

Constitution of the Volusia County Libertarian Executive Committee

Article I: Party

1. **Governing Body**: The name of the governing body of the Libertarian Party of Volusia County is the **Volusia County Libertarian Executive Committee**, hereinafter referred to as the County Executive Committee.
2. **Purpose**: Our goal is nothing more nor less than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we set these objectives:
 - 2.1. Promote and uphold the principles of peace, individual liberty and free markets;
 - 2.2. Recruit qualified Libertarians to become candidates for public office;
 - 2.3. Elect Libertarian candidates;
 - 2.4. Make party nominations when required by law
 - 2.5. Increase Libertarian voter registration;
 - 2.6. Establish a Libertarian platform that meets the party's vision;
 - 2.7. Assist and support political efforts of the Libertarian Party of Florida.
3. **Elector Rights**: Each Volusia County resident registered to vote who has declared an affiliation with the Libertarian Party of Florida with the Volusia County Department of Elections as a Libertarian, hereinafter referred to as a Volusia Libertarian, has a fundamental right to fully and meaningfully participate in party business and affairs without any monetary encumbrance.
4. **Jurisdiction**: The County Executive Committee has jurisdiction in all Libertarian Party matters throughout Volusia County. It is constituted as the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party within Volusia County, Florida.
5. **Affiliation**: The Libertarian Party of Volusia County serves as an affiliate organization to the Libertarian Party of Florida.

Article II: Body

1. **Membership**: The County Executive Committee is composed of the Precinct Delegations and the At-Large Delegation.
 - 1.1. **Term Length**: Each Member's term expires upon the conclusion of the next annual Convention.
 - 1.2. **Qualifications**: Each Member must be a Volusia Libertarian.
 - 1.3. **Libertarian Pledge**: Each Member must affirm the Libertarian Pledge:
"I certify that I oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals."
 - 1.4. Membership of the Executive Committee cannot be increased by more than 25% at any regular business meeting. No Executive Committee members can be appointed at a special business meeting.
2. **Precinct Delegation**:
 - 2.1. **Composition**: Each precinct shall have a Precinct Captain and a Precinct Alternate.
 - 2.2. **Qualifications**: Each Precinct Captain and Precinct Alternate must be a precinct resident.

- 2.3. Election: Volusia Libertarians who are precinct residents shall elect a Precinct Delegation during the annual Convention.
- 2.4. Precinct Special Election: The County Executive Committee shall call a Precinct Special Election for Precinct Captain and Precinct Alternate upon receipt of a petition signed by a majority of Volusia Libertarians within a precinct.
- 2.5. Vacancies: The County Executive Committee may fill any vacancies.
- 2.6. Votes: Each Precinct Captain shall have one vote. If a Precinct Captain is absent or vacant, the Precinct Alternate from the same precinct shall have one vote.
3. At-Large Delegation:
 - 3.1. Composition: The At-Large Delegation is comprised of At-Large Delegates and Associate Members.
 - 3.2. Election: At-large delegates may be elected during the annual convention with a majority vote or at any other time with 3/4 vote of the members present.
 - 3.3. Ex Officio: Each Libertarian member of the Florida Legislature who resides in Volusia County, a special district that has jurisdiction in Volusia County, a municipality in Volusia County, the Volusia County Council, and the Volusia County School Board shall be an ex officio At-Large Delegate.
 - 3.4. Votes: Each At-Large Delegate shall have one vote. Associate Members cannot vote.
4. Officers:
 - 4.1. Composition: The Officers of the County Executive Committee are comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - 4.2. Qualifications:
 - a. Each Officer must be a Member of the County Executive Committee.
 - 4.3. Election: Officers are elected by Members at the annual Convention.
 - 4.4. Removal: The County Executive Committee may remove an Officer for any reason with a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the entire membership.
 - 4.5. Vacancies: The County Executive Committee shall fill Officer vacancies.
 - 4.6. Temporary Appointments: The Chair may appoint temporary Officers in the event of an Officer vacancy.
 - 4.7. Line of Succession: The Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer (in that order) shall serve as acting Chair (if willing and able) until the vacancy is filled.
5. Committees:
 - 5.1. Membership:
 - 5.1.1. Qualifications: Each Committee member must be a member of the County Executive Committee.
 - 5.1.2. Election: The County Executive Committee shall elect each committee member.
 - 5.1.3. Term Length: Each committee member's term expires upon the conclusion of the next annual Convention.
 - 5.1.4. Removal: Each committee may remove its members for any reason. The County Executive Committee may remove any member of a committee by a three-fifths (3/5) vote for any reason.

- 5.1.5. No Executive Committee member may serve as chair on more than two standing committees.
- 5.1.6. No officer of the Executive Committee will serve as Chair of a committee.
- 6. Removal:
 - 6.1. Procedure: Any Member may be removed from the County Executive Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
 - 6.2. Cause: A Member shall be removed for any of the following:
 - a. Publicly renouncing the Libertarian Pledge;
 - b. Registering to vote with no party affiliation or as a political party other than the Libertarian Party;
 - c. Self-representing, voting or otherwise participating as a member of a political party other than the Libertarian Party;
 - d. Publicly or financially supporting any candidate (who is not a Volusia Libertarian) with a constituency in Volusia County in a nonpartisan election (excluding judicial elections) who is running against a candidate (who is a Volusia Libertarian) endorsed by the County Executive Committee;
 - e. Publicly or financially supporting any non-Libertarian candidate with a constituency in Volusia County in a partisan election who is running against a Libertarian candidate endorsed by the County Executive Committee.
 - 6.3. Assumed Resignation: A Executive Committee Member shall be considered ipso facto resigned upon not being qualified for membership or being absent from three (3) consecutive Regular Meetings without being excused by the County Executive Committee.
 - 6.4. Limitations: The County Executive Committee must not remove any Member for any other action both peaceful and honest.

Article III: Meetings

- 1. Conventions:
 - 1.1. Agenda: Conventions shall be convened for:
 - a. Election of Precinct Delegations by Volusia Libertarians;
 - b. Election of the At-Large Delegation, Officers and other committee members by Members-elect of the County Executive Committee.
 - 1.2. Frequency: Conventions must be held once per calendar year prior to any Regular Meetings.
- 2. Regular Meetings:
 - 2.1. Agenda: Regular Meetings are for transacting normal business.
 - 2.2. Frequency: Regular Meetings must be called no more than once per month and no fewer than once every three (3) months.
- 3. Special Meetings:
 - 3.1. Agenda: Special Meetings must have a specific stated purpose. No other business may be addressed during the meeting.
- 4. Quorum: Two-fifths (2/5) of the voting membership constitutes a quorum.

5. Absence:

- 5.1. Definition: A Member shall be considered absent if not present for the full duration of a business meeting.
- 5.2. Official Business: Conducting official business in connection with a Member's public office must be considered excused.
- 5.3. Excused: Other absences shall be considered unexcused unless excused by the County Executive Committee.

Article IV: Amendments

Any amendment to this Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at two consecutive Regular Meetings or once if adopted during the Annual Convention.

Bylaws

Article I: Party

1. Parliamentary Authority: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the County Executive Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the County Executive Committee may adopt.

Article II: Body

1. Officers:

1.1. Chair: The Chair shall:

- a. Coordinate and unite Libertarian efforts;
- b. Preside over all meetings;
- c. Represent the Libertarian Party within Volusia County;
- d. Ensure requisite reports are filed.

1.2. Vice Chair: The Vice Chair shall:

- a. Assist other Officers in all duties;
- b. Assume the duties of absent or vacant Officers.

1.3. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall:

- a. Collect and maintain funds;
- b. Keep records of all finances;
- c. File financial reports and disclosures.
- d. May spend an amount up to \$20 between each business meeting without a vote of the Executive Committee, with the approval of the Chair, but must report any expenditures incurred at the next regular business meeting.

1.4. Secretary: The Secretary shall:

- a. Prepare a draft agenda seven days prior to each meeting and a final agenda three days prior to each meeting;
- b. Publish draft meeting minutes three days prior to the next regular business meeting;
- c. Maintain all membership records;
- d. Validate qualifications for Officers, Members and Volusia Libertarians;
- e. Prepare all reports required by law, excluding financial reports.

2. Committees:

2.1. Committee Chair:

- 2.1.1. Duties: A committee chair shall preside over each committee meeting and submit a committee report to the County Executive Committee at each Regular Meeting of the County Executive Committee.
- 2.1.2. Appointment: Each committee shall elect its chair.

2.2. Legislative Affairs Committee:

- 2.2.1. Purpose: Audit current and proposed legislation and recommend legislative priorities to the County Executive Committee.

2.3. Outreach Committee:

2.3.1. Purpose: Promote and schedule events, plan voter registration drives and draft potential candidates and volunteers.

3. Removal:

3.1. Notification: Each Member must be notified no fewer than fourteen (14) days prior to any vote to remove membership in the County Executive Committee.

Article III: Meetings

1. Conventions:

1.1. Elections: Elections shall proceed in the following order:

- a. Precinct Captains and Precinct Alternates shall be elected by majority vote;
- b. Members-elect of the County Executive Committee may, at their discretion, elect At-Large Delegates by majority vote.
- c. Officers of the County Executive Committee shall be elected by majority vote of Members-elect of the County Executive Committee.
- d. Members of standing committees shall be elected by majority vote of Members-elect of the County Executive Committee.
- e. All terms shall begin upon the conclusion of the Convention.

1.2. Notification: Public notice of the time and location must be given no fewer than fourteen (14) days prior.

2. Regular Meetings:

2.1. Notification: Public notice of the time and location must be given no fewer than fourteen (14) days prior.

2.2. Remote Participation: The County Executive Committee may allow members to participate remotely.

3. Special Meetings:

3.1. Initiation: Special Meetings may be called by any Officer or by petition of one-fourth of the members of the Executive Committee to the Chair.

3.2. Notification: Public notice of the time, location and purpose must be given no fewer than seven (7) days prior.

Article IV: Amendments

Any amendment to these bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.