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Bylaws

A. Preamble

- a. **NAME:** The name of this association shall be the Southern New Jersey Libertarian Party, hereinafter, referred to as "SNJLP". The association shall be incorporated under Title 15A of the laws of the State of New Jersey. The SNJLP is a membership corporation without capital stock and is incorporated for liability purposes. The SNJLP is part and parcel of the New Jersey Libertarian Party (NJLP).
- b. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the SNJLP is to organize the means for promoting Libertarian ideas and institutions in the counties of Southern New Jersey which include and are limited to: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean and Salem Counties
- c. **MEETINGS:** There shall be no limit to how many meetings take place, so long as the requirements of Section D are satisfied, unless the majority of the Board believes the proposed meetings are redundant or are not within the scope or purpose of the SNJLP.

B. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORMS

The Statement of Principles of SNJLP shall mirror that of the NJLP's Statement of Principles as set forth in its Bylaws. In the event that there are any changes to the NJLP Statement of Principles, the SNJLP reserves the right to make any changes to its Statement of Principles.

C. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone who resides in at least one of the New Jersey Counties listed above in Section A(b) and who is a dues-paying member of the New Jersey Libertarian Party. However, any general monthly meeting is open to any person who is interested in becoming a member of the NJLP and/or who has been invited by the SNJLP to speak to the membership or provide a service to the SNJLP.

D. Meetings and Committees

a. Meetings

i. General Meetings

1. General meetings shall be conducted on the first Thursday of every month at a location chosen by the Chair. This location shall be chosen with the convenience of the Board and general membership in mind and shall be situated in one of the counties delineated in Section A(b).
2. General Meetings are open to all SNJLP members and to any persons who are interested in becoming a member of the SNJLP and/or who have been invited by the SNJLP to speak to the membership or provide a service to the SNJLP.
3. Full authority shall be vested in every General Meetings of the SNJLP members.

4. At least fourteen (14) days of electronic or digital notice shall be given for any General Meeting.
5. A Board Member may designate in writing or by email an alternate for a meeting that said Board Member cannot attend. This designee shall count toward the quorum
6. Unless otherwise specified, a majority of the members of any SNJLP committee or of the Board shall constitute a quorum for that committee or Board.

ii. Emergency Meetings

1. An Emergency Meeting of the SNJLP Board may be called by the Chair. Such a meeting may be conducted via video conferenc (including but not limited to Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or similar platforms), teleconference, or hybrid format. A minimum of two (2) days notice is required unless the Board unanimously agrees otherwise in writing. Emergency Meetings shall be attended solely by current SNJLP members.

2. If any Board member withholds agreement at an Emergency Meeting, that member may be designated a “Curmudgeon.” The designation shall be duly noted in the minutes for posterity and amusement, and the Curmudgeon shall have the right to submit a minority response to the members.

b. Openness Policy

All SNJLP meetings are open to all NJLP members, and such attendees may offer their comments on business of the meeting, if time permits.

1. On rare occasions when a meeting must deal with confidential matters, part of a meeting may be limited to Board and select members. These Executive Sessions may be called by any Board member; the Chair must recognize the call and determine who may participate, aside from the Board.

E. Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee shall consider proposals for amendments to the Bylaws and report to the membership at General Meetings. The Chair of this Committee shall be chosen by the members of the Committee. Any member who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings shall be dropped from the Committee. Meetings may be held by teleconference or videoconference, and the Committee shall have the power to adopt Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules to facilitate the conduct of business by teleconference or videoconference. Agenda preference at General Meetings shall be given to proposals that have been considered by the Bylaws Committee.

F. OFFICERS

a. Incorporation of NJLP Provisions

Sections 11(c) thru (e) of the Bylaws and Rules of the New Jersey Libertarian Party (NJLP) pertaining to "Regional Organizations" and their Composition, Selection of Candidates, Selection of Officers, Meetings and Powers are incorporate herein by reference.

b. **Composition of the Board**

The SNJLP Board shall consist of the following officer positions:

i. Chair, the Regional Representative to the State Board, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director of Membership, and Representatives from County organizations (if any exist).

ii. **Terms of Officer:** The Chair and Regional

Representative to the State Board shall serve for a term that expires at the conclusion of next State Convention or when their successors are elected and qualified. All other officers shall serve one-year terms and shall be elected by a majority of the Board or at a General Meeting. All officers shall be elected during or immediately following the State Convention when practicable. Should any office other than Chair remain vacant, or become vacant thereafter, it may be filled at a later General Meeting. Officers may be nominated in absentia, provided they accept the nomination in writing (physical or digital).

iii. **Eligibility:** Any member of the SNJLP eighteen (18) years of age or older may be elected to be an Officer.

- iv. **NJLP Membership Required:** All SNJLP officers shall be NJLP members in good standing.

c. Roles of Officers

- i. **Chair:** The Chair shall preside over all SNJLP meetings; serve as a general spokesperson for the SNJLP, execute all resolutions of the Board and of General Meetings; and create and appoint standing and special committees.
 - a. If the Chair cannot attend any meeting the Regional Representative shall serve as Chair for the meeting only, unless directed otherwise by the Chair.
- ii. **Regional Representative**
 - a. The regional Representative shall be responsible for attending State Board Meetings and representing the Region at the State level. The Regional Representative shall also be report on the dealings of the State Party at SNJLP meetings.

- iii. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall maintain, record, and report minutes of all meetings, carry out other duties as directed by the Chair, and assume the duties of the Chair, if that person and the Regional Representative are both unavailable.
 - iv. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall maintain and make available proper financial records and report them to all meetings; prepare and submit any government or other financial or tax reports as required.
 - v. **Director of Membership:** The Director of Membership shall be responsible for new-members and prospect outreach, college outreach, member retention, including the distribution of renewal notices. The Director shall also manage the Members e-list (and its moderator), the Announce e-list (and its moderator), Activists e-list (and its moderator), and Regional e-lists.
- d. All SNJLP officers shall be NJLP members.

e. Removal and Temporary Repacement

A two-thirds (2/3) vote at any General Meeting may remove any person from office in the SNJLP, provided that notice of consideration of the removal of that person from office was included in the written notice of the General Meeting. If, the Chair determines it is necessary and proper to schedule an Emergency Meeting to address or vote on a Removal of an Officer, the Chair may schedule it pursuant to the notice requirements of Section D(a)(ii) and the geographical requirement set forth in D(a)(i)(1).

- i. In the event an Officer of the SNJLP is temporarily or indefinitely incapable of fulfilling their official duties, a two-thirds (2/3) vote may replace that Officer at any scheduled General or Emergency Meeting, provided the proposal is included in the meeting notice.

G. AFFILIATIONS

- a. The SNJLP shall be affiliated with the New Jersey Libertarian Party (NJLP).
- b. Any officer or SNJLP official shall be deemed to have resigned if their is a candidate for office representing any political group other than Libertarian Party in a partisan election.
- c. All candidates must be NJLP members in good standing and run under the designation of "Libertarian Party" in partisan elections. The NJLP Secretary shall provide written certification to pertinent election officials that approved SNJLP candidates are authorized to run under that designation.

- d. Except as provided in this section, the SNJLP has no affiliation with any organization designating itself as a Libertarian Party of any particular County, Borough, Township, City, Town, Village, and any other appropriate local organization, unless otherwise authorized by the New Jersey Libertarian Party (NJLP) as an official affiliate. The SNJLP, may, however, authorize transact business with such parties, so long as they are consistent with its Purpose set in Section A(b)

H. IMPLEMENTATION

- a. The SNJLP Board shall have the authority to adopt rules to implement these ByLaws and the Certificate of Incorporation. Such rules may be adopted, or abolished by any General Meeting with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- b. Except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws and the Certificate of Incorporation, the current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern all SNJLP meetings to the greatest extent possible.

I. VOTE

- a. Unless otherwise specified, the number of votes required (such as two-thirds (2/3), majority, *etc*) to carry a motion is determined by those voiting with abstentions not counted.

J. AMENDMENTS

- a. These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting provided notice of the proposed amendments has been given in the notice for the meeting, so long as it does not conflict with NJLP Platform
- b. Except for the Staement of Principles (as defined elsewhere), the SNJLP Platform may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote so long as it dose not conflict with the NJLP Platform. Written notice of the proposed modifications must be given to all members in accordance with notice requirements stated elsewhere in these Bylaws. Every attempt should be made to stay as uniform as possible with the NJLP's Statement of Principles.

- c. The Certificate of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership at any General Meeting, provided that the change is included in General Meeting notices.
- d. Written notice of the proposed amendments to these Bylaws, the Statement of Principles, or the SNJLP Platform planks shall include the proposed text deletions, insertions, additions and all relevant rationalizations for the proposed changes.
- e. Any Business Rule noted below may be suspended, rescinded, or amended by a majority vote of a body that is larger than the body that adopted it. Any Business Rule may be suspended, rescinded, or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the body that adopted it. No Business Rule may be suspended, rescinded, or amended by a body that is smaller than the body that adopted it.
- f. Amendments of any Business Rule causes that Rule to become adopted by the amending body.

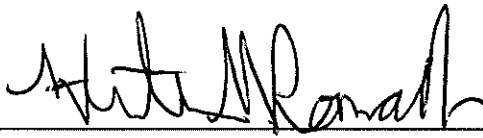
K. DISSOLUTION

The Board has the authority to propose to dissolve the SNJLP, and following such proposal to present to the membership a plan of dissolution in accordance with Title 15A of the laws of the State of New Jersey. Such presentation shall be made at a General Meeting, provided sufficient changes are included in General Meetings notice.

L. RATIFICATION

- a. These Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote. Additional resolutions can be made to allow clerical adjustments.

Resolved, that the SNJLP Secretary be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuations, and cross-references and to make such other technical changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the SNJLP in connection with any amendments.

Certified by  SNJLP Secretary
Signature.

on this date 6 of August, 2026
Day Month. Year.

Hunter M. Romach
Printed name of above SNJLP Secretary

Business Rules

A. FISCAL POLICY

a. SNJLP Expense Reimbursement Policy:

- i. The NJLP will reimburse the reasonable and necessary expenses of its members when they undertake activities authorized by the Board, or a General Meeting. Expenses must be documented.
- ii. Minor expenses not exceeding \$100.00 may be authorized by the Chair. All other expenses must be approved a majority of the Board.
- iii. Examples of reasonable and necessary expenses include the following items:
 1. Photocopying, printing, tolls, postage, parking, phone calls, and faxes.
 2. Mileage: per Federal rate at the time the expense is made.
 3. Meals: up to \$10 per person for lunch and breakfast, \$20 for dinner.
- iv. Examples of items *not* nonnally reimbursed include (coverage for the following may be granted for some of the items on a case by case basis through prior review and approval):
 1. Auto fuel: already included in the standard mileage allowance.
 2. Insurance (auto and personal liability), parking tickets and other violations are the responsibility of the individual.
 3. Time: "volunteer" is assumed, unless prior agreement is made.
 4. Car rental.
 5. Alcoholic beverages.
 6. Legal expenses.
 7. Political campaign expenses: campaign expenses must pay for these, not SNJLP General Funds.
 8. Committee meeting expenses: National LP and NJLP Convention charges, meals, and travel costs are covered by the individual member.
The reimbursement policy should not be interpreted as requiring SNJLP volunteers to submit their expenses for reimbursement.

Date of Approval

These Bylaws were approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership on:

August 6, 2026
Date

Notes on This Cleaned Version

This document is a cleaned and clarified draft of the SNJLP Bylaws originally provided. The following categories of change were made:

- 1. Spelling, grammar, and typographical corrections** throughout (e.g. “association,” “Liberatarian,” “minamum,” “unamously,” “Exexutive,” “concllusion,” “offiers,” ”phicial,” ”insertitions,” “relevent,” “recinded,” etc)
- 2. Resolution of contradictory officer-term provisions.** The original text simultaneously statd that the Chair and Regional Representative serve until the next State Convention and that every officer has a one-year term limit elected at the ‘State Convention. The cleaned version unifies there into a coherent rule: Chair and Regional Representative expire at the conclusion of the next State Convention (or when successors are elected); other officers serve one-year terms.
- 3. Clarified and completed the “Curmudgeon” provision** so that it is understandable and usable.
- 4. Fixed broken cross-references** (original references to non-existent “Section D(b)” and mismatched subsection numbers).
- 5. Corrected the reimbursement polity** to refer consistently to SNJLP (the original mixed NJLP and SNJLP language).
- 6. Improved consistency of capitalization, parallel structure, and punctuation** while preserving the original substantive intent to the greatest extent possible.