



LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

# STATUTE

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In Accordance with Articles 14 и 16 from the Law on Political Parties (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No.76/04, 5/07, 8/07, 5/08 and 23/13), the Assembly of the Liberal-Democratic Party, on 1 February 2015, has reached the following:

## **STATUTE**

of the Liberal Democratic Party

### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 1**

The Liberal-Democratic Party is a political party, a legal successor of the Democratic and the Liberal Party, in which citizens join freely due to:

- broadening the political and economic freedoms and rights of the citizens;
- broadening and protecting of political, economic, social, cultural, environmental and other rights, interests, ideas and beliefs of its members;
- participation in the presidential election proceedings, election of members of parliament, mayors, council members (public officials) and
- assuming government/power.

#### **Article 2**

The name of the party is: LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Abbreviated name of the party is LDP.

The head office of the party is located in Skopje

The party has its own round seal which contains the name of the party in its upper part, the symbol of the party is in the middle part of the seal and the lower part contains the name of the city of Skopje.

The stamp of the party is in a rectangular form, the name of the party is written in the upper part, in the middle part there are two lines for the written number and date and in the upper part the name of the city of Skopje is written.

#### **Article 3**

The Party has its own trademark, party flag, and a song and party membership card.

The trademark has the following elements: a blue equilateral triangle, which contains a graphically designed yellow letter "L". Under the triangle, the following is written in three rows, in blue letters: Liberal-Democratic Party. The word Party is placed between two yellow lines. The party flag is in a rectangular shape with a white base on which the trademark of the party is applied.

The solemn song of the party is a cover version of the famous folk song: "More sokol pie".

The party membership card contains the trademark of the Party, the required data for the card owner and it serves as a document for proving the affiliation to the Party.

#### **Article 4**

The party functions as a legal entity.

The Party is independent in the organization and realization of its goals, assignments and activities determined by this Statute.

The Party exercises its rights, responsibilities and obligations in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia, the laws, this Statute and all other positive regulations.

#### **Article 5**

The Liberal - Democratic Party may, through a special decision of the Central Board, develop various forms of cooperation with other parties and organizations with related programs and objectives, from the country and abroad, enter into coalitions with other parties and organizations from the country and become a member in relevant regional, European and world organizations.

## **II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **Article 6**

The main goals and objectives of LDP are the following:

- development of the Macedonian society and state and defense of its sovereignty and integrity;
- development of the democratic processes in the Macedonian society;
- functioning of the Republic of Macedonia as a civil state whose sovereignty stems from its citizen;
- complete implementation of the political and economic reforms;
- strengthening and uniting of the liberal, democratic and reform movement as well as defending the core values of liberal democracy;
- protection and improvement of individual freedoms and rights of citizens;
- integration of the country in the European and the Euro -Atlantic economic, political and security systems;
- becoming the party of free and accountable individuals, people with civil and liberal spirit;
- becoming the party that focuses on achieving the European standards in all spheres of life.

#### **Article 7**

In order to accomplish the goals and objectives stipulated in Article 6 from this Statute, LDP adopts a party program and other strategic and planned documents.

### **III. MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY**

#### **Article 8**

The member is the basis for the organization of LDP.

An individual who signs an accession form becomes a member of the Party.

#### **Article 9**

The accession and the membership in the party represent a personal right of the citizens who accepts its program objectives and statutory regulations.

Any adult citizen of the Republic of Macedonia can become a member of the Party, regardless of its national or ethnic background, sex, religion or occupation.

#### **Article 10**

Provided that any association, political or social organization accesses the party, then its members become fulltime members of the Party only by signing the party accession form.

The decision regarding such a situation is reached by the Central Board.

#### **Article 11**

The member of the party has the following rights, responsibilities and obligations:

- to participate in the activities of LDP on all levels of organization;
- to make suggestions, and set forth its opinions and views;
- to freely express its own opinions and views regarding the governing bodies of the party;
- to elect and be elected in the bodies of the Party;
- to be nominated for public office holder;
- to actively participate in the realization of the goals and objectives of the party;
- to be informed about the activities of the party and its bodies;
- to be engaged in broadening the liberal democratic values as well as increasing the numbers of members and supporters of LDP;
- to focus on the implementation of the program, statute, decisions and views of the bodies of the party in its political action;
- to preserve the dignity and identity of the Party;
- to make suggestions regarding the continuous operation of the bodies of the party according to his abilities;
- to have a different view from the majority in the Party and to engage through the bodies of the Party, for the same to be accepted and preferably implemented, although the majority view is considered to be binding.

## **Article 12**

The membership in LDP is terminated:

- by a written statement of withdrawal;
- by accession to another political party;
- through running as a candidate on an electoral list of another political entity;
- through election or appointment on a position by another political entity, without any prior consent from a relevant body of LDP;

## **IV. BASIC PRINCIPALS OF ORGANIZATION**

### **Article 13**

LDP is organized on a territorial principle.

The territorial principal of organization of the members of the Party includes:

- Municipality organizations;
- City organization- Skopje and
- Organization on a state level.

### **Article 14**

The municipal organization of LDP represents the basic form of organizing the members of one municipal territory.

The municipal organization is formed by a reached decision of the Central Board of the LDP.

The Municipal Board of the LDP reaches a decision, if required, and establishes local territorial boards.

The jurisdiction, bodies and manner of operation of the local territorial boards are determined by a decision and/or other acts of the Central Board.

The Central Board may establish other forms of organization of the LDP with a special reached decision.

### **Article 15**

The bodies of the Municipal Organization and the City Organization of LDP, can be dismissed by a reached decision of the Central Board, if they act contrary to the Statute and the Program of the LDP.

### **Article 16**

The bodies of the municipal organization of the LDP are the following:

- Assembly;
- Municipal Board;
- Executive board of the municipal board;
- President of the Municipal Board, and
- Supervisory Board.

### **Article 17**

The Assembly of the municipal organization of the LDP is the highest body of the municipal organization.

The Assembly of the municipal organization of LDP consists of all the members of the municipal territory, and provided that the number of the members exceeds 100, then a fixed number of members is elected for the Assembly.

The number of members of the Assembly of the municipal organization is determined by reaching a separate decision of the Municipal Board which also contains the procedure for calling the Assembly pursuant to the decisions and procedures of the Central Board. The Assembly of the municipal organization fully operates and reaches decisions, provided that more than half of the total number of members are present.

### **Article 18**

The Assembly of the Municipal organization of LDP is called on a meeting with a reached decision from the Municipal Board. The decision for calling a meeting of the Assembly of the municipal organization can be reached by the Central Board, as well.

### **Article 19**

The Assembly of the municipal organization of LDP has the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- It influences the implementation of the Program of the party in the municipality;
- It reviews the underlying political issues, documents and actions of the party in the municipality;
- it determines guidelines for functioning of the party in the municipality, in accordance with the program orientation;
- it conducts discussions, sets forth its opinions, reaches conclusions and adopts the annual statements of the municipal organization;
- it conducts discussions regarding the material –financial state of the municipal organization and the statements of the Supervisory Board;
- it sets up working parties and commissions;
- it chooses and revokes the members of the Municipal Board;
- it chooses and revokes the members of the Supervisory Board;
- it adopts its Rules of Procedure, and
- performs other activities and assignments that arise from the program activities, or are being determined by Law, by other procedures or by this Statute. The Assembly reaches decisions by a majority vote of the present members, unless it is otherwise stipulated by this Statute.

### **Article 20**

The Municipal Board consists of 15 to 40 members, chosen by the Assembly of the municipal organization. The number of members of the Municipal Board is determined by the Assembly of the municipal organization.

The members of the municipal board of the municipal organization of the LDP, the president, a vice president and secretary of the municipal organization of the Liberal Democratic Youth, the president and secretary of the municipal organization of the Forum of women, elected members of Parliament, Council members and the mayor of the respective municipality can function as members of the Municipal Board of the municipal organization of the LDP.

### **Article 21**

The Municipal Board of the municipal organization of LDP has the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- it elects and dismisses the president, one or more vice-presidents and the secretary of the Municipal Board, by a majority vote of the total number of members in the municipal board;
- it elects its own Executive Board of the Municipal Board, by majority vote of the total number of members in the municipal board
- it elects members of the Assembly of the Liberal Democratic Party;
- it elects members of the Assembly of the City organization of LDP - Skopje (LDP municipal organizations on the territory of the City Skopje);
- it reaches decisions regarding the establishment of local/territorial boards;
- if required it sets up a veteran's club of the municipal organization;
- it suggests directions for future activities of the municipal organization;
- it sets forth the annual statement for the operation of the municipal organization;
- it determines candidates for a mayor and for members of the municipal council;
- it determines the financial plan;
- it keeps a record of the membership in the municipal organization;
- it establishes committees and temporary working bodies;
- it sets forth proposals and initiatives to the Central Board of LDP;
- it reaches a decision regarding the establishment of the Professional service of the municipal organization;
- it decides on the amendments and changes to its members up to 20% of the total number of the elected members of the municipal board during the mandate;
- it adopts the Rules of Procedure for its activities;
- pursuant to the decisions of the Central Board it conducts its member policy in the municipal organization;
- it records candidates for parliament and submits the same to the Central Board;
- it realizes other rights, obligations and responsibilities that will be entrusted to it by the Assembly of the municipal organization, as well as those that arise from the goals and assignments of the Party.

The Municipal Board reaches decisions with the majority of present members, unless it is otherwise stipulated by this Statute.

## **Article 22**

The sessions of the Municipal Board shall be convened and chaired by the President of the Municipal Board, and in case of his absence, the authorized entity for the same is one of the Vice Presidents of the Municipal Board.

The President is obliged to convene a session of the Municipal Board within 8 days if a written and argumentative proposal was submitted by more than half of the members of the Municipal Board.

## **Article 23**

The Executive Board of the Municipal Board is an executive body.

The Executive Board consists of 7 to 15 members elected by the Municipal Board. By position, in addition to the members elected in accordance with paragraph 2, the following are members of the Executive Board: President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary of the Municipal Board, the President of the Municipal Organization of the Liberal Democratic Youth and the President of the Forum of Women.

## **Article 24**

The Executive Board has the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- it proposes views and conclusions to the Municipal Board;
- it determines the draft-financial plan;
- it determines the draft- Statement for the operation of the bodies of the municipal organization;
- it determines the draft-guidelines for future activities;
- it takes care of the activities of the technical service of the municipal organization;
- it implements the decisions and conclusions of the Municipal Board;
- it coordinates the activities of the advisory group with the elected officials of the municipality;
- it sets up committees and temporary working bodies;
- it adopts the Rules of Procedures and
- it performs other activities that are entrusted to the same by the Municipal Board, as well as activities that arise from this Statute.

The Executive Board reaches decisions with the majority of present members, unless it is otherwise stipulated by this Statute.

## **Article 25**

The supervisory Board is elected by the Assembly of the municipal organization of LDP.

The Supervisory Board amounts from 3 to 5 members that are elected by the Assembly of the municipal organization.

The Supervisory Board elects a president from its own members.



The Supervisory Board performs:

- control over the implementation of the Statute and other procedures of the municipal organization of the Party;
- controls the implementation of the decisions reached by the Assembly, the Municipal Board and the Executive Board of the municipal organization;
- it audits the financial activities of the Municipal Board;
- it conducts other activities that arise from this Statute and the acts of the Central Board.

#### **Article 26**

A city Organization of LDP- Skopje is established on the territory of the city of Skopje, which holds meetings of the Assembly that consists of elected representatives from the municipal organizations of the LDP from the territory of the city of Skopje and the representatives of the City Organization.

The number of members of the Assembly of the municipal organization of LDP- Skopje is determined by a decision of the City Board of the City Organization of the LDP-Skopje.

#### **Article 27**

The provisions from Article 15 to Article 26 of this Statute are effective for the activities of the bodies of the City Organization of LDP-Skopje.

### **V. BODIES OF THE LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

#### **Article 28**

The bodies of LDP are the following:

- Assembly;
- Central Board;
- Executive Board;
- President;
- Supervisory Board, and
- General Secretary.

## **V. A. ASSEMBLY OF LDP**

### **Article 29**

The Assembly is the highest body of LDP.

The Assembly consists of :

- the President of the LDP;
- the Secretary General of the LDP;
- members of the Central Committee of the LDP;
- members of the Supervisory Board of the LDP;
- President of the Council of the LDP; presidents of municipal boards and President of the City Board;
- members of Parliament of LDP in the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia;
- members of the Government from the ranks of the LDP;
- mayors in the local self- government units from the ranks of the LDP;
- members of the Executive Board of the Liberal Democratic Youth of the LDP;
- elected members of the councils of local-self-government units from the ranks of the LDP, provided that the Central Board reaches a special decision regarding the same and
- members who are elected by municipal organizations of the LDP,
- the city organization, municipal clubs and the Forum of Women of the LDP, whose number and selection procedure is determined by reaching a separate decision by the Central Board based on predefined criteria.

The period for holding the meeting of the Assembly, is determined by the Central Board of the Party with a separate decision.

### **Article 30**

The Assembly of the LDP is held when necessary, but mandatory every fourth year. The Assembly is convened by the reached decision of the Central Board, but no later than 30 days before the expiry of the mandate.

Proposal or request for convening the Assembly may be submitted by more than half of the municipal organizations of LDP. The Assembly operates under the Rules of Procedure.

The Assembly is convened by a written invitation, which contains the proposed agenda.

### **Article 31**

The Assembly may fully operate and decide provided that the session is attended by more than half of the total number of members.

The Assembly reaches decisions by a majority vote of the members present, unless it is otherwise stipulated by this Statute.

The Assembly carries out the decisions within its competence, as well as the selection of the bodies by a prior debate, which should preferably be public.

The voting may be secret provided that a special decision is adopted regarding the same.

There is a Minutes Meeting taken about the activities of the Assembly signed by the chairman of the session, minute's secretary and 2 verifiers of the minutes meeting.

### **Article 32**

The Assembly LDP has the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- it adopts the program and statute of the LDP;
- it amends and supplements the program and the Statute;
- it establishes guidelines for the activities of the Party;
- it adopts resolutions, declarations and other acts and program documents;
- it adopt the reports on the activities of the bodies of the Party;
- it decides to change the name and trademark of the Party;
- it establishes working bodies of the Assembly;
- it elects and revokes the Central Board;
- it elects and revokes the Supervisory Board;
- it elects and revokes the President of the Party;
- it elects and revokes the Secretary General of the Party;
- it decides on appeals and complaints of the members of the Party, as well as requirements addressed to Parliament;
- it adopt its Rules of Procedure;
- it transfers jurisdictions to other bodies of the Party;
- it performs other duties arising from the program objectives or determined by law, by other regulations or by this Statute.

### **Article 33**

In case of emergencies or extraordinary circumstances, the rights, obligations and responsibilities of the Assembly are performed by the Central Board of the Party, thereby having the obligation to inform the Assembly regarding the undertaken activities on the first next session.

## **V. B. CENTRAL BOARD OF LDP**

### **Article 34**

The Central Board is elected by the LDP, suggested by the President of the Party and it represents the highest body of the Party between two Assemblies.

The mandate of the Central Board is 4 (four) years.

The Central Board amounts from 70 to 90 members.

Ex officio, the members of the Central Board are the following:

- the President of the Party;
- the Secretary General;
- the President of the Council;
- the President, Vice-President, Secretary General of Liberal Democratic Youth;
- the President and Secretary General of the Forum of Women;
- elected Parliament Members from LDP in Parliament;
- members of the Government from the ranks of the LDP;
- mayors from the ranks of the LDP.

The presidents of the municipal boards and the City Board of the LDP - Skopje as well as the presidents of the municipal clubs of the LDP participate on the sessions of the Central Board.

### **Article 35**

The candidates for members of the Central Board of the LDP are proposed by the municipal boards and bodies of the LDP through predetermined selection criteria and conducted proceedings.

Out of the proposed candidates, the President of the LDP proposes a single list of candidates for members of the Central Board which can be up to 30% greater than the number of candidates required to be elected.

The single list contains at least 70% of candidates for members of the Central Board proposed by the municipal organizations.

Provided that the draft list contains more candidates than the number required to be elected, then a secret ballot is carried out and those candidates who win the most votes shall be deemed elected.

Specific rules are being adopted by the Central Board of the LDP regarding the number, procedure and criteria for the nomination of candidates for members of the Central Board of the LDP.

### **Article 36**

The Central Board holds meetings if required, but it holds at least four meetings during the year.

The meetings of the Central Board shall be convened by the proposal of:

- the President of the LDP;
- a Body of the LDP;
- 1/3 of the members of the Central Board,
- 1/3 of the municipal boards.

The president of the Party presides the sessions of the Central Board, and in case of his absence, and upon his authorization, one of the vice-presidents or general secretary of the LDP presides the same.

The meetings of the Central Board shall be convened by written invitation, which contains the proposed agenda, and upon emergency the meetings are convened by an oral invitation.

### **Article 37**

The Central Board leads discussions, takes positions and reaches decisions based on public voting.

The vote may be secret, provided that a separate decision is reached for the same.

The Central Board may fully operate and decide, if the session is attended by more than half of the total number of members and reaches decisions by a majority vote of the members present at the session, unless it is otherwise stipulated by this Statute.

There is a Minutes Meeting for each session of the Central Board which is adopted at the next session.

### **Article 38**

The Central Board of LDP has the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- it discusses actual states and movements related to social, political, economic and other conditions in the country and determines positions and conclusions;
- it takes into consideration the implementation of the program goals of the party as well as the adopted positions and conclusions;
- it determines a draft report regarding the activity of the Party;
- it adopts the financial plan and annual account of the LDP and regulates the financial performance of the LDP;
- it elects and revokes members of the Executive Board out of its membership;
- it elects and revokes the the vice-presidents of the Party;
- it elects and revokes the President and members of the Council of the Party;
- it determines the manner of records of the membership;
- it adopts the program for development of the Party and expansion of membership between two Assemblies;
- it establishes measures and activities for internal communication in the LDP;
- it reaches a decision regarding the election campaign and activities related to the election campaign;
- it verifies the Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Group of the LDP;
- it establishes working bodies of the LDP;
- it settles appeals regarding decisions of the municipal organizations boards;
- it determines the LDP candidate list for the elections of members of parliament;
- it determines a list of candidates from LDP for members of Government;
- it verifies the list of candidates for mayors and members of the local-self-government units;
- it reaches decisions regarding the electoral agreements or coalitions, as well as cooperation with other parties;
- it reaches decisions regarding the supplements and amendments to its membership up to 20% of the total number of members based on the criteria adopted by the Central Board;
- it regulates the amount of the membership fee and its collection;
- it reaches decisions regarding the particular organization of the membership;
- it reaches decisions regarding the temporary establishment of municipal centers in municipalities where there are no conditions for the formation of municipal organization;
- it determines the modalities of financing of the Party;
- it adopts its Rules of Procedure;
- it decides upon establishing special services;
- it adopts the Rules of Organization;
- it establishes working bodies for consideration of matters within its jurisdiction (boards, committees, focus groups, etc.)
- it decides on other matters related to LDP activities, which by statute or other general act do not fall under the jurisdiction of another body, as well as matters that will be entrusted by the Assembly of the LDP through a separate decision.

### **Article 39**

The Central Board is accountable to the Assembly upon carrying out the rights, obligations and responsibilities.

The Assembly of the LDP may revoke the Central Board or one of its members.

A body of the party or at least 1/3 of the members of the Assembly may submit a proposal for revocation of the Central Board or one of its members.

The proposal for revocation of the Central Board or one of its members must be submitted in writing with an adequate explanation.

The decision of the Assembly for revocation is reached in written form.

## **V. C. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Article 40**

The Executive Board is the executive body of the Central Board of the LDP.

The Executive Board consists of 11 to 19 elected members.

Apart from the elected members, ex officio members of the Executive Board are the following:

- the President of the LDP;
- the General Secretary;
- the Vice- President of the LDP;
- the President of the Liberal Democratic Youth and
- the President of the Forum of Women.

### **Article 41**

The sessions of the Executive Board are convened and chaired by LDP President.

The session of the Executive Board may be convened by the proposal of:

- a body of the Party, and
- at least 1/3 of its members.

### **Article 42**

The Executive Board may fully operate and decide, provided that the session is attended by more than half of the total number of members.

The Executive Board reaches its decisions by public vote with a majority vote of the members present, unless this Statute stipulates otherwise.

The adoption of certain decisions and other acts can be determined by a separate decision with a secret ballot.

### **Article 43**

The Executive Board has the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- it forms and implements political views of the LDP;
- it determines draft regulations and other documents adopted by the Assembly and the Central Board;
- it determine the draft Report regarding the operation of the LDP between two sessions of the Central Board;

- it proposes views and conclusions to the Central Board of the LDP;
- it implements the views and conclusions of the Central Board;
- it monitors the implementation and the manner in which the record of membership is being carried out;
- it monitors the implementation of the program for development of the Party and the broadening of the membership;
- it organizes the Administrative Office of the LDP;
- it adopts regulations to carry out the obligations of employment of employees in the Administrative Office of the LDP;
- it reviews the complaints, opinions, initiatives and demands submitted to the highest bodies of the LDP;
- it establishes working bodies;
- it elects a spokesperson;
- it elects a Secretary for International Cooperation;
- it elects executive secretaries for certain areas;
- it adopts its Rules of Procedure, and
- performs other tasks entrusted by the Central Board as well as those arising from the goals and objectives of the LDP, and the same are not under the jurisdiction of another body.

#### **Article 44**

The Executive Board is accountable before the Central Board of the LDP.

The Central Board of LDP may revoke the Executive Board or one of its members. The proposal for revocation of the Executive Board may be submitted by a body of the Party or by at least 1/3 of the total number of members of the Central Board.

The proposal regarding the same must be submitted in writing with an adequate explanation.

The decision regarding the same is final and shall be reached in written form.

#### **Article 45**

The Executive Board elects a Secretary for International Cooperation.

The competences, rights and responsibilities of the Secretary for International Cooperation are established by the Central Board with a separate decision.

#### **Article 46**

The Executive Secretaries are appointed by the Executive Board on the proposal of the Secretary General.

### **V. D. PRESIDENT OF LDP**

#### **Article 47**

The president is the political- executive body of the party.

If the president is elected to public office incompatible with the performance of the role of the President of the Party his mandate is inactive, and with the proposal of the President one of the Vice Presidents performs his activities, whereof a separate decision is reached by the Central Board of the Party.

The Nomination for President of the LDP is submitted in writing by the interested candidates within the deadlines set by the reached decision of the Central Board. The Central Board of the LDP reviews the submitted applications and submits them to the Assembly of the LDP.

#### **Article 48**

The LDP president is elected from among the members of the Assembly of the LDP by a majority vote of the total number of members of the Assembly.

In case there are more candidates, the selection is carried out by a majority vote of the present members of the Assembly.

If neither presidential candidate wins the necessary majority vote, then in the second round there is voting for two candidates who win the most votes, whereupon the elected candidate is the one who wins more votes.

#### **Article 49**

The LDP President has the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- convenes and chairs the sessions of LDP Central Board and Executive Board;
- implements the policy of the LDP;
- represents the LDP in the country and abroad;
- coordinates the functioning of the LDP;
- ensures the implementation of decisions, conclusions and other acts of the LDP;
- signs documents;
- proposes development programs of the party between two Assemblies and broadening of membership;
- proposes measures and activities for internal communication within the LDP;
- proposes models and means of financing the Party;
- proposes a manner of leading the campaign;
- in some cases, engages experts from specific areas of assistance in carrying out his activities;
- conducts the personnel policy, in accordance with the provisions of this Statute and other acts of the LDP as well as with the decisions of the Central Board;
- proposes the list of candidates for members of parliament of the LDP;
- proposes candidate/-s for the vice-president of LDP;
- proposes a list of members of the Central and Executive Board,
- performs other activities as delegated to him by the Assembly of the LDP and the Central Board of the Party, or determined by law or by this Statute.

#### **Article 50**

The activity of the President of the LDP ceases:

- upon his request, and
- through dismissal by the Assembly of LDP.

The motion to dismiss the President in writing may be submitted by:

- the authority of the LDP and
- at least 1/2 of the total number of members of the Assembly of the LDP;
- at least 1/2 of the total number of municipal organizations.

The LDP Assembly reaches the decision by a majority vote of the present members.



## **V. E. VICE-PRESIDENTS**

### **Article 51**

The Central Board by a majority vote of the members present at the sessions elects one or more Vice-Presidents.

### **Article 52**

The Vice-Presidents have the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- take into account the implementation of the Program of the LDP;
- take into account the activities of the bodies of the LDP;
- taking into account the implementation of the adopted views and conclusions;
- pursuant to the guidelines of the Executive Board and of President of the LDP they take into account the realization of the communication with other political parties and organizations;
- taking into account the implementation of the election campaign, and
- in case of absence or incapacity of the President, they sign the documents adopted by the Assembly of the LDP, the Central Board of the Party or the Executive Board.

### **Article 53**

The activity of the vice president ceases:

- upon request, and
- through dismissal by the Central Board.

The motion for dismissal of the Vice President in writing with adequate justification can be submitted by:

- a body of the Party, or
- at least 1/3 of the total number of members of the Central Board.

## **V. F. SECRETARY GENERAL**

### **Article 54**

The Nomination for Secretary General is submitted in writing by interested candidates within the deadlines set forth by the reached decision of the Central Board.

The Central Board of LDP reviews the submitted applications and submits the same to the Assembly of the LDP.

### **Article 55**

The Secretary General is elected from among the members of the Assembly of LDP by a majority of the total number of members of the Assembly.

In case there are more candidates, the selection is carried out by a majority vote of the present members of the Assembly.

If neither of the secretary general candidates wins the necessary majority vote, then in the second round there is voting for two candidates who win the most votes, whereupon the elected candidate is the one who wins more votes.

### **Article 56**

The Secretary-General has the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- prepares the sessions of the Assembly, the Central Board and the Executive Board of the LDP;
- contacts the municipal boards of the LDP and offers appropriate guidance for their activities;
- coordinates the activities to implement the decisions, conclusions and views of the Assembly, the Central Board and the Executive Board of the Party;
- proposes executive secretaries and organizes and coordinates their work;
- proposes measures and activities for the work of the LDP;
- takes into account the operations of the Administrative Office of the LDP;
- takes into account the implementation of the adopted views and conclusions;
- ensures the implementation of the internal communication in the Party;
- pursuant the guidelines of the President of LDP he takes into account the modals and manners of financing the Party;
- takes into account the implementation of the election campaign; It assists the President in conducting the personnel policy;
- authorized by the President he signs the financial documents of the LDP;
- performs other duties as delegated to him by the Central Board and the Executive Board of the LDP or determined by this Statute.

### **Article 57**

The activity of the Secretary General ceases:

- upon request and
- dismissal of the Assembly of the LDP.

The proposal for dismissal of the Secretary General in writing may be submitted by:

- a body of the LDP
- at least 1/2 of the members of the Assembly of the LDP;
- at least 1/2 of the total number of municipal organizations.

The Assembly of the LDP reaches the decision by a majority vote of the members present.

## **V. E. SUPERVISORY BOARD**

### **Article 58**

The Supervisory Board consists of 5 to 7 members elected by the Assembly of the Party from among its members.

The President of the Supervisory Board appoints the Board from among its members.

The Supervisory Board has the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- to control the implementation of the Statute and other acts of the Party;
- to control the implementation of the decisions of the Assembly and the Central and Executive Body, and perform other rights, obligations and responsibilities as determined by law.

### **Article 59**

The Supervisory Board or certain members may be dismissed before the expiration of the mandate due to inactivity, reckless or incompetent performance of the rights, obligations and responsibilities.

The motion to dismiss the Board or its members may be submitted by a body of the Party.

The proposal must be submitted in writing, thus explained and supported by appropriate evidence.

The decision of the Assembly to dismiss the Board or one of its members is final and shall be reached in writing.

## **V. G. COUNCIL OF LDP**

### **Article 60**

The Council of the LDP is elected by the Central Board of the Party through a majority vote of the members present at the session.

### **Article 61**

The Council is an advisory body of the LDP, comprised of members of the LDP and other prominent entities.

The Council offers opinions, views and proposals regarding issues of strategic importance for the development of the LDP, the society and country.

The Council operates in accordance with its Program and Rules of Procedure.

The President of the Council is in charge of the activities of the Council.

The Council shall submit an annual report of its work to the Central Board.

### **Article 62**

The mandate of a Council member can cease:

- upon request, or
- provided that the Central Board revokes it before the end of the mandate.

The Motion for dismissal of a member of the Council is submitted by:

- a body of the Party, or
- at least 1/3 of the total number of members of the Central Board.

## **V. G. A. PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

### **Article 63**

The President of the Council is elected by the Central Board of the LDP by a majority vote of the members present at the session.

#### **Article 64**

The President of the Council has the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- convenes and presides the sessions of the Council;
- participates in the activities of the bodies of the LDP;
- proposes candidates for members of the Council;
- proposes a Platform and Program of the Council;
- proposes measures of strategic importance for the Party;
- performs other duties as delegated by the Central Board of the Party or resulting from this Statute.

#### **Article 65**

The activity of the President of the Council may be terminated:

- upon request, or if the Central Board of the Party revokes the President before the end of the mandate.

The motion to dismiss the President of the Council may be submitted by:

- a body of the Party, or
- at least 1/3 of the total number of members of the Central Board of the Party.

### **V. H. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM LDP**

#### **Article 66**

The members of Parliament from the LDP, form a parliamentary group in order to coordinate their actions.

#### **Article 67**

The members of the parliamentary group of the LDP elect a Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator of the Parliamentary Group of the LDP out of its membership.

The parliamentary group of LDP adopts the Rules of Procedures for its operation that is verified by the Central Board.

### **VI. LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC YOUTH**

#### **Article 68**

The Liberal Democratic Youth (hereinafter: LiDeM) operates as the political youth within the Party.

The goals, objectives, principles of organization and manner of operation of LiDeM are regulated by the Program and Rules of LiDeM, in accordance with the program objectives and the Statute of the Party.

## **VII. LDP WOMEN FORUM**

### **Article 69**

The LDP Women Forum acts as a female form of political organization within the Party. The goals, objectives, principles of organization and manners of operation of the Forum of Women are regulated by the Program and the Rules of activities that are in accordance with the program objectives and the Statute of the Party.

## **VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE**

### **Article 70**

LDP has its own Administrative Services that carries out the professional, operational and other duties that are in the interest of the party objectives, activities and tasks.

## **IX. SUPERVISION OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PARTY**

### **Article 71**

The supervision over the activities of the Party is carried out by its bodies and members, in the manner determined by this Statute.

The supervision of the lawfulness of the activities of the Party in accordance with the law, is performed by the competent institutions of the Republic of Macedonia.

### **Article 72**

The LDP members have the right to directly review the party operations through the Supervisory Board.

## **X. REPRESENTATION AND PROMOTION OF THE PARTY**

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#### **Article 73**

The party is represented by the President of the LDP or on his the authorization by the Secretary-General or one of the vice-presidents.

#### **Article 74**

The President represents the party before:

- Entities that are directly interested or are able to contribute to the successful realization of the objectives and tasks of the Party;
- International entities that collaborate with the Party and their official bodies and delegations, and
- Representatives of other countries that cooperate with the Party or indicate any interest for cooperation.

## X. B. PROMOTION OF THE PARTY

### **Article 75**

The Party is promoted by the President within the framework of its goals and objectives and within his jurisdiction determined by this Statute.

## **XI. ASSETS OF THE PARTY, MANNER OF THEIR ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL**

### **Article 76**

In order to achieve its objectives and goals, the Party acquires resources respectively certain rights to resources and disposes them in accordance with this Statute and the Law.

### **Article 77**

The Party acquires monetary assets, items and goods that are provided by:

- membership fees;
- voluntary contributions;
- revenues;
- own property;
- loans;
- gifts;
- grants;
- legacies;
- Budget of the Republic of Macedonia.

### **Article 78**

The acquisition, use and disposition of the assets of the Party is carried out in a manner determined by the general regulations, the Law on Political Parties, the Law on financing political parties and this Statute.

### **Article 79**

The assets of the Party can only be used for purposes determined by the financial plan and on the basis of the relevant document.

The President of LDP is the paymaster for executing the performance of the financial plan, in accordance with the rights, obligations and responsibilities determined by Law.

## **XII. NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE PARTY ACTIVITIES**

### **Article 80**

LDP provides notification to the members and the public through:

- access to reports and other materials related to the activities of the Party to the members and other interested entities, as well as their submittance to the public;
- issuing newsletters and other publications;
- organizing press conferences;
- issuing press releases;
- direct appearance of Party's representatives in the media, and
- other ways that enable timely and accurate public information regarding the activities of the Party.

## **XIII. TERMINATION OF THE LDP AND DISPOSITION OF ITS PROPERTY IN CASE OF TERMINATION**

### **Article 81**

The party may cease with activities provided that:

- the Assembly of the Party reaches a decision on the matter with a 2/3 majority;
- the number of its members decreases below the number specified in the Law on Political Parties;
- the Assembly determines that the Party does not fulfill its goals and objectives;
- any of the reasons stipulated in the Law on Political Parties regarding the banning of activities of the Party sets into force.

### **Article 82**

The procedure for termination or banning of the activities of the Party is instituted and carried out and in conjunction to that decided by the competent authorities stipulated by law.

### **Article 83**

When the party ceases its activities, the assets remaining after the fulfillment of its obligations, shall be transferred to the Red Cross of Macedonia.

#### **XIV. AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO THE STATUTE OF THE LDP**

##### **Article 84**

The initiative for amendments and supplements to the Statute may be submitted by each member, the municipal board, a body or a working body of LDP.

##### **Article 85**

The initiative for amendments and supplements to the Statutes shall be submitted in writing to the Central Board of the LDP and it must contain an explanation of the reasons for its submission, as well as the content of the proposed amendments and supplements.

##### **Article 86**

Based on the submitted initiatives and previous public debate regarding the draft decision, the Central Board determines a Draft Decision on amendments and supplements to the Statute and refers the same to be adopted in the Assembly of the Party.

The Central Board informs the applicants regarding the unaccepted initiatives and reasons for the same, and they are entitled to turn to the Assembly for discussion and explanation about the existence of reasons for amendments and supplements to the Statute.

#### **XV. INTERIM AND CLOSING PROVISIONS**

##### **Article 87**

The terms of office of members of the LDP bodies are 4 years, with the right to re-election.

##### **Article 88**

The Central Board of the Party offers interpretation of the provisions of this Statute.

##### **Article 89**

This Statute shall enter into force the day after its entry in the Court Register.



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