

V.b.2. State Delegates and Alternates from a County Affiliate.

The County Convention may elect delegates and alternates to the State Convention and to any appropriate District Conventions.

- i. County Conventions may elect a list of delegates and a list of alternates to the State Convention, and each list shall not exceed the total number of delegates allocated to that county.
- ii. All delegates and alternates elected by a county convention must be qualified voters of that county, and Voting Members.
- iii. A person otherwise qualified need not be present at the County Convention to be elected a delegate or alternate to the State or District Conventions.
- iv. Alternates shall be assigned a number corresponding to their precedence of seating. The number assigned shall be a whole number between 1 and the total number of alternates. Unless another method is chosen at the County convention, then the assignment of precedence number shall be chosen by random lottery by the Credentials committee.
- v. Each delegate and alternate shall not be credentialed unless their voter registration ID, date of birth, full name, address, and either email address or phone number is provided to the Party in a manner prescribed by the State Chair.

V.c. District Conventions.

1. A District Convention will be held on the designated date and time for each district which is made up of more than one county or parts of more than one county and for which district at least one (1) person has filed with the State Chair an application as a candidate for nomination for public office.
2. All candidates for the Party's nomination for public office and for Party leadership shall be given an opportunity and are encouraged to declare, prior to the voting on the office he or she is seeking, what if any disagreements he or she may have with the state and national platforms.
3. The District Convention shall be composed of all delegates thereto who were duly elected by their County Conventions of that year, and are Voting Members.
4. Within twenty (20) days following the deadline for making applications for the nomination of the Party in a general election, the Secretary shall send each County Chair a correspondence informing the chair that they are a member of a District Executive Committee (as specified in these bylaws) for each district for which at least one (1) person has filed an application for nomination. The correspondence shall contain the following:
 - i. A list of the districts which are contained in whole or in part in the county for which one or more applications for nomination have been received;
 - ii. The names, addresses, and phone numbers of the Chairs of the other affiliated counties in each such district;
 - iii. Identifies which member of the District Executive Committee is the District Chair;
 - iv. A list of candidates who have filed for the Party's nomination for that district.
5. The District Executive Committee shall determine the time and location of the District Convention for that district. Care shall be given to minimize scheduling conflicts between overlapping districts.

6. All members of each District Executive Committee shall be notified and have the opportunity to vote in the location selection. The District Chair shall report to the state chair at least fifteen (15) days before the district convention the location and time of the convention. If the District Chair fails to report in time the state chair may select a location and time within the district.

V.d. State Conventions.

V.d.1. Composition and When Held.

- i. A State Convention will be held in even numbered years in accordance with these Rules.
- ii. The State Convention shall be composed of all delegates thereto who were duly elected by their County Conventions of that year.

V.d.2. Apportionment of Delegates and Alternates.

- i. The SLEC may limit the number of delegates and alternates that each county may elect to the State Convention to a fraction of the total number of votes cast in that county for all Libertarian nominees for statewide offices in the most recent general election for state and county officers. For the purposes of this section, nominees for federal offices are considered to be excluded. Such a fraction, if established, shall be uniform for all counties.
- ii. The number calculated under subsection (i) shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number and shall not be fewer than three.
- iii. An additional delegate seat, and an alternate seat shall be allocated for each ten percentage points received, up to fifty percent points, in the highest performing county race as measured by percentage in the most recent general election. A county race for purposes of this section shall be defined as a race for public office nominated at county convention.

V.d.3. Seating of Delegates and Alternates.

- i. Qualified participants shall be seated together by County at the State Convention.
- ii. County delegations may select from amongst themselves a Delegation Leader to help coordinate and communicate the status of their county delegation.
- iii. Alternates shall become qualified participants in order of precedence to fill any vacancies up to the maximum allotment of available delegate seats for the County they represent.
- iv. An alternate may temporarily relinquish their right to be seated which allows the next available alternate in precedence order to be seated.
- v. A seat vacancy occurs when:
 - A. A delegate does not register as attending;
 - B. A qualified participant communicates they are temporarily vacating their seat to allow an alternate to take their seat; or
 - C. A qualified participant permanently leaves the convention in accordance with V.e.3.
- vi. If an unseated alternate wishes to be recognized as available to be seated, they shall remain in a designated alternate seating area until such time as they are called to fill a vacancy.

- vii. The lack of a presence of a token or other identifying mechanism shall not preclude a delegate or alternate from being seated nor prohibit a qualified participant from participating in a convention.

V.d.4. Committees of the Convention.

V.d.4.i. Committees Described.

- A. A Platform Committee, which shall consider and report to the Convention on recommendations for amendments to the permanent Statement of Principles and Platform of the Party;
- B. A Bylaws Committee, which shall consider and report to the Convention on recommendations for amendments to the permanent bylaws of the Party and to the Bylaws of the SLEC;
- C. A Credentials Committee, which shall establish the temporary roll of the convention, report to the convention the list of County Affiliates that delivered county convention records and recommendations to establish the permanent roll of the convention, and continually update the roll for any changes to qualified participants throughout the convention;
- D. Any other committees which the SLEC may deem it proper to establish.

V.d.4.ii. Membership of Committees.

- A. The members of all committees at State Conventions shall be appointed by the SLEC no later than four months prior to the Convention.
- B. Those persons chosen to be members of committees must be notified of their selection within thirty days after the SLEC meeting at which they are selected.

V.d.4.iii. Credentials Committee

The SLEC shall maintain policy to govern the responsibilities and authority of the Credentials committee on any topics not established in these bylaws.

The Credentials Committee of the State Convention, not fewer than sixty (60) days prior to the County Convention, shall notify county chairs of each Affiliated County reminding them of their obligation to read, understand, and fulfill the requirements prescribed by these bylaws in order for their conventions to be considered valid and for the credentialing of their elected delegates to state convention.

V.d.4.iv. Committee Procedures in General.

- A. The Chair of each committee at a Convention shall be the presiding officer of that committee.
- B. The vote of a majority of those committee members present shall be necessary to recommend to the floor the passage of any proposal.
- C. A committee member must be present in order to vote.
- D. A majority of the voting membership of each committee excluding vacancies shall constitute a quorum for that committee.

V.d.4.v. Right to Submit Proposals to Committees.

- A. Any Voting Member shall have the right to submit proposals to any committee of the state convention for its consideration. All such proposals shall be made in writing and delivered to the chair of the committee.
- B. No later than 30 days after the first meeting of the committee that committee shall adopt rules governing the time and manner in which Voting Members may present their proposal to the committee, and adopt a final date where consideration of new proposal submissions will be considered. Such rules shall be made available in a manner easily accessible by any Voting Member.
- C. The committee shall adopt no rule restricting which Voting Members may present proposals, and shall not deny any Voting Member the right to present a duly submitted proposal according to its rules.

V.d.4.vi. Convening of committees.

All committees, except the Platform Committee, shall first convene officially no later than the first day immediately preceding the Convention to which they shall report, but such committees may meet informally at any time at their discretion.

V.d.4.vii. Committee Reports.

- A. The chair of each committee, or the chair's designees, shall report the committee's recommendations to the floor of the Convention. Recommendations on the report may be made individually or as a whole. The convention chair or committee chair shall preside over any discussion and any votes on recommendations.
- B. A committee may also issue a minority report or reports which shall have priority of consideration and from which specific amendments or substitutions may be moved as long as it has the support of the greater of two (2) or one-third (1/3) of the members of the committee.
- C. Each proposed amendment or substitution to a recommendation shall be debated and voted upon separately.

V.d.4.viii. Procedures for Platform Committee Reports.

- A. The Platform Committee must vote on each specific proposed plank or amendment separately.
- B. In the case of the Platform Committee, the committee Chair shall report the committee's recommendations to the floor on a plank by plank basis, and each shall be debated and voted upon separately in the following order:
 - 1. Those recommendations receiving a unanimous favorable vote in committee.
 - 2. Those recommendations receiving a unanimous favorable vote, less abstentions, in committee.
 - 3. Those recommendations receiving a favorable vote in committee, regarding which there is not a minority report.

4. Those recommendations receiving a favorable vote in committee, regarding which there is a minority report.
- C. Each Platform Committee recommendation shall be considered in the following manner:
1. The Platform Committee Chair, or some other person, shall have up to two minutes to give the committee's thinking in making the recommendation;
 2. The Chair of the Convention shall then open the floor to discussion of the recommendations for up to fifteen minutes;
 3. During this time amendments may be proposed from the floor, one at a time, and the proposed amendments shall be voted on before voting on the recommendation, as amended.
 4. In the case of a Platform Committee recommendation for which there is a minority report, after the majority position has been presented the minority report shall have priority of consideration as a proposed amendment to the majority report and a spokesperson for the minority shall have up to two minutes to present his or her position before the fifteen minute discussion period begins.

V.d.5. Order of Business.

At all State Conventions the order of business shall be as follows:

- i. The Temporary Chair calls the Convention to order;
- ii. The Credentials Committee report on the Temporary Roll;
- iii. The Temporary Chair introduces the temporary officers of the Convention and the Temporary Chair resumes the Convention;
- iv. Any opening ceremonies;
- v. The Credentials Committee report and action to establish the Permanent Roll;
- vi. The nomination and election of permanent officers of the Convention;
- vii. The Permanent Chair resumes the Convention;
- viii. The Bylaws Committee Report;
- ix. Nomination of candidates for public office;
- x. Nomination and election of state Party officers;
- xi. The Chair announces clearly to the Convention the place of each regional caucus;
- xii. Recess for regional caucuses;
- xiii. Regional caucuses meet and elect District Representatives;
- xiv. The Chair calls the Convention back to order;
- xv. Nomination and election of Judicial Committee;
- xvi. Regional caucuses submit their minutes to the Convention Secretary;
- xvii. Nomination and election, if any, of delegates and alternates to the national convention;
- xviii. The Platform Committee report;
- xix. Nomination and election, if any, of Presidential Elector candidates;
- xx. Other business;
- xxi. Acceptance speeches, if any, by nominees for public office;
- xxii. Adjournment.

V.d.6. Functionaries of the State Convention.

- i. The State Chair may designate such temporary officers and assistants as he or she deems necessary to plan, arrange, and conduct the necessary work of the Convention until it elects its own permanent officers. Such temporary officers and assistants shall have those duties which are assigned to them.
- ii. The permanent officers of the Convention shall be a Chair, Secretary, and any additional officers who may be elected.
- iii. The Parliamentarian shall be chosen before the Convention by the SLEC.
- iv. The permanent officers shall be elected separately and not as a slate.

V.d.7. Voting in District Caucuses.

District caucuses at State Conventions may elect their District Representatives in whatever manner they choose as long as all delegates and alternates present from that region are given an equal voice in the election.

Each district caucus shall submit minutes to the convention secretary containing a roster of participants and election results before a district election shall be considered valid.

All delegates and alternates that are credentialed on the permanent roll may participate in the district caucus that they belong to, as found on their voter registration, regardless of their status as a qualified participant.

V.d.8. Resolutions, Statement of Principles and Platform Amendments.

- i. The Statement of Principles adopted by the Party at the first State Convention in July, 1972, as amended in accordance with the bylaws, shall remain the permanent Statement of Principles of the Party. Aside from the Statement of Principles, the Party shall have no permanent Platform; all planks in the Platform adopted at a previous convention shall expire or sunset upon the end of the third convention from adoption (6 years) unless the plank is deleted, renewed, or amended by a subsequent convention. The Platform Committee shall have the authority to recommend changes to or deletions of any plank before its scheduled sunset date.
- ii. Proposed amendments to the Statement of Principles and Platform must be voted upon separately on a plank by plank basis.
- iii. Each new plank or amendment to an existing plank must receive the votes of two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified participants for inclusion in the Platform.
- iv. Each proposed amendment to the Statement of Principles must receive the votes of three-fourths (3/4) of the qualified participants, and this subsection (iv) shall not be amended or removed without a four-fifths (4/5) approval of qualified participants at a state convention.
- v. An existing plank may be deleted before its scheduled sunset date by a majority of the qualified participants.
- vi. The Platform committee shall submit a report of any sunsetting planks to the SLEC ninety (90) days before the state convention, or as soon as reasonably possible if the committee is formed after that deadline.

- vii. Proposed resolutions must receive the votes of two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified participants for adoption by the Convention.

V.d.9. Election of Presidential Electors.

- i. The State Convention in a Presidential election year shall elect a number of Presidential Elector candidates equal to the total number of United States Senators and Representatives to which the state is at that time entitled under law.
- ii. Any Voting Member of the Party who does not hold any office of profit or trust under the United States shall be eligible to be a Presidential Elector candidate.
- iii. If for any reason the State Convention cannot or does not select Presidential Elector candidates, Presidential Elector candidates shall be chosen by the SLEC.
- iv. Each Presidential Elector candidate shall file with the State Chair a written affidavit attesting to his or her intention to support the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. Should any Presidential Elector candidate fail to file such affidavit within a reasonable time, he or she shall be subject to removal and replacement by the SLEC.

V.d.10. Election of Delegates and Alternates to National Conventions.

V.d.10.i. National Delegate Eligibility

A person is eligible to become a delegate to the National Convention if the person:

- A. Is a Voting Member of the Party and
- B. has signed the Libertarian pledge, "I certify that I oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals."

V.d.10.ii. Number of Delegates.

The total number of delegates to the national convention shall be that number assigned by the National Executive Committee in their call to the Convention.

V.d.10.iii. National Alternates for National Delegates.

At the national convention alternates shall serve in the same order of precedence as their vote ranking in the absence of delegates, except as may be provided otherwise by the rules of the national Party.

V.d.10.iii.A. National Alternates Election

Alternates to the national convention shall not require a majority to be selected.

V.d.10.iv. Selection by State Executive Committee.

- A. If national party rules should require election of delegates to a national convention at a time when it would not be possible for a state convention to do so, such delegates and alternates shall be chosen by an open meeting of the SLEC.
- B. If reasonably possible, at least 60 days prior public notice of this meeting shall be given including publication in a state Party newsletter or other form of written notice.

- C. Any Voting Member may appear before the SLEC at the meeting for a reasonable time to present arguments for the election of himself or herself or any other Voting Member to be a delegate or alternate.

V.d.10.v. Finality of Delegate Selection.

Neither the delegation nor the delegation chair shall have the power to add or remove delegates or alternates.

V.d.11. Opportunities for Expressing Disagreements with Platform.

All candidates for the Party's nomination for public office and for Party leadership shall be given an opportunity and encouraged to declare, prior to the voting on the office he or she is seeking, what if any disagreements he or she may have with the state and national platforms.

V.e. General Rules Governing Party Conventions.

V.e.1. Governing Authority.

- i. These Rules shall govern all proceedings and the conduct of all meetings of all Conventions and caucuses and committees at Conventions at all levels.
- ii. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised are hereby adopted by reference to govern all proceedings and the conduct of all meetings of all Conventions and Caucuses and committees at Convention of the Party at all levels in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with state law, these Rules, or any special rules of order which may be adopted.
- iii. Any Convention may make any additional rules for its conduct and proceedings which do not conflict with state law or these Rules.
- iv. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer at the opening of each Convention to provide a summary explanation of the special rules which will govern that convention and the ways in which the action of that Convention may influence important Party actions and decisions at subsequent levels of the Convention process.

V.e.2. Eligibility to Vote at Conventions.

- i. All qualified participants at any convention shall be eligible to vote on all matters before the floor of that Convention, except for regional caucuses at State Conventions.
- ii. In order to vote on any given matter, a qualified participant must be present on the floor at the time the vote is taken.
- iii. Each qualified participant present shall have one vote.
- iv. A person must be a Voting Member of the Party in order to participate in procedures at a Convention or serve as a qualified participant.

V.e.3. Quorum.

The quorum at any Convention shall be a majority of the qualified participants registered as attending.

Delegates and alternates may permanently leave the State Convention by submitting signed notification to the Credentials Committee at which point they will be removed from the permanent roll.

V.e.4. Voting Procedures.

- i. Unless otherwise provided elsewhere in these Rules, the method of voting at all Conventions, and caucuses and committees at Conventions of the Party may be:
 - A. Voice vote;
 - B. Show of hands;
 - C. Standing division of the house;
 - D. Written secret ballot; or
 - E. Roll call vote.
- ii. Unless otherwise specified in these Rules, the method used shall be left to the discretion of the presiding officer, provided, however, that:
 - A. A division vote must be taken on the request of any qualified participant. Said participant need not have the floor to call for a division vote.
 - B. A roll call vote must be taken when requested by one-fifth of the participants.
- iii. All votes taken shall be counted by the presiding officer and secretary or their designees.
- iv. Elections must be held by secret ballot when there is a contested race for any Party office or offices (including delegate and alternate) or for the Party nomination for any public office (including Presidential Elector candidates).
- v. Proxy voting or voting by proxies is prohibited in all conventions and caucuses and committees at Conventions of the Party.
- vi. The use of the unit rule or the practice of instructing delegates and alternates shall not be permitted at any level of the Convention process.

V.e.5. Limits on Discussion.

- i. No qualified participant shall speak for more than five minutes on any one motion at any Convention; provided, however, that the persons making the majority and minority reports of any committees may speak on such reports for not exceeding ten (10) minutes each and then may answer legitimate questions relating to such reports from any qualified participant.
- ii. The discussion on any motion shall not exceed a total of twenty minutes time.

V.e.6. Petition to Place Item on Agenda.

A petition signed by delegates or alternates with a number of signatures equal to at least fifteen percent (15%) of the qualified participants of any Convention shall be sufficient to automatically place any legitimate item of business on the agenda of that Convention for its consideration. The item of business will be placed as the last order of business under the agenda category for which it was written.

Any petition to add business to the agenda shall clearly state the motion and agenda category it shall be placed under. The petition must be signed, have the full name in clear print for each signer, list the county of each signer, and list whether the signed is a delegate or alternate for a signature to be valid.

V.e.7. Nominations and Elections.

V.e.7.i. Filing Procedures.

- A. No person may be the nominee of the Party for any public office who has not filed an application with the Party to be nominated for that office, in accordance with these Rules.
- B. If a candidate who has made an application to be nominated withdraws, dies, or is declared ineligible, the filing deadline for applications for nomination for that office is reopened and extended until 11:59 PM of the day before the date of the Convention at which the nominee for that office is chosen.

V.e.7.ii. Nominating Procedures.

- A. All nominations for Party office or for the Party nomination for public office shall be made from the floor and no nominations by committee shall be permitted.
- B. The motion to close nominations shall require a two-thirds vote, and such motion shall not be in order until a reasonable time has passed.
- C. Nominations of candidates for public office at the State level may be made only at the State Convention held in the year of the election for which the nominations are made.

V.e.7.iii. Exclusions from Eligibility for Nomination to Public and Party Office.

- A. No Convention or Executive Committee of the Party may nominate or endorse any candidate for public office who shall appear on a partisan election ballot either as an independent or as the nominee of another party.
- B. No person may be the nominee of the Party for any public or Party office who:
 - 1. is ineligible to serve in that office; or
 - 2. has not expressed a willingness to accept the nomination of the Party.

V.e.7.iv. Declining to Nominate or Elect Candidate for Office.

A Convention, for any reason, may decline to nominate or elect any or all candidates for public office or Party office.

V.e.7.v. Majority Required

The vote of a majority of the qualified participants voting at the relevant Convention or district caucus shall be necessary and sufficient for election to public or Party office.

V.e.7.vi. Right to Not Elect Candidates.

- A. Qualified participants shall have the right to cast a vote against each candidate seeking Party or public office, and to not elect any person for a Party or public office.
- B. Votes cast against a candidate or for "None of the Above" in voting for a Party or public office shall be considered valid and properly recorded.

V.e.8. Balloting for Candidates for Public and Party Office.

V.e.8.i. Single Seat Balloting Procedures.

- A. The method for voting by ballot shall be Approval Voting.
- B. Each ballot shall contain the full list of all nominees. Each qualified participant shall have the option to vote “for” or “against” each nominee.
- C. Total votes “for” and “against” a nominee shall be recorded along with the number of ballots cast.
- D. No nominee is eligible without receiving the majority of “for” votes of ballots cast for that election.
- E. The eligible nominee receiving the plurality of “for” votes is the winner. If multiple eligible nominees have an equal number of “for” votes, the nominee with the fewest “against” votes is the winner. If multiple eligible nominees have an equal number of “for” votes and “against” votes then the body may choose how to decide the election between the tied nominees.
- F. Order of nominations. In voting on the nomination of candidates for Public Office, the offices shall be considered in the reverse of the order in which they appear on the general election ballot.
- G. The qualified participants of the convention may decide by two-thirds (2/3) vote to use whatever balloting method they prefer to elect candidates for Public or Party Offices as long as the ability to vote “against” each nominee is included.

V.e.8.ii. Multiple Seat Balloting Procedures.

- A. The method for voting by multi seat ballot shall be Approval Voting.
- B. Each ballot shall contain the full list of all nominees. Each delegate shall have the option to vote “for” or “against” each nominee.
- C. All votes “for” and “against” a nominee shall be recorded along with the number of ballots cast.
- D. No nominee is eligible without receiving the majority of “for” votes of ballots cast for that election.
- E. All nominees that obtain more “for” votes than “against” votes are eligible nominees. Eligible nominees will be ranked in order of highest “for” count to lowest “for” count. In the case of a tie for votes, the higher preference shall be the eligible nominee with less “against” votes. If a tie occurs when eligible nominees have the same “for” and “against” votes, then the body may choose how to decide the election between the tied nominees.
- F. Nominees will be seated in ranked order until all seats are filled or until there are no longer eligible nominees.
- G. If all positions are not filled, the body may, by majority vote, open nominations to fill more positions.
- H. The delegates of the convention may decide by two-thirds (2/3) vote to use whatever balloting method they prefer to elect candidates as long as the ability to vote against each nominee is included.

V.e.9. News Media Right to Attend.

Representatives of the news media shall have the right to attend all Conventions for the purpose of reporting the proceedings.

Article VI. Adoption, Status, Amendment and Publication of Rules.

VI.a. Effective Date of Original Rules.

These Rules shall be finally effective upon the final adjournment of the State Convention at which they are adopted.

VI.b. Permanent Amendments.

These Rules may be permanently amended, altered or repealed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a State Convention.

The SLEC, by four-fifths (4/5) vote of the entirety of SLEC, may renumber, modify spacing, fix grammatical errors, fix spelling errors, and modify formatting of these rules as long as it does not change wording, substance, or intent in any way. Notification of these changes must be sent to all county affiliates within one (1) week of a successful vote.

VI.c. Temporary Amendments.

1. Between State Conventions these bylaws may be temporarily amended for good cause by a vote of four-fifths (4/5) of the entire membership of the SLEC, provided:
 - i. each member of the SLEC shall receive written notice including the full text of any proposed amendment at least two (2) weeks prior to any meeting held to consider temporary amendments to the Rules; or
 - ii. if the vote on the proposal is by mail ballot then the ballot shall contain the full text of any proposed amendment.
2. On subjects not covered by these bylaws, the State Chair may specify an amendment to take effect at the adjournment of the next meeting of the SLEC if the amendment is approved by a four-fifths (4/5) of the entirety of the SLEC. This temporary amendment, once approved, is treated as a temporary amendment as described in this section.
3. All such temporary amendments shall remain in effect only until the final adjournment of the next State Convention after their adoption, and they must be presented to that Convention for approval in the form of proposed amendments to the Rules.

VI.d. Statement of Principles of the Party Bylaws Listing.

An up to date version of the Statement of Principles shall be maintained as the preamble to these bylaws.

VI.e. Effective Date of Permanent Amendments.

Permanent amendments to these Rules shall become effective upon the final adjournment of the State Convention at which they are adopted except that rules pertaining to the handling or selection of candidates and nominees for public office do not take effect until the end of the current election cycle.

A State Convention, by majority vote, may make any permanent amendments effective immediately upon adoption.

VI.f. Permanence and Superiority of Rules.

VI.f.1. Superiority.

- i. These bylaws, as permanently amended by State Conventions, shall constitute the permanent and continuing bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Texas, wholly superseding, nullifying and rescinding all previous bylaws, rules, Constitutions, and resolutions.
- ii. The Bylaws of SLEC shall be permanent and continuing.
- iii. The SLEC may establish a permanent and continuing set of policies that govern Party organization and procedures. These policies shall be created, maintained, or dissolved by the SLEC. No policies may supersede these bylaws. Any policies found to contradict or conflict with these bylaws are void.

VI.f.2. Permanence.

These Rules shall continue in force until rescinded or permanently changed by action of a State Convention or as temporarily amended by the SLEC as provided herein.

VI.g. Publication of Rules and Amendments.

1. County Chairs shall be notified of amendments to these rules (whether permanent or temporary) within thirty days following the adoption of such amendments.
2. The SLEC shall have copies of these Rules made and shall furnish such copies to any person on request, provided, however, that persons to whom copies of the Rules are furnished may be required to pay the expenses incurred in making and mailing their copies.
3. The State Chair shall ensure that updated rules are sent to the Texas Secretary of State for review within thirty (30) days following the adoption of any temporary or permanent amendments.

Certification.

It is hereby certified that this is a true and correct copy of the rules of the Libertarian Party of Texas currently in effect as adopted in State Convention in Houston, Texas November 16, 1974 and as amended below:

in State Convention in Dallas, Texas, June 12 1976;
in Fort Worth, Texas, June 10, 1978;
in San Antonio, Texas, June 14, 1980;
in Houston, Texas, June 12, 1982;
in Arlington, Texas, June 9, 1984;

in San Antonio, Texas, June 14, 1986;
in Austin, Texas, June 12, 1988;
in San Antonio, Texas, June 9, 1990;
in Arlington Texas, June 13, 1992;
in San Antonio, Texas, June 11, 1994;
in Lubbock, Texas, June 8, 1996;
in Nacogdoches, June 13, 1998;
in Corpus Christi, June 10, 2000;
in Dallas, June 8, 2002;
in College Station, June 12, 2004
 (Royce Mitchell (chair));
in Houston, June 11, 2006
 (Rock Howard);
in Fort Worth, June 14, 2008
 (Rock Howard, Arthur DiBianca);
in Austin, June 12, 2010
 (Rock Howard (chair));
in Fort Worth, June 9, 2012
 (Geoffrey Neale (chair), Jon Roland, Kathie Glass, Kevin Tunstall, Michael Lee);
amended by the SLEC, July 11, 2012;
in Temple, April 12, 2014
 (Arthur Thomas (chair), Ed Kless, James Gholston, Jim Ryan, Michael Lee);
in San Antonio, April 9, 2016
 (Alan Smith, Arthur Thomas (chair), James Holland, Melina Baker);
in Houston, April 14-15, 2018
 (Arthur Thomas, John Wilford (chair), Melina Baker);
Amended by the SLEC, April 4, 2020;
in Big Spring, August 2nd, 2020
 (Arthur Thomas (chair), John Wilford, Anastasia Wilford, Eugene Flynn, Alan Smith, George Reynolds,
 Andrew Amelang).
in Arlington, Texas, Apr 10, 2022

State Libertarian Executive Committee

SLEC Members, also called Senate District Representatives, hold an important role in the LP Texas. As an elected body, it is made up of up two representatives from 31 Senate Districts. SLEC itself is comprised of these members with leadership roles of a Chair, Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. SLEC's role in the party is to assure that LP Texas operates smoothly and within the parameters of the bylaws that were adopted at state convention. As a SLEC member your main goal is growth of the party through communication, recruitment, and oversight of official party events.

There are certain requirements to serve on SLEC. Per the bylaws they are:

1. Must be a voting member of the party
2. Must live in the district they seek to represent. If a SLEC rep moves to a different district, their seat is vacated
3. One person can only hold one position on SLEC at one time
4. Must submit an application to the party secretary declaring interest and verify voting status
5. Must sign a copy of the party platform, note any disagreements, and submit to the party Secretary. This will be made public to voting members
6. Must sign agreement to the Libertarian Pledge, "I certify that I oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals"

Election to SLEC at state convention

At the appointed time, all people in attendance at state convention from each Senate District (SD) will caucus and vote on up to two representatives. After taking office, the following must occur within 20 days:

1. Must take and sign the following oath, to be submitted to the Secretary, before serving on the SLEC: "I swear (or affirm) to uphold the bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Texas, to fulfill my duties in accordance with the party bylaws, and to represent the Statement of Principles and policies to the best of my ability when acting in my duties as a representative of the Party."

2. Must sign and submit to the Secretary the following statement before serving on the SLEC: “I have reviewed the party bylaws, SLEC bylaws, and party policy documents. I acknowledge my responsibility to understand, follow, and maintain such documents in accordance with the LPTexas bylaws and policies.”
3. Must sign a confidentiality agreement, as maintained by the SLEC, before serving on the SLEC. Any existing confidentiality agreements or related policies may be amended at a state convention.

NOTE: The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected by majority vote of ALL the qualified participants at each State Convention. SLEC Reps are decided by those in each Senate District.

The initial SLEC meeting will be held after the state convention is adjourned the SAME DAY. If you are elected, you are expected to stay for this official business meeting. There will be an agenda and the meeting will not be adjourned until all business is complete. This is extremely important because absence from two consecutive meetings means that your position on SLEC will be declared VACANT. Quarterly meetings are required. Due notice of meetings needing quorum will be given.

Okay, so those are the rules, requirements, and obligations of being a SLEC member. You qualify and you want to run **BEFORE THE NEXT STATE CONVENTION 2024**...here is the process:

1. Must meet all the requirements set out above
2. The majority of the County Executive Committee (CEC) in an eligible county (eligible = affiliated and wholly or partially in the SD) may elect one voting member from their own county for each available vacancy in that SD. The County Chair must send nomination(s) to the State Chair.
3. State Chair must acknowledge receipt of the nomination and then will communicate the nominations to all counties in the SD and to SLEC. This notification of nomination starts the clock. Eligible counties have 30 days to

make their own nominations. If any such nominations are made, their information will likewise be distributed to SLEC and eligible counties in the SD.

4. Eligible counties may submit a vote to the State Secretary or designee for or against the nominees. Votes must be submitted from the counties on days 31-45. County bylaws will have to be consulted to determine how each county handles the vote. ****ANY COUNTY THAT DOES NOT SUBMIT A VOTE WILL BE COUNTED AS AN AGAINST VOTE****
5. The position is considered filled when the nominee receives votes in favor from the majority of the eligible counties. The nominee receiving the most votes fills the first open position, the second most votes the next position.

Tips:

1. If you are in an established county where participation is high, show up and do work. Nothing is beneath us. We set up tables and chairs, we serve food, we stay late and help break down. Just showing to the meetings will be a huge feather in your cap with the county leaders, but doing the work is how you make a name for yourself with the members.
2. If you are in a brand new county, it still means showing up to do work. Let the community see you at events, participate in conversations, do the things that people cry “but with out government who would...?”
3. BE NICE when you are at meetings. It is in our nature to have our own values and opinions, and I am in no way telling you to silence them. Just remember that delivery is important. You can be passionate without being rude.

Note

Per the LP Texas Bylaws:

“If a Party officer or district representative is absent from two successive meetings of the SLEC, at the call to order of the second meeting that position shall be declared to be vacant.”

The Libertarian Party of Texas

Bylaws of SLEC - April 10, 2022



I. Meetings of the State Executive Committee.

- 1) The state Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as “SLEC”, of the Libertarian Party of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the “Party”, shall meet at such times and places and in the manner required by:
 - (a) these rules;
 - (b) the action of the SLEC itself;
 - (c) the call of its Chair; or
 - (d) the action of the Convention which elected it.
- 2) The SLEC shall be required to meet upon the written request of one-third or more of its members.
- 3) Minutes or a transcript shall be taken at all meetings of the SLEC, and a written copy shall be furnished to each member of the SLEC within thirty days after the meeting.
- 4) All meetings of the SLEC of the Party, except for executive sessions solely for the holding of a trial and possible removal of a member of the SLEC, shall be open to attendance by the public and the press.
- 5) Notice of the time and place of all SLEC meetings shall be given to all members not less than four (4) weeks prior to each meeting.
- 6) No in person meetings of the SLEC shall be held outside the State of Texas.
- 7) The agenda of the initial meeting of the SLEC after the State Convention shall be:
 - (a) Roll call
 - (b) Presentation of state and SLEC bylaws with changes noted
 - (c) Presentation and review of state policies
 - (d) Introduction to SLEC membership, communication tools, and systems
 - (e) Introduction of any established staff and staff structure
 - (f) Oath and signing agreements in accordance with III.a.4. Swearing In and Agreements
 - (g) Reviewing the SLEC mission statement
 - (h) Budget and expenditure authorizations, if needed
 - (i) New business; to consider new business each item requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote
- 8) The initial meeting shall not adjourn sine die without completing all items outlined in the agenda.

II. Quorum.

Except as specifically provided otherwise in these Rules, a majority of the membership, excluding vacancies, shall be the quorum at all meetings of the SLEC.

III. Mail Voting.

- 1) The SLEC may, without meeting together, transact business by mail, by voting on questions submitted to them by or with the approval of the Chair or one-third or more of the SLEC members.
- 2) Fifteen days shall be allowed for the return of the ballots by mail to the Secretary. If at the end of fifteen days, a majority of the SLEC have not returned their ballots, the measure shall be considered defeated; when a majority of the ballots are returned within fifteen days, a majority of the ballots returned shall be sufficient for passage unless a higher vote is required by these Rules.
- 3) The Secretary must preserve all mail ballots received until their disposition is decided at the next meeting of the SLEC.
- 4) All mail votes by the SLEC shall be confirmed at the next SLEC meeting.

IV Electronic Meetings.

- 1) The SLEC may, without meeting together in person, remotely transact business by electronic means.
- 2) Notice of the time of all remote meetings shall be given to all members of the SLEC not less than 72 hours prior to each meeting with a set agenda, and regular meeting notice requirement for an open agenda.
- 3) All remote meetings should be technologically inclusive of all SLEC members that have given their desire to participate in such meetings.
- 4) The SLEC may, by majority vote of all members, restrict which type of remote meetings may be held.

V. Electronic Voting.

- 1) The SLEC may request to vote on an issue by email or online forums outside of a meeting if 10% of current members of the body request a vote by forum or email.
- 2) The chair shall clearly present the issue as a motion to be voted upon by forum or email. If this does not occur within one week after the request to vote the vote on this issue shall not be taken up unless another request to vote is started.
- 3) At least 48 hours shall be given after the motion is given before a final tally may be counted. If enough yeas votes of all current members to require passage have not been submitted within 96 hours the motion shall be considered failed.
- 4) If the method of casting votes was hidden then all members along with the name of each member and his or her vote shall be shown along with the final result.

VI Approval of Expenditures.

- 1) The SLEC shall establish a categorized budget including expected revenues and expenses.
- 2) All budgets and all authorization of expenditures shall require a majority vote of the SLEC.
- 3) Disbursement of all party funds shall require the approval of either the Treasurer or the Chair.
- 4) The SLEC shall not take loans nor incur credit card debt.
- 5) Unless by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the entire membership of the SLEC, the SLEC shall not obligate the Party to pay any financial commitment in excess of that which can be repaid from unrestricted cash and automatic recurring donations expected to be received within 6 months.

VII Voting in Meetings.

- 1) The method of voting used shall be left to the discretion of the Chair unless the SLEC shall vote otherwise.
- 2) A division vote must be taken on the request of any member of the SLEC, said member not needing to have the floor to make such request.
- 3) One fifth of the membership of the SLEC shall be sufficient to order a roll call vote.
- 4) All votes taken by the SLEC or a sub-committee shall be counted by the chair and secretary of the particular committee or their designees.
- 5) The use of proxies and proxy voting is prohibited at all meetings of all Executive Committees at any level.
- 6) For all votes electing someone for any party position, None of the Above or an equivalent must be one of the choices. Any election by the SLEC without the ability to elect none of the candidates is void.

VIII Committees of the Executive Committee.

- 1) The SLEC may establish such committees as it deems appropriate to assist it in carrying out its non-statutory duties, and may appoint to such committees persons who are not members of the SLEC.

- 2) No action of a subcommittee of or of any standing committee created by the SLEC shall replace or supersede the actions or authority of the SLEC at its subsequent meetings.