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Why State Government Has No Voice in Washington

by Harold L. Thompson, CPMO

The country of Georgia has a representative in Washington, D.C. The country of Mexico has a representative in Washington, D.C. However, the state of Georgia and the state of New Mexico do not have representatives in Washington, D.C. What in the world am I talking about, you may ask?

What created this oddity was the 17th Amendment, ratified on April 8, 1913. The 17th took away state government's representation in Washington, D.C. Prior to that date, U.S. Senators were appointed by the legislatures of the states. As written by the Founders, Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution provided each state two U.S. Senators to represent the interest of their state. U.S. Representatives were elected to represent the interests of the people. The 17th eliminated the states' representation and, in fact, gave the people double representation and the states none. This was a huge mistake and was one of the beginnings of our long slide toward socialism and the "rule of the mob".

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Ballot Access Blues

by Jason A. Edwards, CPNJ

The Restoration needs stories from every state regarding the ballot access measures that have been put in place around the country. Most Americans do not have any idea that some states have such massive restrictions on ballot access that appearing on one is nearly impossible unless you are part of "the big two."

For instance, if you want to see someone from the Constitution Party of Texas on the ballot, you won't be able to unless they can obtain at least 44,000 signatures. If you are in North Carolina and want to vote for the Constitution Party presidential candidate in 2012, they'll need to gather at least 85,000 signatures first. In Delaware, the state government just passed a law that forces "minor" parties to hold conventions, denies them primaries, and forces them to increase registered members in order to appear on the ballot. If the CPDE cannot raise their registered members to 612, they will not be able to appear on the ballot. As Chuck Baldwin said, how strange that Iraq has more voting choices than the United States!

So please, let's help educate America about this injustice. Let me know what your state is doing to prevent a true choice on the ballot.

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May 2010

Meet Your Candidates

Constitution Party of Alabama - [Website](#)

[David Walter](#) – US House, 1st District
Mark B. Giddy – US House, 34th District
Richard Rutledge – AL House, 58th District
[Steven Kneussle](#) – AL House, 62nd District

Constitution Party of Arkansas - [Website](#)

Frank Gilbert - Governor

American Independent Party of California - [Website](#)

[Chelene Nightingale](#) – Governor
[Jim King](#) - Lieutenant Governor
[Bill Lussenheide](#) – US House, 45th District
[Diane Templin](#) – Attorney General
[Don Grundman](#) – US Senate
[Jerry Denham](#) – US House, 10th District
[John Smith](#) – US House, 39th District
[Robert Lauten](#) – Treasurer
[David Miller](#) – US House, 26th District
[Robert Gosney](#) – CA Assembly-59
[David Christensen](#) – US House, 11th District
Merton Short - CA Secretary of State
Nathan Johnson – CA Controller
Clay Pedersen - CA Insurance Commissioner
[Jerry Leidecker](#) – US House, 3rd District
[Terri Lussenheide](#) - CA State Board Of Equalization 3
Shawn Hoffman - CA State Board Of Equalization 4
Ivan Chou - CA Senate SD-10
Neil Gertner – US House, 2nd District (write-in)

American Constitution Party of Colorado - [Website](#)

[Ben Goss](#) – Governor
[Douglas Campbell](#) – Lieutenant Governor

Constitution Party of Delaware – [Chairman Email](#)

[Earl Lofland](#) – US House
[Doug Campbell](#) – US House

Constitution Party of Florida - [Website](#)

[Bernie DeCastro](#) – US Senate

Constitution Party of Idaho - [Website](#)

[Paul Venable](#) - Idaho House District 11 - Seat B
[Dan Roberts](#) - Idaho House District 34 - Seat A
[Steve Pankey](#) - Lincoln County Sheriff

Constitution Party of Illinois - [Website](#)

[Randall Stufflebeam](#) – US Senate
[Michael L. White](#) – Governor
Jeff Trexler – Lieutenant Governor
Louis Cotton – Attorney General
Gary Dunlap – Secretary
[Tim Becker](#) – Comptroller
Dawn Czarny - Treasurer
[Christian Falconer](#) – US House, 12th District
Robert McKerrow – IL House, 108th District
Brad Carter – IL Senate, 46th District

Constitution Party of Kentucky - [Website](#)

[Robert Thornsberry](#) - Kentucky Legislator District 79
[Michael D. Hansen](#) – US Congress, 3rd District
[Dave Davidson](#) - Paducah City Commission

Constitution Party of Maryland – [Website](#)

Alain E. Lareau, Jr. - US Congress, 3rd District

US Taxpayers Party of Michigan - [Website](#)

Stephen Leiby – US House, 4th District
Scott Aughney – US House, 7th District
Harold Dunn – US House, 11th District
Matthew Furman – US House, 15th District
Joe Sanger – University of MI Regent
Marc Sosnowski – MI House, 10th District
Steven Revis – MI House, 28th District
Dennis Taplin - Van Buren County Commissioner, 5th District

Constitution Party of Minnesota - [Website](#)

Harley Swarm – Governor
George Burton - Congressional District 8
Paul Bergley - MN Senate District 17
Nick Skumatz - MN House District 38A
Bruce Johnson - MN House District 40A

Constitution Party of Mississippi - [Website](#)

[Gail Giaramita](#) – US Congress, 1st District

Constitution Party of Missouri - [Website](#)

[Jerry Beck](#) – US Senate
[Joseph Martellaro](#) – US Senate
[Michael Simmons, Jr.](#) - US Senate
[Gregory Cowan](#) – US House, 4th District
[Nick Ivanovich](#) – US House, 3rd District
[Dave Lay](#) – US House, 5th District
Bennie Hatfield – MO Senate, 28th District
Nathan Eaton – MO House, 48th District
Mike Cogan – MO House, 51st District
Mark Opheim – MO House, 64th District
Dan Fitzhenry – MO House, 97th District
Richard Blowers – MO House, 102nd District
Ray Herron – MO House, 116th District
Jacob Luetkemeyer – MO House, 117th District
Curtis Shipman – MO House, 118th District
Raymond Kish – MO House, 119th District
Richard Hoxsey – MO House, 120th District
Kent Cogan – MO House, 124th District
Rory Calhoun – MO House, 153rd District
Rosalie Wells – Hickory County Recorder of Deeds
John Fitts – McDonald County Presiding Commissioner

Constitution Party of New Jersey - [Website](#)

[Peter Boyce](#) – US House, 2nd District

New York State Constitution Party - [Website](#)

[Jan Johnson](#) - Governor
[Anthony Tolda](#) – US House, 2nd District
[Daniel Tobin](#) – US House, 4th District
[Will Wilday](#) – US House, 21st District

Independent American Party of Nevada - [Website](#)

[Tim Fasano](#) – US Senate
[Jonathan Hansen](#) – US House, 1st District
[Russell Best](#) – US House, 2nd District
[Scott Narter](#) – US House, 3rd District
[Floyd Fitzgibbons](#) – Governor
[Ryan Fitzgibbons](#) – Lieutenant Governor
[Joel Hansen](#) – Attorney General
[John Wagner](#) – Secretary of State
Mike Hawkins - Treasurer
[Warren Markowitz](#) – Controllor
[Merritt "Ike" Yochum](#) - Washoe Senate Dist. 4
[Cody Quirk](#) - Capital Senate District
[Tom Jones](#) – Clark State Senate SD 9

Glenn Brown – Clark State Senate SD 10
[Richard O'Dell](#) - Clark State Senate SD 12
Russell McDonald – Clark County Clerk
Curtis Christianson – Clark County Assessor
[Dana Brown](#) – Clark County Public Administrator
[Jeff Durbin](#) – Clark County Commission Dist. F
[Delano Hadarly](#) – Clark County Commission Dist. G
[Lee S. Anderson](#) - Las Vegas Township Constable
[J. Michael Plott, Sr.](#) - Boulder Township Constable
[Jon Kamerath](#) – Clark Assembly AD 2
[Mark Andrews](#) – Clark Assembly AD 4
[Stacey Gonzales](#) – Clark Assembly AD 8
[Leonard Foster](#) - Clark Assembly AD 13
[Stan Vaughan](#) - Clark Assembly AD 15
[James Rhodes](#) - Clark Assembly AD 19
[Les McKay](#) – Clark Assembly AD 21
[Salli Durbin](#) - Clark Assembly AD 22
[Janine Hansen](#) – Clark Assembly AD 33
Andrew Cartright – Clark Assembly AD 34
[David VanderBeek](#) – Clark Assembly AD 36
Dennis Gomez – Clark Assembly AD 38
[David Schumann](#) – Clark Assembly AD 39
[Bob Conner](#) – Douglas County Clerk-Treasurer
Sam Dupuis – Public Administrator
William McKnight – Elko County Clerk
[Michael Smith](#) – Elko County Assessor
[Kay Dawn Jenkins](#) – Elko Co. Public Administrator
[John Everhart](#) – Elko Co. Commission Dist. 2
Allison W. King – Elko Co. Commission Dist. 4
[Arthur Wehrmeister](#) – Esmeralda Co. District Attorney
[Jackie Berg](#) – Eureka County Clerk Treasurer
[Kevin Pasquale](#) – Humboldt Co. District Attorney
[Falkon Finlinson](#) – Nye Co. Public Administrator
[Daniel Joseph](#) – Washoe Co. Assessor
Ruth Gillings – Washoe Co. Recorder
[Lynn Chapman](#) – Washoe Co. Public Administrator
[Gary Feero](#) – Washoe Co. Commission Dist. 5
Greg Miller - Assembly Dist. 26
[Jack Curtis \(J.C.\) Ward](#) – White Pine Co. Commission Dist. 1
[John S. Lampros](#) – White Pine Co. Commission Dist. 5

Constitution Party of North Carolina - [Website](#)

[Jeff Gerber](#) – NC House, 68th District

Constitution Party of Ohio - [Website](#)

[Eric Deaton](#) – US Senate
Robert Owens – Attorney General
[David Ryon](#) – US House, 15th District

Constitution Party of Tennessee - [Website](#)

[Chris Brown](#) – TN House, 62nd District
Jim Headings – US Congress, 2nd District
Kermit Steck – US Congress, 1st District

Constitution Party of Texas – [Website](#)

[David Kirkland](#) – Governor
Chuck Burnett - Lieutenant Governor
Jerald Finney – Attorney General
James Pennington – Comptroller
Brian York - Commission of Agriculture
Dan Zavorka – State Board of Education
David Smoot - Commissioners Court of Ellis Co., Precinct 4

Constitution Party of Utah – [Website](#)

[Randall Hinton](#) – UT House, 2nd District
[Scott Bradley](#) – US Senate
Kirk Pearson – US Congress, 1st District
[Douglas Slighting](#) – US Congress, 3rd District
Jim Peverelle – UT Senate, 5th District
Sherry Phipps – UT Senate, 17th District
David Hansen – UT Senate, 22nd District
Becky Maddox – UT House, 2nd District
David Armstrong - UT House, 17th District
Reldon White – UT House, 19th District
Robert Moultrie – UT House, 20th District
Jonathon Garrard – UT House, 21st District
Thomas Olds – UT House, 24th District
Jennifer Schmith – UT House, 32nd District
Matt Woolley – UT House, 41st District
Mark Faux – UT House, 43rd District
[David Perry](#) – UT House, 45th District
Russell Hatch – UT House, 50th District
Clyde Beutler – UT House, 53rd District
Curt Crosby – UT House, 57th District
Feleni Siufanua – UT House, 67th District
Gary Van Horn – UT House, 68th District
L.S. Brown – UT House, 70th District
Philip Jensen – UT House, 74th District
Warren T. Rogers - Salt Lake County council at large B

Constitution Party of Washington - [Website](#)

[Mary Ruth Edwards](#) – US House, 4th District
Randall Yearout – US House, 5th District

Constitution Party of West Virginia - [Website](#)

Phil Hudok – US House, 2nd District

Constitution Party of Wisconsin - [Website](#)

[Rob Taylor](#) – US Senate
[Dan Mielke](#) – US Congress, 7th District

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We the People

The Latest in State Constitution Party News

Constitution Party of Arkansas Ballot Access Project 2010

Minor parties like CP-Arkansas must jump a few hurdles in order to appear on the election ballot. The tallest hurdle we have to clear is that we must collect at least 10,000 signatures from registered voters in the state of Arkansas. For a printable copy of the petition and instructions, please go to www.cparkansas.com

American Constitution Party of Colorado 2010 Convention

May 15th from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

If you want to run for an office, you must attend the meeting in person and stay after the meeting to fill out the required paperwork. The Convention will be held in Room 333 in the Main Hall at Regis University, 3333 Regis Blvd. Denver, CO 80221. If you have questions regarding the event please contact us at info@americanconstitutionparty.com, please leave any contact info.

Constitution Party of Minnesota 2010 Endorsing Convention

http://www.cpmn.org/2010_Endorsing_Convention.pdf

Saturday, May 8th

Brookdale Public Library

6125 Shingle Creek Parkway

(Just South of 694)

Event Fee \$10

Constitution Party of Iowa State Convention Meeting

May 22, 2010 starting at 12:30pm

The meeting is being held at the Drake Public Library,

926 Park Street, Grinnell, IA

<http://cpiowa.org/>

Constitution Party of New Jersey Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Constitution Party of NJ on Sat. May 22 at the Twin Rivers Library

<http://webserver.mcl.org/branches/dirtwi.html> The meeting will start promptly at 10am and finish at approximately 1pm. The main purposes for this meeting are to recruit and encourage CP candidates to run for office in November and to set up an online meeting forum.

Constitution Party of Kentucky 2010 Convention

April 30th to May 2nd @ The Inn on Broadway, Lexington KY 859-519-2060

Rooms are \$59 per night if reserved by March 30th (mention that it is for the Constitution Party of Kentucky convention). There will be introductions of candidates, speeches and entertainment.

<http://www.kyconstitutionparty.com/>

Constitution Party of Georgia 2010 State Convention

@ Calvary Baptist Church

May 8th, 2010 9:00 AM through 5:00 PM

4780 Flint Hill Road SW, Austell, GA

<http://gaconstitutionparty.org/>

Constitution Party of Maryland Party Meeting

Saturday, May 8, 2010

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Queen Anne's County

Kent Island Library

200 Library Circle

Stevensville, Maryland 21666

For more information, call the party's info. line at (443) 364-8361 or

e-mail us at info@ConstitutionPartyMD.com

2010 Texas Convention

When: Saturday June 12, 2010

Where: Washington-On-The-Brazos Convention Center

Time: 9-5pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: ABBY JOHNSON/TIM BALDWIN

<http://www.cptexas.us/convention10.shtml>

Alaskan Independence Party 2010 Convention Results

<http://www.akip.org/convention2010.html>



No Voice continued...

If Article I, Section 3 was still in place, very few if any, of the unconstitutional laws, bailouts, and mandates from the federal government would be in place. The Senators would be protecting the interests of the states from encroachment, unfunded mandates, federal coercion, bribery for education, highway, medicaid and other monies.

The Founders knew that the peoples' ability to "vote themselves the money of others" using the force and power of government was a constant danger. The Federal government's powers needed to be carefully balanced against government's limited constitutional role. The federal government's duties and powers are spelled out very specifically in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

Senators appointed by the legislatures and representing the states' interests kept the system balanced. Senators popularly elected by the people cause the system to run amuck and to evolve into the gargantuan monster we have today.

REPEAL THE 17TH AMENDMENT!

The Constitution Party

Seven Principles of the Constitution Party are:

1. **Life:** For all human beings, from conception to natural death;
2. **Liberty:** Freedom of conscience and actions for the self-governed individual;
3. **Family:** One husband and one wife with their children as divinely instituted;
4. **Property:** Each individual's right to own and steward personal property without government burden;
5. **Constitution:** and Bill of Rights interpreted according to the actual intent of the Founding Fathers;
6. **States' Rights:** Everything not specifically delegated by the Constitution to the federal government, nor prohibited by the Constitution to the states, is reserved to the states or to the people;
7. **American Sovereignty:** American government committed to the protection of the borders, trade, and common defense of Americans, and not entangled in foreign alliances.

Read the Constitution Party platform by going to www.ConstitutionParty.com

Your State Party Needs You!

Remember, we are not like the Republicans and Democrats. We do not get tens of millions of untraceable dollars from corporations and banks from around the world. We depend on every nickle and dime donated by people like yourself. We know times are tough and every state party is feeling the pinch, too. However, we are in great need of your help. Even if it's five dollars, every little bit helps us spread the word across America that there is another choice on Election Day.

Please help us establish the restoration of the Republic of the United States of America as our Founders intended it to be. We cannot do it without you. Please follow the web address below and donate your time or money to the cause. All it takes is one big success to turn the tide and restore America to its former glory.

Will *now* be the time to turn the tide?

http://www.constitutionparty.com/view_states.php