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ARIZONA LIBERTARIANS HOLD PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ON INTERNET Save AZ Taxpayers \$1M

PHOENIX, AZ, JANUARY 28, 2008 — Arizona Libertarians will be holding their presidential preference primary election on the Internet this year, thereby saving Arizona's taxpayers over a million dollars. Michael Kielsky, Chairman of the Arizona Libertarian Party, announced details today.

“This is believed to be the first time in U.S. history that a state-wide election has been held via the Internet, only”, said Kielsky. “According to Maricopa County Election officials, the Libertarian Party is saving Arizona taxpayers over a million dollars by sparing them the costs of printing, distributing, collecting and counting Libertarian ballots.” The Arizona Libertarian Party is funding the election because they believe primary elections are an internal party function that should not be funded by non-members.

Another first is the use of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in a U.S. statewide election. With RCV, voters rank as many candidates as they like, in order of preference, instead picking only one. Kielsky explained, “This method works well when there are many candidates. Unlike common ‘winner-take-all’ elections, the candidate with the most first-choice votes doesn’t necessarily win the election. For example, if first-choice votes are spread evenly among many candidates, but one of these candidates has significantly more of the second-choice votes, that candidate would win. It’s a fairer method than ‘winner-take-all’ because the results better reflect the desires of the voters.” Many public interest groups, including The League of Women Voters of Arizona and FairVote AZ, are actively seeking election reform based on RCV. RCV is used in several countries, including Australia and Ireland, in many U.S. jurisdictions including San Francisco, CA, and a ballot initiative to enact RCV is underway in Glendale, AZ.

Registered Arizona Libertarians may participate in the election by logging onto the election website at www.LPelection.com. The site will authenticate the voters and then accept their votes online. A hotline for anyone encountering problems, or without Internet access, has been established at (800) 875-7369. The online polls will open at 9 AM on January 30, 2008 and close at 7 PM on February 5, 2008. The results will guide Arizona's Libertarian delegates, who will participate in selecting the Libertarian Presidential nominee at the national convention to be held from May 22-26, 2008 in Denver, CO.

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