

## **Proposed Bylaw Amendment Relating to Standing Committees and to Establish a Census and Redistricting Committee**

### ***Purpose and Goals:***

This amendment is to establish a standing committee related to census and redistricting. The bylaws currently assign redistricting responsibility to the Election Integrity Committee, which already has enormous responsibilities focused on election integrity, and no State Party committee is specifically charged with looking out for voters during the Census.

The decennial redistricting process in Arizona is complex and a standing committee can further support the ADP and partner organizations with the goal of achieving fair district maps and as complete a Census as possible. Over the past two redistricting cycles, the ADP has hired staff to support these goals, but such positions do not typically remain throughout the decade. With a standing committee rooted throughout the state that can help serve as a bridge to Democrats and others in our counties and LDs, the Census and Redistricting Committee will be well positioned to assist in recruiting potential Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) commissioners; monitoring possible appointments to the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments (the body that vets IRC commissioners); organizing Arizonans to participate in, monitor, and publicize IRC proceedings as well as efforts to increase participation in the Census; and recommend actions to improve the redistricting process.

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## Article VI OTHER COMMITTEES

### Section 2. Standing Committees

A. Unless an ex-officio standing committee chair is specified in these bylaws, the State Chair shall appoint a chair for each Standing Committee within 30 days of each State Committee Organizational Meeting. Such appointments shall be made with advice from the other officers. ***Chair appointments for newly established Standing Committees shall be made within 30 days of the adoption of the bylaw amendment that establishes the committee.***

B. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, each Committee Chair shall appoint the corresponding committee members, with advice from the State Chair. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, each standing committee shall include five (5) to fifteen (15) members, with representation from at least five (5) counties. All standing committee members shall be State

Committeepersons. The majority of members of any standing committee shall be individuals other than Executive Board members.

C. Standing Committees and their responsibilities:

2. *Election Integrity Committee.* The duties of the Election Integrity Committee shall be to (a) protect the integrity of elections by assuring that all processes are in compliance with federal, state and local laws, statutes and regulations; (b) organize and coordinate with County Committees and other organizations to (i) assure comprehensive access to voter registration services and information, including the protection and restoration of voting rights; (ii) recruit poll workers, poll observers and ballot processing observers to monitor the county government administration of elections; (iii) recommend county level election integrity guidelines and best practices; **and** (c) monitor and recommend responses to proposed federal and state legislation that may impact voting rights or election processes; ~~and, (d) recommend actions to ensure the integrity of the Arizona decennial redistricting process.~~

**6. *Census and Redistricting Committee: The duties of the Census and Redistricting Committee shall be to (a) organize and coordinate with County Committees and other organizations to (i) assist in recruiting potential Democratic and Independent commissioner candidates for the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC), (ii) observe and publicize the work of the IRC, (iii) recruit interested parties to participate in proceedings of the IRC and other relevant bodies, and (iv) assist in efforts to increase statewide participation in the decennial Census; and (b) monitor and recommend actions to continue to improve the redistricting process.***