shall act as assistant to the Chair, and shall perform the duties of the Chair if the Chair is unable to perform those duties.

Section 4. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the County Party and of the County Central Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the County Party under the supervision and direction of the chair, and the County Central Committee.

### Article IV. THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1. The County Central Committee of the Party shall consist of the officers of the Party, and three members elected at large during the regular County Convention.

Section 2. The County Central Committee shall have the control and management of all the affairs, property, and the funds of the Party.

Section 3. The County Central Committee shall meet at such times and places as it may determine, by call of the Chair, or by written request of three of its members.

Section 4. A quorum of the County Central Committee shall consist of four of its members. A majority of those members present shall rule, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws.

Section 5. The County Central Committee shall have the power to judge the validity of the seating of any delegate, subject to the appeal of a two-thirds vote of the seated delegates.

Section 6. An officer may be removed from office by a 6/7 vote of the County Central Committee. The County Central Committee shall elect a new officer to complete the term of any vacant office, except that of Chair, which shall be completed by the Vice-Chair.

#### ARTICLE V. CONVENTIONS.

Section 1. During even-numbered years, the County Party shall hold a regular county convention after March 1 and before the filing deadline for the August primary. During odd-numbered years, the County Party shall hold a regular county convention between March 1 and not less than seven days before the Libertarian Party of Michigan regular state convention, performing such business required herein.

Section 2. The County Party shall hold a county convention at the call of the Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee, for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to a Libertarian Party of Michigan state convention. These state conventions include; the even-numbered year fall state convention, the odd-numbered year regular state convention, and the national delegate selection convention. No delegate or alternate to a state convention shall be selected who is not a member of the County Party.

Section 3. A regular county convention may be combined with a county convention called for by the State Party for the purpose of selecting delegates to a regular state convention or national delegate selection convention, provided their timeframes overlap.

Section 4. The County Party shall hold a special convention upon the call of the County Central Committee.

Section 5. All members of the County Party who attend and register at the convention shall be delegates, except as provided by ARTICLE IV, Section 5.

Section 6. For so long as the Libertarian Party of Michigan qualifies to elect precinct delegates to county conventions at primary elections under state law, the County Party shall accept precinct delegates so selected as delegates to county and district conventions called for by the State Party. The County Party shall also accept precinct delegates as delegates to regular and special county conventions.

Section 7. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the procedures at the convention of the County Party shall be in accordance with the rules adopted by a majority of the delegates present at each convention.

Section 8. The County Central Committee shall have supervision and management of all conventions.

Section 9. The officers of each convention shall be the officers of the County Party.

Section 10. Except as provided in the Bylaws, a majority of those voting shall rule on all motions made at the convention.

#### ARTICLE VI. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Section 1. Nomination of candidates for public office shall be made in accordance with state law, via primary, district caucus, county caucus or state convention as necessary.

Section 2. No candidate may be nominated for an office for which he/she is legally ineligible to serve.

Section 3. Nominations shall be made from the convention floor by the delegates.

Section 4. The County Party's nominee for each office shall be chosen by a majority vote of the delegates voting at the time of the balloting. If no candidate has a majority after the ballot, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be struck from the next ballot until one candidate receives a majority.

#### ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be granted to any person who affirms the Statement of Principles, is a member of the State Party, and is not a member of any other Michigan County Party.

#### ARTICLE VIII. LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. The Libertarian Party of Wayne County, in the exercise of its constitutional rights of free association and speech, as affirmed by the US Supreme Court ruling in *Eu, et al., vs. San Francisco Democratic Committee*, State Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of California, et al., reserves the right to accept or decline the application of Michigan statutory provisions, which appear to govern its affairs. The incorporation of statutory provisions in these bylaws is voluntary and is subject to the foregoing reservation. Any violations of statutory provisions by these bylaws are deliberate and will take precedence over such statutory provisions.

Section 2. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedures not specifically covered by the Bylaws, or convention rules of the Party.

#### ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at convention.

#### ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

If the Libertarian Party of Wayne County is terminated or dissolved, its remaining assets, if any, shall, as determined by the Executive Committee, be conveyed or distributed to, and only to, one or any combination of the following organizations: Libertarian Party organizations in the state of Michigan, the national Libertarian Party, or libertarian-oriented organizations anywhere in Michigan which are categorized as tax-exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

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