

## **Proposed Bylaws Amendment: Election of Officers**

For discussion at Rules Committee Meeting, January 16, 2021

For consideration at State Committee Meeting: January 23, 2021

Purpose: While the requirement of a majority vote to elect a person to a single office is not uncommon, it is **not** standard practice for multi-winner (aka multi-vacancy) races. For example, the multiple seats for Arizona Corporation Commissioners or the two State House representatives from each LD are awarded to the highest vote getters. Now that we are using a professional voting platform for our virtual meetings, we have an opportunity and a necessity to use standard election methods. We must alter our bylaws to allow for multi-vacancy positions (e.g., Vice Chairs, DNC Representatives) to be elected using standard voting methods (whether traditional or ranked choice).

### **ARTICLE III. STATE COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

#### **Section 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

A. In all cases where there is more than one (1) candidate for office, voting shall be conducted by individual ballot. *Except for multi-vacancy positions, to be elected, a person must receive votes on a majority of ballots cast. If a second or subsequent ballot is necessary, the name of the candidate with the lowest vote total from the preceding ballot shall be excluded from the subsequent ballot. The same procedure shall be followed until a nominee shall have received votes on a majority of ballots cast. Winners of multi-vacancy elections shall be those persons receiving the highest numbers of votes.*