



# RESOLUTION FOR STATE AFFILIATE AUTONOMY

## Affirming Affiliate Autonomy and Procedural Due Process Within the Libertarian Party

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**Adopting body:** Executive Committee of The Libertarian Party of Maine

**Adopted:** 6/10/2026

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WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of Maine is a chartered, state-level affiliate of the Libertarian Party; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 5 of the Libertarian Party Bylaws explicitly provides that "the autonomy of the affiliate and sub-affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party, except as provided by these bylaws"; and

WHEREAS, the strength and integrity of the Libertarian Party have historically depended on the deliberative independence of its state affiliates to reflect the political character and judgment of their respective state memberships; and

WHEREAS, recent actions by the Libertarian National Committee regarding the disaffiliation of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire raise broad institutional concerns about the scope of national authority over state affiliate communications and the procedural standards governing affiliate discipline; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party contain no express grant of authority to the National Committee to police the social media or other communications of state affiliates beyond the specific affiliate-conduct prohibitions enumerated in Article 5, Section 4; and

WHEREAS, the National Committee's own past procedural standards for affiliate discipline—as demonstrated in the 2021 New Hampshire matter and the 2022 New Mexico matter—included advance notice to the affiliate, particularized articulation of alleged conduct, a meaningful opportunity to be heard, and the convening of an investigatory committee to develop an objective record prior to issuing sanctions; and

WHEREAS, the current Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire is distinct from the past leadership body that issued the controversial 2024 presidential endorsements, rendering the recent disaffiliation a form of collective punishment applied to an altered governing body; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 6 of the Libertarian Party Bylaws mandates that the Judicial Committee must rule within 30 days of an appeal or the National Committee's revocation is automatically affirmed, effectively creating a mechanism where judicial inaction deprives a state affiliate of a definitive ruling on the merits, rendering the process structurally insufficient to safeguard affiliates against the party's most severe disciplinary penalty; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maine takes no position in this Resolution on the underlying merits of any specific affiliate's messaging, but addresses exclusively the vital institutional principles of affiliate autonomy and procedural fairness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Libertarian Party of Maine affirms the autonomy of state affiliates as guaranteed by Article 5, Section 5 of the Bylaws, including the right of state affiliates to determine their own messaging and communications consistent with the national Bylaws and the Statement of Principles.
2. The Libertarian Party of Maine expresses grave concern regarding any assertion of National Committee authority to police state affiliate communications absent explicit bylaws authorization, and calls upon the National Committee to articulate, clearly and in writing, the exact textual basis for any such assertion of authority.
3. The Libertarian Party of Maine urges that any future disciplinary action by the National Committee against any affiliate strictly adhere to fundamental due process, ensuring:

- a. Advance written notice to the affected affiliate;
  - b. A particularized articulation of the specific conduct alleged and the exact bylaws provisions violated;
  - c. A meaningful, timely opportunity for the affiliate to respond before a vote is called;
  - d. The convening of an independent investigatory committee to develop the factual record when the alleged conduct is material or contested; and
  - e. Absolute clarity regarding undefined terms within party policy, such as what constitutes an "official endorsement" rising to the level of cause for disaffiliation.
4. The Libertarian Party of Maine calls upon the National Committee to adopt and publish formal, written standards within the Policy Manual governing affiliate-discipline procedures, ensuring affiliates can clearly anticipate the metrics and mechanisms by which their charter status may be evaluated or revoked.
  5. The Libertarian Party of Maine directs its Chair to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Libertarian National Committee, and to the Chair of the Judicial Committee.
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## **Vote**

Adopted by the Executive Committee of The Libertarian Party of Maine on [6/10/2026] by a recorded vote of [7 *in favor*, 0 *opposed*, 1 *abstain*].

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Dane Courtois, Chair of The Libertarian Party of Maine

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Ben Tucker, Secretary of The Libertarian Party of Maine