

## MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CHECKLIST

Name of proposed Minor Political Party: Reform Party of Florida (reapplication due to law change)

On the January 1<sup>st</sup> preceding a primary election, the proposed minor political party does not have registered as members 5% of the total registered voters of the state (s. 97.012(18), Florida Statutes).

The group is organized for the general purposes of electing qualified persons to office and determining public issues under the democratic processes of the United States (s. 103.095(1), Florida Statutes).

In addition, the following are required by s. 103.095, Florida Statutes, to be filed with the Department of State:

- A certificate (*i.e.*, a signed document) showing the:
  - Name of the organization (*i.e.*, the party)
  - Names and addresses of its current officers
  - Names and addresses of the members of its executive committee
    - The members of the executive committee must elect a chair, vice chair, secretary & treasurer (the secretary and treasurer can be same person; others cannot hold more than one office), all whom must be members of the party.
- A completed uniform statewide voter registration application for each of its current officers and members of its executive committee reflecting a party affiliation with the proposed party must accompany the certificate.

A copy of the party's:

“Constitution” [could be called a “charter”]

“Bylaws, and rules and regulations” [these all essentially mean rules]; plus,

The constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations or other equivalent documents must reflect that each member of the party has a fundamental right to fully and meaningfully participate in the business and affairs of the party without any monetary encumbrance.

Also, the constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations or other equivalent documents must provide for and have reasonable provisions that prescribe procedures to:

- Prescribe its membership;
- Conduct its meeting according to generally accepted parliamentary practices;
- Timely notify its members as to time, date, and place of all its meetings;
- Timely publish notice on its public and functioning website as to the time, date, and place of all its meetings; (Thus, the group must provide:  A functioning website address.)
- Elect its officers;
- Remove its officers;
- Make party nominations (when required by law);
- Conduct campaigns for party nominees;
- Raise and expend party funds;
- Select delegates to its national convention, if applicable;
- Select presidential electors, if applicable; and
- Alter or amend all of its governing documents.

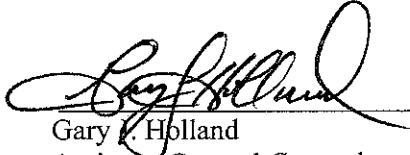
**Conclusion:**     **Legally insufficient** (based upon the box(es) left unchecked)     **Legally sufficient**

Comments:

1. The Party does not have a Constitution; its governing documents consist solely of its "By-laws and Rules." However, it is acceptable to not have a Constitution.

2. For the Party's information, Article VIII of the By-Laws and Rules skips from Section 7 to Section 9, then to Section 11. Thus, there are no Sections 8 and 10.

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