

# Recommendation 1: **Judicial Committee Voting Records**

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## REASON

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The delegate body expects transparency in all state committee proceedings whenever possible. Currently there is no requirement that the Judicial Committee voting records be made public and attributable (roll call vote).

## IMPACT

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This amendment will require Judicial Committee votes to be made public record.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Article VIII: Section 9. Final votes on all matters shall be made public including attribution by using a roll call vote.

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CURRENT BYLAW	PROPOSED BYLAW AS AMENDED
<b>Article VIII</b> {Adding section 9}	<b>Article VIII</b> Section 9. Final votes on all matters shall be made public, including attribution by using a roll call vote.

## Recommendation 2: Advanced Notice

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### REASON

Delegates need advance notice of substantial amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure that will be presented at convention.

### IMPACT

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This amendment requires any proposed substantive changes to the Rules of Appellate Procedure, to be submitted to the State Secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to convention.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Article VIII Section 6: The Judicial Committee shall use the most recent edition of the 2021-OKLP Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure ~~unless and until it submits to the State Convention new proposed rules to be adopted by the delegates at which are adopted by a fifty-percent-plus-one (50% + 1) majority approval of that State Convention.~~ Such proposed rules shall be submitted to the State Secretary no less than forty-five (45) days prior to convention for publication.

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CURRENT BYLAW	PROPOSED BYLAW AS AMENDED
<p><b>Article VIII</b></p> <p>Section 6. The Judicial Committee shall use the 2021 OKLP Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure unless and until it submits to the State Convention new proposed rules which are adopted by a fifty-percent-plus-one (50% + 1) majority approval of that State Convention.</p>	<p><b>Article VIII</b></p> <p>Section 6: The Judicial Committee shall use the most recent edition of the OKLP Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure until it submits new proposed rules to be adopted by the delegates at State Convention. Such proposed rules shall be submitted to the State Secretary no less than forty-five (45) days prior to convention for publication.</p>

## Recommendation 3: Amendment of Bylaws

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### REASON

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Delegates need advance notice of substantial amendments to the Bylaws that will be presented at convention.

### IMPACT

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This amendment requires any proposed substantive changes to the Bylaws to be submitted to the State Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to convention.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Article IV, Section 1: H. Unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, substantive amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the State Secretary no less than thirty (30) days prior to convention for publication.

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CURRENT BYLAW	PROPOSED BYLAW AS AMENDED
<p><b>Article IV</b></p> <p>{Adding paragraph H to Section 1}</p>	<p><b>Article IV</b></p> <p>Section 1: H. Unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, substantive Amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the State Secretary no less than thirty (30) days prior to convention for publication.</p>

# Recommendation 4: Removal of Certain Requirements

## REASON

Certain reporting requirements found in the Bylaws affect only the operation of the State Executive Committee and are better codified in Standing Rules or a "Policy & Procedures Manual".

## IMPACT

This amendment gives the State Executive Committee the ability to change its own reporting requirements for certain members of the committee rather than burden the Bylaws.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Article VII Section 5: At-Large Representatives, in addition to being available to all Members, shall under the direction of and in coordination with the Chair and Vice Chair assist in the achievement of the Party's Purpose as stated in Article II of these Bylaws. ~~Each At-Large Representative shall submit to the Secretary seven (7) days prior to each regular meeting a written report of all activities related to the responsibilities with which the person has been charged in accordance with one of the following roles:~~

~~Section 6. Each Regional Representative shall submit to the Secretary a written report of all activities within that person's region seven (7) days prior to each regular meeting.~~

CURRENT BYLAW	PROPOSED BYLAW AS AMENDED
<p><b>Article VII</b></p> <p>Section 5. At-Large Representatives, in addition to being available to all Members, shall under the direction of and in coordination with the Chair and Vice Chair assist in the achievement of the Party's Purpose as stated in Article II of these Bylaws. Each At-Large Representative shall submit to the Secretary seven (7) days prior to each regular meeting a written report of all activities related to the responsibilities with which the person has been charged in accordance with one of the following roles: ...{End of Section 5}</p> <p>Section 6. Each Regional Representative shall submit to the Secretary a written report of all activities within that person's region seven (7) days prior to each regular meeting.</p>	<p><b>Article VII</b></p> <p>Section 5. At-Large Representatives, in addition to being available to all Members, shall under the direction of and in coordination with the Chair and Vice Chair assist in the achievement of the Party's Purpose as stated in Article II of these Bylaws, related to the responsibilities with which the person has been charged in accordance with one of the following roles:  ...{Unchanged to end of Section 5}  {Strike Section 6 in its entirety and renumber}</p>

## Recommendation 5: Other Committees

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### REASON

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The Bylaws and Platform Committee (formerly “Rules Committee”) was moved last term under Permanent Organization and given its own article. For clarification and proper formatting, we intend to simplify the bylaws by moving the Bylaws and Platform Committee into the Other Committees section, where it was listed prior to the 2021 convention.

### IMPACT

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Moving Bylaws/Platform back under “Other Committees” simply puts it back to the old structure from 2020. No functional changes are being made.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Article VI Section 4: The permanent organization of the OKLP shall consist of an at-large governing body known as the State Executive Committee, a Judicial Committee, ~~a Bylaws & Platform Committee~~, and County Affiliates represented by seven (7) Regional Committees

~~Article XII: Bylaws and Platform Committee~~  
(Strike entire section)

#### Article XIII: Other Committees

Section 4. The Bylaws and Platform Committee will be composed of the State Chair and four (4) Members elected by the Delegates at the State Convention to serve until adjournment of the subsequent State Convention and who have not been elected to the State Executive Committee for the same term. The State Chair shall have the option to appoint a Member who has served on at least two (2) previous OKLP Bylaws Committees (formerly “Rules”) to serve as the Chair’s designee. Neither the State Chair nor that person’s designee may vote except in the case of a tie. The committee shall choose its own chair from the four (4) elected members. Vacancies on this committee occurring after the State Convention shall be appointed by the State Chair with the approval of the State Executive Committee. The Bylaws and Platform Committee shall prepare and present to the State Executive Committee, no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the subsequent State Convention, a document for publication containing any proposed amendments to the existing Bylaws and Platform. Such document shall contain any proposed changes, related existing wording in the Bylaws, the effect of the proposed changes, and any committee opinions in support or opposition.

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<p><b>Article VI: Permanent Organization</b></p> <p>Section 1. The permanent organization of the OKLP shall consist of an at-large governing body known as the State Executive Committee, a Judicial Committee, a Bylaws &amp; Platform Committee, and County Affiliates represented by seven (7) Regional Committees</p> <p><b>Article XII</b></p> <p>Section 1. The Bylaws and Platform Committee will be composed of the State Chair and four (4) Members elected by the Delegates at the State Convention to serve until adjournment of the subsequent State Convention and who have not been elected to the State Executive Committee ... {to end of section}</p>	<p><b>Article VI: Permanent Organization</b></p> <p>Section 1. The permanent organization of the OKLP shall consist of an at-large governing body known as the State Executive Committee, a Judicial Committee, and County Affiliates represented by seven (7) Regional Committees</p> <p><b>Article XII</b></p> <p>{Strike the entirety of Article XII and move the previous Article XII section 1 to Section 4 under current Article XIII (Other committees) and renumber as needed.}</p>

## Recommendation 6: Article VII: State Executive Committee

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### REASON

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In light of the issues surrounding the vacancies of our own board and those of the Libertarian National Committee, the members of the Platform and Bylaws Committee felt it best to tighten up the language in our own bylaws to give guidance for matters concerning the State Executive Committee. The current bylaws do not allow for the suspension or removal from office of elected members within the OKLP with or without cause. The language concerning vacancies in regards to the Chair is also not very clear. We also propose taking out redundant and extraneous language in Section 8.

### IMPACT

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Sections 9 and 10 are being added to address any scenario whereby an elected Officer, At-Large Representative, Regional Representative, or other Member elected to a position within the OKLP is suspended and recommended for removal from office. This also clarifies how vacancies are handled in most cases. There are also a few minor changes for ease of reading and one grammatical oversight that is corrected. Titles were added back to each section for searching purposes. The non-substantive changes are not reflected in the synopsis below but are in the amended language in the following table.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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Section 3. Elections. ~~During odd-numbered years, Officers and At-Large Representatives shall be elected at the State Convention held in odd numbered years. Officers and At-Large Representatives so elected shall take office upon final adjournment of the State Convention at which they are elected and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next State Convention held in an odd-numbered year shall assume office at the close of the convention at which they are elected, and shall serve until the close of the next convention held in an odd-numbered year and until their respective successor is elected.~~

Section 4. A. 10. Shall ~~assign and~~ perform and/or delegate the various duties of the Vice Chair in the absence of that Officer until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as per Article VII, Section 7C of these Bylaws;

Section 4. B. 1. Shall ~~assign and~~ perform and/or delegate the various duties of the State Chair in the absence of the Chair and/or until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as per Article VII, Section 7C of these Bylaws;

Section 7. Vacancies

- B. In the event of the temporary inability of the Chair to perform the duties of that office, said duties shall fall upon the Vice Chair. Should an At-Large Representative or Officer other than the Chair be temporarily unable ~~or fail~~ to fulfill their duties or fail to attend two or more consecutive meetings, that office or position may be vacated for a period of no more than ninety (90) days or until the next State Convention, whichever is sooner.

- C. If an Officer, including the Chair, or At-Large Representative resigns or cannot act or serve (except for a temporary period), or abandons their office or seat by refusing to serve, ~~or shall have been suspended for cause per these Bylaws, the State Executive Committee may~~ by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote appoint a Member to serve in that position and fulfill the duties required of that position in accordance with these Bylaws. Such appointments shall be to complete the term of the office or seat vacated unless a Convention meets sooner, in which case a new election shall be held for any position so filled. Appointments to fill State Executive Committee vacancies shall take effect upon the close of the State Executive Committee or meeting wherein the appointment is confirmed. ~~The State Executive Committee may defer to the will of those Delegates duly credentialed at the previous State Convention by issuing a poll for the election of another Member to serve in the vacated role.~~

Section 8. Voting Requirements. A two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) ~~majority vote~~ of the eligible positions on the State Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:

- A. Suspension, censure, or removal from office any ~~Party Officer, State Executive Committee member, Libertarian National Committee representative, ad hoc or other non-elected committee member, or any County Committee member;~~
- ~~B. Reinstatement of a County Committee member;~~

Section 9. Suspension. Any Officer, At-Large Representative, Regional Representative, or any Member elected to serve on any committee within the OKLP may be suspended by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the entire State Executive Committee for any of the following causes:

- A. Continued, gross, or willful neglect of the duties of the office, which, in part include duties of care, loyalty, and diligence, in addition to fiduciary duty.
- B. Actions that intentionally violate the Bylaws or Standing Rules of the Party.
- C. Failure to comply with the proper direction given by the body or the State Executive Committee.
- D. Failure or refusal to disclose necessary information on matters of OKLP business.
- E. Unauthorized expenditures, signing of checks, or misuse of OKLP funds.
- F. Misrepresentation of the OKLP and its officers to outside persons.
- G. Actions that directly violate the Statement of Principles or the Non-Aggression Principle.

Section 10. Removal From Office. In the event an Officer, At-Large Representative, Regional Representative, or any elected committee member within the OKLP is suspended, the Executive Committee shall within ten (10) days of a suspension hold a Special Meeting to appoint an Investigative Committee.

- A. The Investigative Committee
1. The Investigative Committee shall consist of no less than three Members, who shall have been a Member of the OKLP for at least two years, attended at least two conventions, and are not current members of either the Executive Committee or Judicial Committee.
  2. The Investigative Committee shall report its findings to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days of being appointed.
  3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the Investigative Committee from seeking outside expertise not to exceed a cost specified by the State Executive Committee in the annual budget.
- B. The suspended Officer, At-Large Representative, Regional Representative, or elected committee member may seek an appeal to the suspension in a separate proceeding.
- C. If upon review of the Investigative Committee's petition, the Executive Committee rules there is not sufficient cause for removal, the suspension will be lifted.



CURRENT BYLAW	PROPOSED BYLAW AS AMENDED
<p><b>Article VII: State Executive Committee</b></p> <p>Section 3. During odd-numbered years, Officers and At-Large Representatives shall be elected at the State Convention. Officers and At-Large Representatives so elected shall take office upon final adjournment of the State Convention at which they are elected and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next State Convention held in an odd-numbered year.</p> <p>Section 4. {unchanged}</p> <p>A. {1-9 unchanged}</p> <p>10. Shall assign and perform the duties of the Vice Chair in the absence of that Officer until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as (per Article VII, Section 7C) of these Bylaws;</p> <p>B. {unchanged}</p> <p>1. Shall assume and perform the duties of the State Chair in the absence of the Chair and/or until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as per (Article VII, Section 7C) of these Bylaws;</p> <p>Section 7. Vacancies</p> <p>B. In the event of the temporary inability of the Chair to perform the duties of that office, said duties shall fall upon the Vice Chair. Should an At-Large Representative or Officer other than the Chair be unable or fail to fulfill their duties or to attend two or more consecutive meetings, that office or position may be vacated for a period of no more than ninety (90) days or until the next State Convention, whichever is sooner.</p> <p>C. If an Officer or At-Large Representative resigns or cannot act or serve (except for a temporary period), abandons their office or seat by refusing to serve, or shall have been suspended for cause per these</p>	<p><b>Article VII: State Executive Committee</b></p> <p>Section 3. Elections. Officers and At-Large Representatives shall be elected at the State Convention held in odd numbered years. Officers and At-Large Representatives shall assume office at the close of the convention at which they are elected, and shall serve until the close of the next convention held in an odd-numbered year and until their respective successor is elected.</p> <p>Section 4. {unchanged}</p> <p>A. {1-9 unchanged}</p> <p>10. Shall perform and/or delegate the various duties of the Vice Chair in the absence of that Officer until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as (per Article VII, Section 7C) of these Bylaws;</p> <p>B. {unchanged}</p> <p>1. Shall perform and/or delegate the various duties of the State Chair in the absence of the Chair and/or until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as per (Article VII, Section 7C) of these Bylaws;</p> <p>Section 7. Vacancies</p> <p>B. In the event of the temporary inability of the Chair to perform the duties of that office, said duties shall fall upon the Vice Chair. Should an At-Large Representative or Officer other than the Chair be temporarily unable to fulfill their duties or fail to attend two or more consecutive meetings, that office or position may be vacated for a period of no more than ninety (90) days or until the next State Convention, whichever is sooner.</p> <p>C. If an Officer, including the Chair, or At-Large Representative resigns or cannot act or serve (except for a temporary period), or abandons their office or seat by refusing to serve, the State Executive Committee may by a two-thirds (<math>\frac{2}{3}</math>) vote appoint a</p>

Bylaws, the State Executive Committee may by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote appoint a Member to serve in that position and fulfill the duties required of that position in accordance with these Bylaws. Such appointments shall be to complete the term of the office or seat vacated unless a Convention meets sooner, in which case a new election shall be held for any position so filled. Appointments to fill State Executive Committee vacancies shall take effect upon the close of the State Executive Committee or meeting wherein the appointment is confirmed. The State Executive Committee may defer to the will of those Delegates duly credentialed at the previous State Convention by issuing a poll for the election of another Member to serve in the vacated role.

Section 8. A two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority of the eligible positions on the State Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:

- A. Suspension, censure, or removal from office any Party Officer, State Executive Committee member, Libertarian National Committee representative, *ad hoc* or other committee member, or any County Committee member;
- B. Reinstatement of a County Committee member;
- C. Endorsing or rescinding its endorsement of any candidate for public office;
- D. Endorsing or opposing any proposed ballot measure, but rescinding such action shall be considered a normal main motion;
- E. The annual budget or any financial liability or contractual obligation lasting more than three months; and
- F. Providing the Party mailing list to

Member to serve in that position and fulfill the duties required of that position in accordance with these Bylaws. Such appointments shall be to complete the term of the office or seat vacated unless a Convention meets sooner, in which case a new election shall be held for any position so filled. Appointments to fill State Executive Committee vacancies shall take effect upon the close of the State Executive Committee or meeting wherein the appointment is confirmed.

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- A. Suspension, censure, or removal from office any Libertarian National Committee representative, *ad hoc* or other non-elected committee member;
- B. Endorsing or rescinding its endorsement of any candidate for public office;
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- D. The annual budget or any financial liability or contractual obligation lasting more than three months; and
- E. Providing the Party mailing list to non-Libertarian groups or individuals or to candidates for public office not endorsed by the Party.

Section 9. Suspension. Any Officer, At-Large Representative, Regional Representative, or any Member elected to serve on any committee within the OKLP may be suspended by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the entire State Executive Committee for any of the following causes:

- A. Continued, gross, or willful neglect of the duties of the office, which, in part include duties of care, loyalty, and diligence, in addition to fiduciary duty.
- B. Actions that intentionally violate the Bylaws or Standing Rules of the Party.
- C. Failure to comply with the proper direction given by the body or the State Executive Committee.

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- D. Failure or refusal to disclose necessary information on matters of OKLP business.
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- A. The Investigative Committee
  - 1. The Investigative Committee shall consist of no less than three Members, who shall have been a Member of the OKLP for at least two years, attended at least two conventions, and are not current members of either the Executive Committee or Judicial Committee.
  - 2. The Investigative Committee shall report its findings to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days of being appointed.
  - 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the Investigative Committee from seeking outside expertise not to exceed a cost specified by the State Executive Committee in the annual budget.
- B. The suspended Officer, At-Large Representative, Regional Representative, or elected committee member may seek an appeal to the suspension in a separate proceeding.
- C. If upon review of the Investigative Committee's petition, the Executive Committee rules there is not sufficient cause for removal, the suspension will be lifted.

## Recommendation 7: Article V: Membership

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### REASON

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Every year there is inevitably an instance where a Member comes to convention and for one reason or another their voter registration information is not found in the voter database by the Credentials Committee. Until this past year we have not had an official mechanism by which to allow these Members to be seated as delegates though they meet all other criteria to be a delegate. In the past we have mistakenly “suspended the bylaw” to allow those Members to be seated. This past year we corrected that mistake, but inadvertently created a loophole which would allow people who do not qualify under any terms to be seated if approved by a simple majority. This amendment seeks to remedy that.

### IMPACT

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This language clarifies who may be eligible for a waiver of the membership terms to be a delegate at the State Convention. This amendment also clarifies that Members are not required to have any further financial outlays in order to participate in Party business.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Section 1. D. Have either paid dues ~~as established by the State Executive Committee — such dues being current no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the State Convention —~~ no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the State Convention or hold a Lifetime membership in the OKLP. ~~Unless otherwise provided, the body of a duly called Convention may suspend this rule to allow other Members who may not qualify under this provision to be seated as Delegates at that Convention.~~

Section 2. A waiver may be granted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Executive Committee, or by a majority of the credentialed Delegates at the State Convention if the Oklahoma resident submits a registration change to Libertarian with their respective County Election Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual convention, and their registration is not accepted at that time through no fault of their own; the burden of proof shall be on the resident to prove timely submittal.

Section 6. A Member shall have the right to participate in the official affairs and governance of the Party without any additional monetary encumbrance beyond Dues, as defined in these Bylaws. Such right shall be sacred and inviolate and the willful disregard or abridgment of such right by an Officer or Member shall be deemed sufficient cause for the suspension of such Officer or Member as provided by these Bylaws.

CURRENT BYLAW	PROPOSED BYLAW AS AMENDED
<p><b>Article V: Membership</b></p> <p>Section 1. {unchanged}</p> <p>D. Have either paid dues as established by the State Executive Committee – such dues being current no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the State Convention – or hold a Lifetime membership in the OKLP. Unless otherwise provided, the body of a duly called Convention may suspend this rule to allow other Members who may not qualify under this provision to be seated as Delegates at that Convention.</p> <p>{Section 2, 3 and 4. Renumbered}</p> <p>Section 5. A Member shall have the right to participate in the official affairs and governance of the Party in accordance with these Bylaws. Such right shall be sacred and inviolate and the willful disregard or abridgment of such right by an Officer or Member shall be deemed sufficient cause for the suspension of such Officer or Member as provided by these Bylaws.</p>	<p><b>Article V: Membership</b></p> <p>Section 1. {unchanged}</p> <p>D. Have either paid dues as established by the State Executive Committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the State Convention or hold a Lifetime membership in the OKLP.</p> <p>Section 2. A waiver may be granted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Executive Committee, or by a majority of the Voting Delegates at the State Convention if the Oklahoma resident submits a registration change to Libertarian with their respective County Election Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual convention, and their registration is not accepted at that time through no fault of their own; the burden of proof shall be on the resident to prove timely submittal.</p> <p>{Section 2, 3, and 4 have been renumbered to Section 3, 4, and 5 respectively}</p> <p>Section 6. A Member shall have the right to participate in the official affairs and governance of the Party without any additional monetary encumbrance beyond Dues, as defined in these Bylaws. Such right shall be sacred and inviolate and the willful disregard or abridgment of such right by an Officer or Member shall be deemed sufficient cause for the suspension of such Officer or Member as provided by these Bylaws.</p> <p>{Section 7 and 8. Renumbered from Sec 6 and 7 respectively}</p>