



Bylaws Amendment Recommendation Form

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Bylaw Amendment Proposal:

Reduce the amount of time needed to be a member before being eligible to vote at the state convention from ninety days to thirty days.

Currently the bylaws require that a central committee member must be a member for at least ninety days before the state convention in order to vote at the state convention. I propose that the minimum be reduced to thirty.

Many counties have annual meetings in January. These annual meetings attract new and prospective members. If someone signs up to be a member, they will not be eligible to vote at the state convention because the time between the state convention and most counties' annual meetings are less than ninety days. Parties should engage new, enthusiastic members and allow them to vote.

Additionally, the party plans on having its 2020 convention in February due to California moving its primary to March. A thirty day minimum will allow most new members that join in January to vote at the convention in February.

Current Bylaw:

Bylaw 19: Convention

Section 3

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Proposed Changes:

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Remove the Program Committee from the bylaws

The Program Committee is a committee that serves no purpose for the party. Most members of the Libertarian Party of California, including members of the executive committee, do not know that it exists. As noted by the chair of the Program Committee, no other party has a program. The program consists of five paragraphs about different issues and is posted on the state party website as a PDF. It's stated purpose is to "give voters interim measures they are much more likely to accept" (according to Bruce Dovner, who created the committee) but it does not serve its purpose. It's nothing more than a slightly more detailed version of the platform. It reaches no one, provides no good ideas for the party, and is a waste of time for our executive committee members and activists.

Current Bylaw:

Bylaw 21: Program

Section 1

The Party Program shall consist of up to five planks which state interim measures and practical policies, designed to implement the Party position on issues of interest to California. The Program shall not conflict with the Statement of Principles or the Platform.

Section 2

The Program Committee shall be a standing committee of five State Central Committee members selected by the Executive Committee. The Program Committee may at any time, by a majority vote, recommend the adoption, amendment, or deletion of a plank. Changes to the Program recommended by the Program Committee shall take effect immediately upon ratification by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may adopt or amend a plank by a two-thirds vote. The Executive Committee may rescind a plank by a simple majority vote.

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