

The Bylaws are the rules that govern the Arizona Democratic Party organization. The Bylaws are not a comprehensive list of policies, but the framework by which we operate, make certain decisions, and elect our leadership.

- [The current Bylaws can be found here.](#)

## **Amending our Bylaws**

Amendments to the Bylaws, while necessary from time to time, should be made only in rare circumstances, and require a two-thirds affirmative vote by the State Committee to be adopted (Article XII, Section 2A). Any member of the State Committee can submit a proposed change to our bylaws by following the outlined process below.

1. All proposed amendments are due at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which they will be considered by the State Committee (Article XII, Section 2C).
2. Any State Committee Member submitting a proposed bylaw change is encouraged to use the template below. We can mail you a physical packet if you do not have access to a computer.
  - Per the current bylaws, the amendment submission must include the draft language, where in the bylaws the change is to be placed, and the purpose (i.e., what the change will accomplish) and rationale (i.e., why the change is necessary) for the potential change.
3. Proposed amendments must be emailed to the ADP Secretary Anne Greenberg at [Secretary@AZDem.org](mailto:Secretary@AZDem.org) or to ADP Headquarters and must be received at least 30 days prior to their consideration at a State Committee meeting (Article XII, Section 2C).
  - Please also Cc Doug Ballard, Bylaws Committee Chair, at [Bylaws@AZDem.org](mailto:Bylaws@AZDem.org);
4. The Bylaws Committee may work with the author on formatting, language, and potential impacts on other sections of the bylaws.
5. Any changes should be completed 7 days prior to the State Committee Meeting for printing.
6. The Bylaws Committee will meet on the day of the State Committee Meeting to complete their report for recommending adoption, rejection, or amendment of a proposed change (Article VI, Section 2A). Anyone can attend, and authors of a bylaw amendment are encouraged to do so.
  - Bylaw Change Template (will link to updated template)
  - [Sample bylaw change as formatted for voting](#)