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BYLAWS
of the
CONSTITUTION PARTY

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ARTICLE I - CONSTITUTION

18 The Constitution of the Constitution Party establishes the name, purpose and general
19 membership requirements of this organization. The Constitution takes precedence over the
20 Bylaws where there may be any conflict. The Constitution Party may hereinafter be referred to
21 as the national party.

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ARTICLE II - NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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Section 2.1 - Object

35 The National Committee shall be the principal governing body of the Constitution Party in all
36 respects not explicitly the domain of the National Convention and the National Committee may
37 delegate or assign authority and responsibility to the Executive Committee.

38 The National Committee is authorized to conduct fund-raising activities in support of its
39 program and operations.

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Section 2.2 - State Affiliation

45 State Affiliation with the Constitution Party is limited to one political party or organization
46 from each state and the District of Columbia, hereinafter referred to as the "state affiliate." The
47 National Committee shall have the power to grant state affiliate status by majority vote and to
revoke state affiliate status by no less than two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire committee
registered at the meeting.

Application for state affiliate status shall be submitted to the Credentials Committee chairman.
The chairman shall review the application and within sixty (60) days of receipt make a
determination of preliminary qualification upon finding that the state party or organization has:

- a. Pledged an adherence to the Constitution Party platform.
- b. Adopted official organization documents, which provide democratic procedures.
- c. Selected its officers, including National Committee members, in accord with the state election laws and articles and bylaws.
- d. Demonstrated evidence of a depository bank account.

The favorable determination of the chairman of the Credentials Committee shall qualify the
applying organization as a state affiliate subject to review by the Credentials Committee at or
prior to a meeting of the National Committee or the National Convention.

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Section 2.3 – Membership

A. Membership from State Affiliates

The National Committee shall consist of members from each state affiliate as follows:

- a. Two (2) members;
- b. Three (3) additional members if it has achieved ballot qualification
 - i for a Constitution Party Presidential nominee in the current presidential election or the two most recent presidential elections or
 - ii. for a Constitution Party affiliated nominee for statewide office in the most recent general election for statewide office.
- c. One (1) additional member for every ten (10) votes or fraction thereof which the state is assigned in the Electoral College; and
- d. One (1) additional member who may be designated when the state affiliate has contributed its minimum assessment to the National Committee during the immediately preceding calendar year.

Each member of the National Committee, chosen in a manner to be determined by his or her state affiliate shall have one (1) vote of equal value with all other members of the committee. All votes on the National Committee must be cast in person by an authorized member or duly chosen authorized alternate member. No proxies will be authorized or counted except for the purposes of establishing a quorum.

Each member may vote in a National Committee meeting upon payment of the National Committee member fee for that calendar year.

The annual state assessment and annual National Committee member fee shall be determined by the National Committee.

The method used by a state affiliate in selecting its National Committee members shall be that prescribed by the applicable election laws of the state, and by the constitution or bylaws of the state affiliate.

Each state affiliate shall file with the National Secretary a list of its National Committee members and alternates, whenever a change occurs, signed by the chairman of the state affiliate. The most recent list so filed shall be presumed to express the intent-of the state affiliate. The Credentials Committee of the National Committee shall include, but not be limited to one (1) representative from each state affiliate, each such representative to be designated by the state affiliate.

B. Ex-Officio Members

All current Constitution Party and former nominees for President and Vice-President and all past Chairmen of the National Committee shall be ex-officio members of the National Committee and of its Executive Committee, with all the rights and responsibilities of other

1 members of each body.

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3 Section 2.4 - Officers

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5 The officers of the National Committee shall be elected at a meeting of the committee held in
6 conjunction with the National Convention and shall serve for a term beginning at the start of
7 the following National Committee Meeting and ending when the newly elected officers are
8 seated.

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10 In the interim, officers-elect, unless already serving on the Executive committee, shall serve as
11 non-voting members-in-training of the Executive Committee.

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13 A. Elected Officers

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15 The elected officers shall be:

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17 a. National Chairman

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19 b. National Vice Chairman

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21 c. Secretary

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23 d. Treasurer

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25 e. Four Area Chairmen and four Area Co-Chairmen representing the geographic areas
26 of the nation, elected by the national committee members from their respective areas,
27 except that each combination of area chairman and co-chairman must be members
28 from different states, as follows:

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30 1. An Area Chairman and Co-Chairman for the Western States of Alaska, Arizona,
31 California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon,
32 Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

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34 2. An Area Chairman and Co-Chairman for the Midwestern States of Illinois,
35 Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota,
36 Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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37 3. An Area Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Southern States of Alabama,
38 Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina,
39 Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

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40 4. An Area Chairman and Co-Chairman for the Eastern States of Connecticut,
41 Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New
42 York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, and the District of
43 Columbia.

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44 Elective officers must be members of the National Committee.

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46 Election of officers shall be by ballot for all positions with more than one nominee. A person
47 holding multiple offices shall not be entitled to more than one (1) vote.

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In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of National Chairman, the National Vice Chairman shall succeed to that office for the remainder of the term.

In the event that a vacancy occurs in any other elected office, the chairman may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term, but all such appointments must be confirmed by vote of the National Committee.

Removal of an Area Chairman or Co-Chairman shall require the majority vote of the National Committee members from the area, meeting in conjunction with a National Committee meeting, with previous notice in the National Committee meeting call.

Removal of any other elected officer shall be considered upon presentation of a petition setting forth in detail the reasons for seeking such removal and signed by a sixth of the full membership of the National Committee. The petition may be presented at any regular or special meeting of the National Committee provided that notice is provided fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting. Removal shall be by majority of those representatives present and voting at any meeting at which a quorum is present.

B. Appointed Officers

The appointed officers shall be:

a. Parliamentarian

Beginning with the national convention held in conjunction with the year 2000 presidential election, the Parliamentarian shall be an appointed position.

The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the National Chairman.

The office of Parliamentarian shall neither require, convey, nor proscribe membership or voting rights on either the National or Executive Committees.

Section 2.5 - Duties of Officers

A. Elected Officers

The duties of elected officers shall be:

- a. Chairman - The National Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the National Committee. He shall administer the affairs of the National Committee between meetings of the National Committee or its Executive Committee; establish an office and communications for the National Committee; appoint the members of all committees; preside at all meetings of the National Committee and the executive committee; employ such personnel as may be authorized by the National Committee or Executive

1 Committee; designate persons to carry out activities provided for in the budget; serve as
2 ex-officio member of all appointed committees and serve as temporary chairman of the
3 National Convention; shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Executive
4 Committee, a Parliamentarian to serve at the discretion of the National Chairman.
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6 b. National Vice-Chairman - The National Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings in the
7 absence of the chairman and shall perform the other duties of the chairman in his
8 absence or incapacity.
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10 c. Area Chairman and Co-Chairman - The Western, Midwestern, Southern, and Eastern
11 Area Chairmen and Co-Chairmen shall represent the National Committee in their
12 respective areas. Each Area Chairman shall have authority to call official meetings
13 within his jurisdiction to further the effectiveness and purposes of the party.
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15 d. Secretary - The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the National
16 Committee and the Executive Committee.
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18 e. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall account for all funds received and expended by the
19 National Committee. Pursuant to action of the National Committee or the executive
20 committee, the Treasurer shall make available to the National Chairman or his
21 designated operatives such funds as may be required for the operating expenses of the
22 National Committee and provided the funds are available in the national committee
23 treasury.
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25 B. Appointed Officers

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27 The duties of appointed officers shall be:

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29 a. Parliamentarian – The Parliamentarian shall advise the National Chairman and
30 the National Committee Members on matters of parliamentary procedure.
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32 Section 2.6 – National Committee Meetings

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34 The National Committee shall hold at least two regular meetings each year, and such special
35 meetings as may be required.
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37 At least one meeting of the National Committee per year shall be held with the members of the
38 Committee physically gathering together in one place. The National Committee under
39 extraordinary circumstances may vote to hold one or both meetings via electronic means or
40 conference call. Other meetings may be held via electronic means or conference call.
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42 Locations of regular physical meetings shall rotate among the areas designated under Section
43 2.4 of these bylaws such that in each four-year period, there shall be one meeting in each area.
44 The Executive Committee shall solicit input from the Area Chairman and Co-Chairman of the
45 area in which the meeting is planned.
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47 Special meetings may be called by the chairman, or by action of the majority of the members of

1 the executive committee, or by a petition signed by a majority of the National Committee
2 members on record of a majority of the member state political parties and organizations.

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4 Notice of all meetings shall be given in writing to all members at least fourteen (14) days prior
5 to such meetings. The order of business shall be stated in the call. Resolutions not proposing to
6 alter the party Bylaws and/or adopt or alter the Standing Rules shall be submitted to the
7 National Secretary thirty days (30) prior to the committee meeting date.

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9 A quorum shall be at least one representative from a majority of the member state affiliates.

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11 Each representative of a state affiliate shall be entitled to one vote in all National Committee
12 meetings, and a state affiliate may appoint an alternate to cast his vote, but no person may cast
13 more than one vote, and no votes shall be cast by proxy. Proxies may be used for quorum
14 purposes only.

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16 The National Committee may hold executive sessions when the interest of the party so requires.

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18 Minutes of national committee meetings will be available to each member and will be sent to
19 those who request a copy. Additionally, copies of the most recent meeting's minutes will be
20 provided to all members attending the subsequent meeting.

21 22 23 **ARTICLE III - Executive Committee**

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25 The Executive Committee of the National Committee shall consist of the officers elected and
26 appointed pursuant to these bylaws, as well as all current and former Constitution Party
27 nominees for President, all Constitution Party nominees for Vice President during the four year
28 term immediately following their nomination and the immediate past National Chairman.

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30 In addition, the Chairman may appoint up to five (5) additional National Committee members
31 to the Executive Committee, subject to approval by the National Committee. These
32 appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman.

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34 Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent from three consecutive Executive
35 Committee meetings without having given notice of a good and sufficient reason for such
36 absence to the National Chairman shall be subject to removal by rule of the Executive
37 Committee. Removal from office under this paragraph shall be exempt from the removal
38 requirements specified in Section 2.4.A of these Bylaws.

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40 The Executive Committee shall be subordinate to and may transact the business of the National
41 Committee between meetings of the National Committee, and may authorize expenditure and
42 contract for services in the name of the National Committee, but its actions shall be subject to
43 review by the National Committee, except that those actions incurring contractual liability shall
44 not be revocable solely by reason of this right of review.

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46 Meetings shall be at the call of the Chairman with fourteen (14) days notice for in person
47 meetings and seven (7) days for meetings by conference call.

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2 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Executive Committee.
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5 **ARTICLE IV - National Convention**
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7 The National Committee shall, for each presidential election year, call a National Convention
8 of the state affiliates for the purpose of nominating presidential and vice-presidential candidates,
9 adopting a national platform, and transacting any other appropriate business. The National
10 Committee or the Executive Committee shall by resolution establish the fees required for
11 participation in the National Convention.
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13 Number of votes allowed per state.
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- 15 a. Each state affiliate will be allowed two (2) votes, representing the number of
16 Senators each state is allowed under the U.S. Constitution;
- 17 b. Any state which has achieved ballot qualification for the Constitution Party
18 Presidential ticket in the current election, or the two most recent presidential
19 elections, shall be assigned additional delegate votes equal to the number of
20 congressional districts in the state.
- 21 c. An additional delegate vote shall be assigned a state for each year, subsequent to the
22 previous presidential election year, in which that state has fulfilled its assessment to
23 the Constitution Party National Committee.
- 24 d. An additional delegate vote shall be assigned a state for each National Committee
25 meeting held, subsequent to the previous Presidential election year, at which the
26 state had at least one National Committee member in attendance.
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28 The National Chairman shall appoint the chairmen of all National Convention Committees.
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30 Each state affiliate shall have one (1) representative on the Credentials Committee, one (1)
31 representative on the Rules Committee, and three (3) representatives on the Platform
32 Committee. Each State Chairman shall transmit the names, addresses and phone numbers of all
33 committee representatives to the chairman of the Credentials Committee.
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35 In order for the name of any candidate for President or Vice President to be placed in
36 nomination it shall be necessary that such nomination shall have been approved by a majority
37 of the delegates from two (2) states.
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39 In the event of an extreme emergency such as war, insurrection, natural disaster, epidemic,
40 pandemic, martial law, or other like condition or event such that a National Convention cannot
41 physically be held with delegates gathering in one place, the Executive Committee may call for
42 a convention to be held via any two-way electronic means available, and the Executive
43 Committee shall prescribe the means, rules, and methods for such a Convention in accordance
44 with the conditions prevailing, and these rules shall be as much in harmony as possible with the
45 rules for National Conventions as set forth in these Bylaws.
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ARTICLE V - Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the Constitution Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and these Bylaws and any special rules of order the National Committee may adopt.

ARTICLE VI - Amendments

In order for the National Committee to consider proposals to alter the party Bylaws and/or adopt or alter Standing Rules, it shall be necessary that such amendment be in writing and signed by a majority of the dues paying National Committee members from a state that has paid its annual state assessment for the current year and submitted to the National Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the national committee meeting date. The second to the amendment must also be in writing and signed by a majority of the dues paying National Committee members from a different state that has paid its Annual State Assessment for the current year and submitted to the National Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the national committee meeting date. Payment of the Annual State Assessment must be received on or before the date of submission of the amendment. For the first National Committee meeting of the year this requirement may be satisfied by payment of one-half of the Annual State Assessment.

Amendments to these Bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of the delegates at a National Convention or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting of the National Committee provided that the amendment be stated in the call for the meeting.

In addition to all other defined voting requirements in these bylaws, a National Committee Member shall only be eligible to vote on bylaw changes if they are physically present at the primary meeting location at which the vote is being held.