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# Bylaws and Rules of the Republican Liberty Caucus

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## Article I: Name

12 The name of this organization shall be the Republican Liberty Caucus, hereinafter referred to  
13 as the "Caucus".  
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## Article II: Purpose

17 The Caucus is a political action organization dedicated to promoting the ideals of individual  
18 rights, limited government and free enterprise within the Republican Party of the United States  
19 of America by:

- 20 A. Promoting these ideals among Party officials and its various organizations;  
21 B. Identifying and supporting candidates sympathetic with these ideals;  
22 C. Promoting Caucus membership among Party registrants, officials, and officeholders.  
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## Article III: Membership

26 **Section 1:** There shall be three categories of membership: Regular, Associate, and Honorary.

- 27 A. Regular membership shall be limited to individuals who are affiliated with the Republican  
28 Party (as determined by the Caucus Secretary), who have paid current minimum dues and  
29 who support the purposes of the Caucus. Regular members are qualified to serve in any  
30 official capacity in the Caucus, to act as delegates at any Convention and to enjoy all the  
31 privileges extended in these Bylaws.  
32 B. Associate membership shall be open to individual, no matter their political affiliation, who  
33 have affirmatively indicated their support for the purposes of the Caucus. Associate  
34 members shall receive such services and privileges as the Board of Directors may specify.  
35 C. Honorary membership may be extended to any person designated by the Board of  
36 Directors or Chartered State Executive Committees. Honorary members shall enjoy such  
37 rights, privileges or honors as may be explicitly conferred thereby, either individually or  
38 as a group.  
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40 **Section 2:** The Board of Directors shall set the minimum annual dues requirement for Regular  
41 membership in the Caucus, which shall not exceed fifty dollars. Dues shall be current until the  
42 anniversary date of the member's previous dues payment.

43 **Section 3:** Dues payments received by the Caucus shall be shared with the applicable  
44 Chartered State organization in a fixed amount, not to exceed twenty-five dollars, and  
45 disbursed to that State organization on an agreed schedule, at least quarterly and at least thirty  
46 days before a Caucus Convention. Dues payments received by Chartered State organizations  
47 shall be shared in the same fixed amount and disbursed to the Caucus on the same agreed  
48 schedule. The Caucus, or Chartered State organizations, may offer premium membership rates  
49 or services, which shall be subject to the same fixed dues sharing amounts as Regular  
50 membership. No Regular membership shall be offered for a period in excess of two years.  
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1       **Section 4:** The Caucus or Chartered State organizations may waive their portion of dues for  
2 any special circumstance or condition approved by their respective executive committees, but  
3 shall pay the fixed shared amount of dues to the other entity, either from the exceptional  
4 membership dues payment or from general revenues. Either entity may offer periodic payments  
5 smaller than the Regular minimum dues, but shall disburse the shared portion before any other  
6 allocation of receipts.

7       **Section 5:** Contributions received by the Caucus or Chartered State organizations from  
8 contributors who are not Regular Members shall first be applied toward minimum annual dues  
9 and shared in the same fashion as other dues receipts, unless the contributor explicitly declines  
10 such membership. All other contributions or donations may be expended as specified by the  
11 respective executive committees, but shall not be donated to any electoral campaign.

12       **Section 6:** Any membership may be suspended or revoked by a majority vote of the Board of  
13 Directors of the Caucus or the applicable Chartered State executive committee for just cause.  
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#### 15 **Article IV: Board of Directors**

16       **Section 1.** The Board of Directors of the Caucus, hereinafter “Board”, shall consist of the four  
17 Officers of the Caucus, five At-Large members and at least three Alternate members. Board  
18 members shall be Regular members of the Caucus, elected for two-year terms by delegates at a  
19 Regular Convention of the Caucus. Alternate members may be designated by the Chairman as  
20 voting members of the Board whenever regular members are absent from any meeting or fail to  
21 participate in any electronic ballot. Any member of the Board may be removed for just cause  
22 and vacancies may be filled by a majority vote of all Board members.

23       **Section 2.** The Board shall ensure the effective implementation of these Bylaws, adopt an  
24 annual or quarterly budget, provide for effective communications among members, Chartered  
25 State organizations and the general public, and make arrangements for Regular and Special  
26 Conventions of the Caucus.

27       **Section 3.** The Board shall have full power and authority to govern all the affairs of the  
28 Caucus between conventions and shall have the sole, ultimate, final and exclusive control over  
29 all property, assets, liabilities and other resources of the Caucus. The Board shall have the  
30 authority to hire, fire, contract and take such legal actions as will effect the will of the Board.

31       **Section 4.** The Board shall conduct its meetings in conformance with the most recent edition  
32 of Robert’s Rules of Order, in the absence of standard or special rules it may adopt that  
33 conform with these Bylaws and Rules. The Board may conduct meetings or ballots by  
34 telephone, email, or any other means it deems appropriate. Regular meetings of the Board shall  
35 occur at least quarterly, with at least one week’s notice. A special meeting of the Board shall  
36 occur immediately following any Convention. Other special, emergency, or informal meetings  
37 of the Board may be called at the written request of any three members, on three days notice to  
38 all Board members. Any Regular member may attend or obtain the minutes of any Board  
39 meeting, unless two-thirds of the Board members agree to a closed session, at which the Board  
40 may deliberate, but not adopt, exceptional motions.  
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2 **Article V: Officers**

3 **Section 1.** The Officers of the Caucus shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary  
4 and Treasurer, who shall all be voting members of Board and subject to the provisions of the  
5 preceding Article. Candidates for Officer shall have been Regular members of the Caucus for at  
6 last two years prior to their nomination. Candidates for Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall  
7 have been Regular members for at least three years and members of the Board of Directors for  
8 at least six months prior to their nomination.

9 **Section 2.** Elected Officers shall assume office at the close of the Convention at which they  
10 are elected. Any Officer may be dismissed for misconduct or malfeasance upon thirty days  
11 notice to the Officer and a majority vote of all members of the Board. Any Officer vacancy  
12 may be filled by a majority vote of all members of the Board. New Officers must qualify under  
13 the provisions of the previous Section and shall assume office immediately upon election by the  
14 Board. If Officer vacancies occur between Board meetings, the seceding officer listed in the  
15 preceding section, followed by At-Large Board members, shall serve as the acting Officer until  
16 the next meeting of the Board.

17 **Section 3.** The Officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed in these Bylaws.

18 **A.** The Chairman shall be the primary spokesman of the Caucus; shall execute the  
19 resolutions of the Board of Directors; shall preside at meetings of the Board and official  
20 sessions of any Convention, unless absent or replaced by an Acting Chairman, and shall  
21 ensure the administration of all provisions of these Bylaws. The Chairman may appoint any  
22 Regular members as special project or liaison directors of such standing or special executive  
23 committees or projects as he deems appropriate for the performance of these duties.

24 **B.** The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties and obligations of Chairman in his absence,  
25 assist the Chairman in his duties and serve as Director of the State Chartering and Convention  
26 Committees.

27 **C.** The Secretary shall record and distribute the minutes of all Board meetings and  
28 Conventions, certify Delegates, conduct such ballots as the Board may direct, and act as  
29 Parliamentarian for all official business of the Caucus. The Secretary shall serve as Director  
30 of the Communications and Public Relations Committee.

31 **D.** The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all Caucus funds, shall propose annual and  
32 quarterly budgets, safeguard the financial resources of the Caucus and make such periodic  
33 reports of finances as the Board may require. The Treasurer shall serve as Director of the  
34 Finance and Fundraising Committee.  
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36 **Article VI: Conventions**

37 **Section 1.** The Board shall call and hold a Regular Convention in every even-numbered year,  
38 at such place and time as the Board shall designate, for the purpose of adopting revisions to  
39 these Bylaws and Rules, electing members of the Board, adopting public policy statements, and  
40 conducting such other business as it deems appropriate.

41 **Section 2.** All members of the Caucus shall be notified of the Regular Convention at least  
42 sixty days prior to the designated date of the Convention. Such notice shall include the location,  
43 calendar of events, official business to be conducted and such other information as would  
44 facilitate and encourage attendance by Caucus members.  
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2     **Section 3.** All Regular members certified by the Treasurer as having paid current dues at least  
3 thirty days prior to the Convention shall be qualified to be voting Delegates for all official  
4 business conducted during the Convention. No Delegate shall be required to pay any fee for  
5 participation in official business, but may be required to register and pay for such events or  
6 services the Board deems beneficial to the Caucus and attractive to the members.

7     **Section 4.** A quorum for Regular Convention business shall be a majority of the certified  
8 Delegates who have registered as being in attendance with the Secretary, or such Credentials  
9 Committee as the Secretary shall designate. The Convention shall be governed by the latest  
10 version of Robert’s Rules of Order which are consistent with these Bylaws and Rules, unless a  
11 majority of the registered Delegates adopt special rules for the duration of the Convention.  
12 There shall be no absentee or proxy voting on any official business.

13     **Section 5.** In the event of an emergency, the Board may, by a two-thirds vote, postpone a  
14 Regular Convention for no more than ninety days and shall notify members by the best means  
15 available.

16     **Section 6.** The Board may call a Special Convention at any time by a majority vote. Special  
17 Conventions may only conduct such official business as may be explicitly authorized by a two-  
18 thirds vote of the Board. If such official business is authorized, the preceding sections of this  
19 Bylaw relating to notice, Delegate status and proceedings shall apply to official sessions of the  
20 Special Convention. Special Conventions may include such events and services as the Board  
21 deems beneficial to the Caucus and attractive to the members.  
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## 23 **Article VII: Statements of Position**

24     **Section 1.** Statements of Position may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the certified and  
25 registered Delegates at any Regular Convention, or the official sessions of any Special  
26 Convention which may be authorized by the Board under these Bylaws.

27     **Section 2.** Statements proposed by a majority vote of the Board or in a Petition signed by no  
28 less than twenty-five Regular members at least forty-five days prior to the Convention date may  
29 be submitted to the Delegates for adoption.

30     **Section 3.** Notice of all proposed Statements shall be distributed to Regular members with the  
31 notice of Convention.  
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## 33 **Article VIII: State Charters**

34     **Section 1.** The Board shall encourage and certify the Chartering of state Caucus organizations  
35 in the United States of America which qualify under the provisions of these Bylaws and Rules.  
36 A State Charter may be granted to any group of ten or more Regular members who are  
37 residents of the subject state and who have signed a Petition for Charter and submit it in writing  
38 to the Board of Directors. The Board may certify qualified State Charters by a majority vote at  
39 its next regular meeting.

40     **Section 2.** The Board may set such minimum criteria for State Charter Bylaws and require  
41 such verification of Regular membership as it deems appropriate for certification.

42     **Section 3.** In any dispute between the Caucus and any Charter State, the decision of the  
43 Caucus Board of Directors shall be final.

44     **Section 4.** The Board may appoint Coordinators for any unchartered state or territory of the  
45 United States for the purpose of facilitating the development of local Caucus organization.  
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**Article IX: Amendment**

**Section 1.** These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the certified and registered Delegates at any Regular Convention, or the official sessions of any Special Convention which may be authorized by the Board under these Bylaws. Amendments proposed by a majority vote of the Board or in a Petition signed by no less than twenty-five Regular members no less than forty-five days prior to a Convention may be submitted to the Delegates for adoption. Notice of proposed amendments shall be distributed to all Regular members with the notice of Convention.

**Section 2.** Amendments shall go into effect immediately, unless otherwise stated in the proposed Amendment.

**Section 3.** Caucus Rules may be amended by a majority of the certified and registered Delegates, or by a two-thirds vote of the Board, after at least thirty days notice.

1 **Caucus Rules**

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3 **Rule 1. Standing Committees**

4 **A.** The Membership Committee, under the direction of the Chairman, shall promote new  
5 memberships, encourage membership renewal, and ensure the maintenance of an accurate  
6 membership database. The Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve as members of  
7 the Membership Committee;

8 **B.** The Candidate Review Committee, under the direction of the Chairman, shall obtain,  
9 review and distribute information on candidates and recommend candidates for endorsement  
10 by the Board;

11 **C.** The State Chartering Committee, under the direction of the Vice-Chairman, shall  
12 promote, assist and process Petitions for State Charters;

13 **D.** The Convention Committee, under the direction of the Vice-Chairman, shall plan,  
14 arrange, promote and conduct all Regular and Special Conventions of the Caucus. The  
15 Secretary and Treasurer shall serve on the Committee to facilitate Delegate certification;

16 **E.** The Communications and Public Relations Committee, under the direction of the  
17 Secretary, shall supervise, maintain, facilitate and conduct communications among the  
18 members, the Board, the media and the general public;

19 **F.** The Finance and Fund Raising Committee, under the direction of the Treasurer, shall  
20 arrange, facilitate and solicit financial contributions to the Caucus.

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22 **Rule 2. Special Directors**

23 Special Directors nominated by the Chairman and appointed by the Board shall include:

24 **A.** The Webmaster, who shall be responsible for the operation, maintenance and content of  
25 the Caucus Internet services, as a member of the Communications and Public Relations  
26 Committee;

27 **B.** The Newsletter Editor, who shall be responsible for the preparation, production and  
28 distribution of printed or electronically published news of the Caucus, as a member of the  
29 Communications and Public Relations Committee;

30 **C.** The Media Relations Director, who shall be responsible for the preparation, production  
31 and distribution of news releases and position statements of the Caucus on public issues.

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33 **Rule 3. State Charters**

34 Petitions for a State Charter shall include the following:

35 **A.** Charter Bylaws adopted by two-thirds of the Petition signers which include all the  
36 provisions of these Bylaws and Rules related to Charters;

37 **B.** Certification of the election of Charter officers;

38 **C.** Such additional documentation as may be specified by the State Chartering Committee.

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2 **Rule 4. Dues Sharing**

3 Caucus membership dues may be collected by either the Caucus or its Chartered State  
4 organizations, provided:

5 **A.** The amount collected for Regular membership shall not be less than \$15, which shall be  
6 transferred to the other entity as the dues share for that member;

7 **B.** The standard dues collected for Regular membership shall be \$30 for both Caucus and  
8 Chartered State membership, of which \$15 shall be transferred to the other entity as the dues  
9 share for that member;

10 **C.** Either entity may collect smaller periodic dues payments toward membership, but shall  
11 allocate the first receipts to dues sharing with the other entity;

12 **D.** No dues transfer shall be required for members making dues payments to the Caucus  
13 who are residents of unchartered states or territories;

14 **E.** The Caucus or Chartered State organizations may offer such premium membership rates  
15 or services as may be designated by their executive committees, subject to the same fixed  
16 dues sharing amounts as Regular membership;

17 **F.** Honorary memberships may be offered by either the Caucus or Chartered State  
18 organizations, but if they grant any of the rights of Regular members, the granting entity shall  
19 pay the other entity the dues share for that member;

20 **G.** Contributions or donations made by non-members shall be subject to dues sharing unless  
21 the contributor or donor declines Regular membership privileges;

22 **H.** All contact and payment information received by either entity shall be communicated to  
23 the other entity, at least as often as shared funds are disbursed under the Bylaws;

24 **I.** Membership shall expire upon the Anniversary date of the last payment made by any  
25 Regular member.  
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27 **Rule 5. Candidate Endorsements**

28 Any candidate endorsement by the Caucus shall comply with the following:

29 **A.** The endorsement of candidate for federal office may be proposed by a majority vote of  
30 either the executive committee of the Caucus or the Chartered State where a candidate is to be  
31 elected. No proposal for endorsement shall be official or made public until it has been  
32 confirmed by a majority vote of the other executive committee.

33 **B.** No candidate contesting an election against any Republican Party nominee may be  
34 proposed for endorsement by the Caucus;

35 **C.** Chartered State executive committees, or such body as the Charter State Bylaws specify,  
36 may endorse candidates for any state legislative seat or state cabinet-level positions, but  
37 endorsements of candidates for state executive offices shall require the same confirmation as  
38 candidates for federal offices;

39 **D.** A primary candidate for President of the United States may not be endorsed by the  
40 Caucus in the absence of a majority vote of the Board and each Chartered State's executive  
41 committees;

42 **E.** Preference shall be granted to any candidate who has signed the "Liberty Compact" of  
43 the Caucus or who has been rated as "libertarian" in the "Liberty Index" of the Caucus;

44 **F.** Endorsements may be withdrawn for good and sufficient reasons upon the majority vote  
45 of both the proposing and confirming executive committees;  
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1 **Rule 6. Public Policy Statements**

2 The executive committees of the Caucus or Charter States may adopt and issue public policy  
3 statements which do not conflict with the Statements of Positions specified in these Bylaws:

4 **A.** Public positions related to federal legislation may only be adopted by a majority vote of  
5 the Board after at least two days notice;

6 **B.** Public positions related to state legislation may only be adopted by a majority vote of the  
7 executive committees of a Chartered State, or by such body as may be designated in the  
8 Charter Bylaws, but shall not conflict with any prior policy position adopted by the Board;

9 **C.** In the absence of a Chartered State, the Board may adopt public positions on state  
10 legislation recommended by a state Coordinator or at least three Regular members of a state;

11 **D.** No resources of the Caucus shall be used to promote any commercial enterprise without  
12 the advance contractual approval of the Board.

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14 **Rule 7. Political Action Committees**

15 The executive committees of the Caucus or Charter States may establish a political action  
16 committee, hereinafter “PAC”, under the applicable federal or state statutes, for the purpose  
17 of contributing to candidates for public office, provided:

18 **A.** The PAC shall be designated with the proper authorities as a membership committee of  
19 the Caucus or Chartered State;

20 **B.** The Board of Directors of such PAC shall include all of the Officers of the executive  
21 committees of the Caucus or Chartered State;

22 **C.** The PAC shall be constituted with such bylaws and rules as are consistent with  
23 corresponding Caucus and Chartered State Bylaws and Rules;

24 **D.** The PAC shall not contribute to any candidate who has not received a public  
25 endorsement by the Caucus in compliance with the applicable Rules;

26 **E.** All PAC donations and contributions, as well as all contact information obtained by the  
27 PAC, shall be disclosed promptly to the Caucus or Chartered State;

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29 **Rule 8. Electronic Voting**

30 Votes of the Board may be taken by electronic ballot via either eMail or eGroup tabulations  
31 conducted by the Secretary under the following rules:

32 **A.** Electronic ballots shall be issued to all Board members on any resolution submitted by at  
33 least three Board members to the Secretary;

34 **B.** The Secretary shall issue an electronic ballot within two days and shall receive and  
35 tabulate all ballots received within seven days of issue;

36 **C.** If any Officer or At-Large Board member fails to cast a ballot, the Secretary shall record  
37 them as absent and substitute the ballots of Alternate members in the chronological sequence  
38 in which they were received;

39 **D.** The Secretary shall inform members of ballots cast and provide members who have not  
40 cast a ballot with a two day reminder of the ballot deadline;

41 **E.** In the event that fewer than five ballots are cast prior to the deadline, the resolution will  
42 fail for lack of a quorum.

43 **F.** The results of the balloting shall be reported to Board members immediately after the  
44 deadline and recorded in the minutes of the next Board meeting.