



# **Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Harnett and Johnston Co.**

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## **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Libertarian Party of Harnett and Johnston County, hereinafter referred to as the Party or by the acronym LPHJC.

## **Article II. Purpose**

The purpose of the Party is to conduct the following activities consistent with the Statement of Principles:

1. Disseminating libertarian political ideas by entering into political information activities.
2. Nominating candidates for local political offices and supporting candidates for political office within the County and State.
3. Supporting national Libertarian candidates.

## **Article III. Membership**

A resident of North Carolina may become a member of the LPHJC provided they are not a registered voter affiliated with another political party, and by fulfilling at least one of the following criteria:

- a. Maintaining voter registration as a Libertarian, as long as the party is recognized by the State of North Carolina, or;
  - b. Maintaining current membership dues with the Libertarian National Committee, or;
  - c. Maintaining current membership dues with the LPNC established by the state Executive Committee, or;
  - d. Submitting a written or electronic affirmation to the Party Secretary that they do not advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.
2. Only LPNC members may serve as executive committee members and as delegates to the state and national Libertarian Party Conventions.

## **Section Article IV**

### **Section 1. Officers**

Officers The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Treasurer. Election will take place at the LPHJC Convention of the Party by the attending members. Officers shall take office immediately upon the close of such Convention.

### **Section 2. Chair**

The Chair shall be Chief Executive Officer of the Party and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party.

The Chair shall:

1. Preside at all meetings
2. Set the date for the LPHJC Convention
3. Serve as a spokesperson for the Party;
4. Raise funds necessary for the Party to meet its goals.

### **Section 3. Vice Chair**

The Vice Chair shall act as assistant to the Chair and preside in his or her absence. The Vice Chair shall perform duties as directed by the Chair or Executive Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the Chair position, the Vice Chair shall become Chair.

### **Section 4. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall receive, disburse, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chair.

The Treasurer shall:

1. Maintain the state executive committee treasury at an insured commercial bank;
2. Maintain all records of contributions received and disbursements made required by law or by the Executive Committee;
3. Prepare and file any reports as may be required by law or by the Executive Committee;
4. Distribute a summary of the general finances of the Party as well as a summary of the funds received and disbursed by the Party for each calendar quarter to all Executive Committee members within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar quarter;
5. Transmit all records pertaining to the office to successor within ten (10) days of vacating office.

## **Article V. Executive Committee**

### **Section 1. Purpose**

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of all of the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws and any resolutions that may have been adopted in Convention.

### **Section 2. Composition**

The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following members: the elected officers of the Party.

### **Section 3. Qualifications**

Each member of the Executive Committee must maintain membership with the Party as defined in Article III. Executive Committee members must not be registered with the State of North Carolina with any political party other than the Libertarian Party of North Carolina.

### **Section 4. Vacancies**

The Executive Committee may appoint new members, if vacancies or suspensions occur, such members to complete the term of the position vacated, Committee or Chair.

## **Article VI. Meetings**

### **Section 1. Notification**

The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by actions of the Committee, by call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the Executive Committee.

### **Section 2. Transaction of Official Business**

1. The Executive Committee may, without meeting together, transact business by electronic mail, by surface mail, or by phone. Any voting member make a motion. Once a motion is recognized by the Chair, and seconded by another member, the motion can be discussed and voted on. The Chair shall establish procedures for taking the votes.
2. Members may abstain from voting, either affirmatively or by inaction.
3. If, at the expiration of the applicable period, the quorum of the Executive Committee has not returned their votes, the measure being voted on shall be deemed to have failed; in all other cases, majority of the votes required shall carry the measure except where a higher vote is required by the Bylaws.

## **Article VII. Delegates**

LPHJC shall elect two delegates to represent the county at the state convention.

1. Delegates will be LPHJ members in accordance with Article III.
2. Delegates will be selected by the executive committee at the county's convention.

## **Article XII. Amendments**

1. Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all delegates present and voting at a Convention or appeal.
2. The Bylaws may be amended by a referendum: a special election called by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee.