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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.
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39 The National Committee is authorized to conduct fund-raising activities in support of its
40 program and operations.
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Section 2.2 - State Affiliation

State Affiliation with the Constitution Party is limited to one political party or organization
from each state and the District of Columbia, hereinafter referred to as the "state affiliate." The
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

1 applying organization as a state affiliate subject to review by the Credentials Committee at or
2 prior to a meeting of the National Committee or the National Convention.

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4 Section 2.3 – Membership

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6 A. Membership from State Affiliates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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45 B. Ex-Officio Members

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All current Constitution Party and former Constitution Party nominees for President, the most recent nominee(s) for Vice President, and the immediate past Chairman 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 members of each body.

Section 2.4 - Officers

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

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

A. Elected Officers

The elected officers shall be:

- a. National Chairman
- b. National Vice Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Four Area Chairmen and four Area Co-Chairmen representing the geographic areas of the nation, elected by the national committee members from their respective areas, except that each combination of area chairman and co-chairman must be members from different states, as follows:
 - 1. An Area Chairman and Co-Chairman for the Western States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
 - 2. An Area Chairman and Co-Chairman for the Midwestern States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.
 - 3. An Area Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Southern States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.
 - 4. An Area Chairman and Co-Chairman for the Eastern States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, and the District of

1 Columbia.

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3 Officers must be members of the National Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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26 B. Appointed Officers

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

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32 Section 2.5 - Duties of Officers

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34 a. Chairman - The National Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the
35 National Committee. He shall administer the affairs of the National Committee
36 between meetings of the National Committee or its Executive Committee; establish an
37 office and communications for the National Committee; appoint the members of all
38 committees; preside at all meetings of the National Committee and the executive
39 committee; employ such personnel as may be authorized by the National Committee or
40 Executive Committee; designate persons to carry out activities provided for in the
41 budget; serve as ex-officio member of all appointed committees and serve as temporary
42 chairman of the National Convention.

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44 b. National Vice-Chairman - The National Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings in
45 the absence of the chairman, and shall perform the other duties of the chairman in his

1 absence or incapacity.

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3 c. Area Chairman and Co-Chairman - The Western, Midwestern, Southern, and Eastern
4 Area Chairmen and Co-Chairmen shall represent the National Committee in their
5 respective areas. Each Area Chairman shall have authority to call official meetings
6 within his jurisdiction to further the effectiveness and purposes of the party.

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8 d. Secretary - The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the National
9 Committee and the Executive Committee.

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11 e. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall account for all funds received and expended by the
12 National Committee. Pursuant to action of the National Committee or the executive
13 committee, the Treasurer shall make available to the National Chairman or his
14 designated operatives such funds as may be required for the operating expenses of the
15 National Committee and provided the funds are available in the national committee
16 treasury.

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18 f. Parliamentarian - The Parliamentarian shall advise the National Chairman and
19 National Committee Members on matters of parliamentary procedure.

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21 Section 2.6 - National Committee Meetings

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23 The National Committee shall hold at least two regular meeting each year, and such special
24 meetings as may be required.

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26 At least one meeting of the National Committee per year shall be held with the members of the
27 Committee physically gathering together in one place. The National Committee may vote to
28 hold one or both meetings via electronic means or conference call. Other meetings may be held
29 via electronic means or conference call.

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31 Locations of regular physical meetings shall rotate among the areas designated under Section
32 2.4 of these bylaws such that in each four year period, there shall be one meeting in each area.
33 The Executive Committee shall solicit input from the Area Chairman and Co-Chairman of the
34 area in which the meeting is planned.

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36 Special meetings may be called by the chairman, or by action of the majority of the members of
37 the executive committee, or by a petition signed by a majority of the National Committee
38 members on record of a majority of the member state political parties and organizations.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE III - Executive Committee

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

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

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

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

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

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - National Convention

The National Committee shall, for each presidential election year, call a National Convention

1 of the state affiliates for the purpose of nominating presidential and vice presidential candidates,
2 adopting a national platform, and transacting any other appropriate business. The National
3 Committee or the Executive Committee shall by resolution establish the fees required for
4 participation in the National Convention.

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6 Number of votes allowed per state.

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8 a. Each state affiliate will be allowed two (2) votes, representing the number of
9 Senators each state is allowed under the U.S. Constitution;
10 b. Any state which has achieved ballot qualification for the Constitution Party
11 Presidential ticket in the current election, or the two most recent presidential
12 elections, shall be assigned additional delegate votes equal to the number of
13 congressional districts in the state.
14 c. An additional delegate vote shall be assigned a state for each year, subsequent to the
15 previous presidential election year, in which that state has fulfilled its assessment to
16 the Constitution Party National Committee.
17 d. An additional delegate vote shall be assigned a state for each National Committee
18 meeting held, subsequent to the previous Presidential election year, at which the
19 state had at least one National Committee member in attendance.
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21 The National Chairman shall appoint the chairmen of all National Convention Committees.

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23 Each state affiliate shall have one (1) representative on the Credentials Committee, one (1)
24 representative on the Rules Committee, and three (3) representatives on the Platform
25 Committee. Each State Chairman shall transmit the names, addresses and phone numbers of all
26 committee representatives to the chairman of the Credentials Committee.
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28 In order for the name of any candidate for President or Vice President to be placed in
29 nomination it shall be necessary that such nomination shall have been approved by a majority
30 of the delegates from two (2) states.
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32 In the event of an extreme emergency such as war, insurrection, natural disaster, epidemic,
33 pandemic, martial law, or other like condition or event such that a National Convention cannot
34 physically be held with delegates gathering in one place, the Executive Committee may call for
35 a convention to be held via any two-way electronic means available, and the Executive
36 Committee shall prescribe the means, rules, and methods for such a Convention in accordance
37 with the conditions prevailing, and these rules shall be as much in harmony as possible with the
38 rules for National Conventions as set forth in these Bylaws.
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44 **ARTICLE V - Parliamentary Authority**

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

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ARTICLE VI - Amendments

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

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