

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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Amendment Two

WHEREAS, the current Iowa Democratic Party Constitution identifies the "Gay and Lesbian Caucus" and alternatively the "Lesbian and Gay Caucus" as one of its mandated groups; and

WHEREAS, such identification does not recognize the worth, participation, and concerns of Bisexual and Transgender people and families, friends, and allies of the GLBT community; and

WHEREAS, a major turning point in the founding of the modern GLBT civil rights movement was the community outrage and organization (known as the Stonewall Uprising) that followed the unjustified police raids on the Stonewall Inn in New York City during the summer of 1969; and

WHEREAS, the term "Stonewall" is now included in the name of a majority of GLBT political groups affiliated with the Democratic Party (and, indeed, GLBT political groups around the world); and

WHEREAS, the Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the Iowa Democratic Party should have a name that better reflects its current constituencies, while recognizing the history of those persons who helped bring us to this point; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that all references to the "Gay and Lesbian Caucus" and the "Lesbian and Gay Caucus" in the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution shall be changed to the "Stonewall Caucus," and that members of said Caucus may be known as Iowa Stonewall Democrats.

Specifically – as currently written:

Article VI - State Central Committee and Convention

Section 2 - State Central Committee Structure:

Sentence 1. The State Central Committee shall be composed as follows: The District Committeepersons from each Congressional District, the National Committeepersons, the Chair of the State Affirmative Action Committee, the President of the Iowa Young Democrats, State Rules Chair, State Platform Chair, and the Black, Latino, Pacific Islander/Asian, Disability, **Lesbian & Gay**, American Indian, and Armed Forces Veterans caucuses representatives.

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Proposed changes:

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If the constitutional change is adopted, then the State Central Committee Bylaws will have to be revised as follows:

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Voting Membership shall consist only of:

The Black, Latino, Pacific Islander/Asian, Disability, ~~Lesbian & Gay~~ **Stonewall**, American Indian, and Armed Forces Veterans caucuses Chairs.