

Libertarian Party of New Hampshire
v.
Libertarian National Committee
Judicial Committee Hearing held August 11, 2026

Libertarian Party Bylaws Article 5 Section 4 describes two types of cause to justify the LNC revoking the status of an affiliate party:

No affiliate party shall endorse any candidate who is a member of another party for public office in any partisan election.

No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these bylaws.

Libertarian Party Bylaws Article 5 Section 6 provides that

The National Committee shall have the power to revoke the status of any affiliate party, for cause, by a vote of 3/4 of the entire National Committee. A motion to revoke the status of an affiliate party for cause must specify the nature of the cause for revocation.

On May 25, 2026, the Libertarian National Committee passed the following motion:

The bylaws are clear that affiliate Parties shall not endorse the candidate of another Party. Despite this, the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire openly and publicly endorsed President Trump during the election.

Furthermore, they have crudely and repeatedly undermined our own candidates, and have espoused numerous anti-libertarian positions on a National level.

Be it Resolved that because of these reasons and more, the Libertarian National Committee moves to disaffiliate the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire, mandating that they cease and desist the use of the Party name and logo, until such a time as the LNC recognizes a new affiliate in New Hampshire that shares our Party's foundational values.

In this motion, the Libertarian National Committee specified the nature of the alleged causes for this revocation:

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire's endorsement of Trump (in the 2024 election); and

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire's communications apparatus making non-libertarian statements (in social media public forums).

The motion was passed by a vote of at least 3/4 of the entire Libertarian National Committee

(15 yes votes out of a committee of 18).

According to Libertarian Party Bylaws, Article 5 Section 6:

The affiliate party may challenge the revocation of its status by written appeal to the Judicial Committee within 30 days of receipt of notice of such revocation.

The challenge by Libertarian Party of New Hampshire was filed within the 30-day period, and the Libertarian National Committee responded. A number of amicus briefs were also filed.

A Judicial Committee hearing on this matter was held on August 11, 2026. The challenge from the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire, the response from the Libertarian National Committee, the amicus briefs, testimony at the hearing, and additional research related to the evidence and claims presented, provided substantiation of the alleged actions of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire in regard to the two causes of action referenced in the Libertarian National Committee's motion.

After examining the evidence available, the Judicial Committee voted unanimously on August 17, 2026 to uphold the decision of the Libertarian National Committee to revoke the affiliation of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire.

Mary Gingell
September 7, 2026

Co-signed by Goldstein, Neale, O'Brien