

Proposed ADP Bylaws Amendment: Election of Officers

Recommended by the Rules Committee for approval at the
State Committee Meeting: January 23, 2021

Background and 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 the 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). This amendment is crucial to the administration and completion of our multi-vacancy officer elections on January 23, and moving forward.

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~~ 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.**