

Amendment Form, Bylaws and Rules of the Republican Liberty Caucus

Please use this form which is available at rlc.org to propose changes to RLC Bylaws or Caucus rules. Duplicate this form so that every proposed change is on a separate form. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Submit no later than Monday, April 10th, 2017 to chair@rlc.org

PROPOSAL: That Article/Standing Rule Article 3, Section 1

1. Which now reads:

Section 1:

There shall be three categories of membership: Regular, Associate, and Honorary.

A. Regular membership shall be limited to individuals who affiliate with the Republican Party, who have paid current minimum dues and who support the purposes of the Caucus, as defined by the Statement of Principles. Regular members are qualified to serve in any official capacity in the Caucus (assuming they also meet any other specific qualifications for the position), to act as delegates at any Convention and to enjoy all the privileges extended in these Bylaws. If a question of eligibility for Regular membership is raised with the Board, the Board shall hear evidence presented by the Secretary and make a final determination by a simple majority vote.

B. Associate membership shall be open to individuals, no matter their political affiliation, who have affirmatively indicated their support for the purposes of the Caucus. Associate members shall receive such services and privileges as the Board of Directors may specify.

C. Honorary membership may be extended to any person designated by the Board of Directors or chartered State Executive Committees. Honorary members shall enjoy such rights, privileges or honors as may be explicitly conferred thereby, either individually or as a group.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall set the minimum annual dues requirement for Regular membership in the Caucus, which shall not exceed sixty dollars. Dues shall be current until the anniversary date of the member's previous dues payment.

Section 3: Dues payments received by the Caucus shall be shared with the applicable Chartered State organization in a fixed amount, not to exceed twenty five dollars, and disbursed to that State organization on an agreed schedule at least quarterly and at least thirty days before a Caucus convention. Dues payments received by Chartered State organizations shall be shared in the same fixed amount and disbursed to the Caucus on the same agreed schedule, after reconciliation of transfer balances by the national and state Treasurers. The Caucus, or Chartered State organizations, may offer premium membership rates or services, which shall be subject to the same fixed dues sharing amounts as Regular membership. No Regular membership shall be offered for a period in excess of two years.

Section 4: The Caucus or Chartered State organizations may waive their portion of dues for any special circumstance or condition approved by their respective executive committees, but shall pay the fixed shared amount of dues to the other entity, either from the exceptional membership dues payment or from general revenues. Either entity may offer periodic payments smaller than the Regular minimum dues, but shall disburse the shared portion before any other allocation of receipts.

Section 5: Contributions received by the Caucus or Chartered State organizations from contributors who are not Regular Members shall first be applied toward minimum annual dues and shared in the same fashion as other dues receipts, unless the contributor explicitly declines such membership. All other

contributions or donations may be expended as specified by the respective executive committees, but shall not be donated to any electoral campaign.

Section 6: Any membership may be suspended or revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Caucus or the applicable Chartered State executive committee for just cause, which may include malfeasance in office, misappropriation of funds, misrepresenting the positions of the Caucus, or conduct which reflects poorly on the Caucus. Any member suspended or revoked by a State charter organization shall have the right to appeal to the National Board of Directors within 90 days, and the National Board of Directors shall render a decision within 90 days of appeal.

2. Be amended by striking out and/or changing wording as follows:

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B: Student membership shall be limited to individuals who are currently enrolled as a student in an educational institution, and shall confer the same privileges as regular membership above. If a question of eligibility as a student is raised with the Board, the Board shall hear evidence presented by the Secretary and make a final determination by a simple majority vote.

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Commented [MN1]: We're trying to remove all references to specific dollar amounts from the bylaws and move them into the rules. The last sentence as currently written means the member is penalized if he/she renews early because they're end date becomes a year from the date the renew their membership. As it stands when a member renews early in CiviCRM, a year is added to the current end date.

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Commented [MN2]: Move all of these to standing rules.

Section 6 3: Any membership may be suspended or revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Caucus or the applicable Chartered State executive committee for just cause, which may include malfeasance in office, misappropriation of funds, misrepresenting the positions of the Caucus, or conduct which reflects poorly on the Caucus. Any member suspended or revoked by a State charter organization shall have the right to appeal to the National Board of Directors within 90 days, and the National Board of Directors shall render a decision within 90 days of appeal.

3. If adopted would read: (Indicate changes in capital letters or underline.)

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Rationale for change:

Fiscal impact:

Submitted by _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

Date _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Proposed amendments to the 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. *(Bylaws Article IX, Amendments, Section 1)*