

Proposed Amendments to:
Louisiana Baptist Convention Articles of Incorporation
Louisiana Baptist Convention Bylaws
Louisiana Baptist Convention Business and Financial Plan
Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention Articles of Incorporation

Adopted by the LBC Executive Board, September 29, 2026, pending final approval by the messengers to the Annual Meeting at Trinity, Lake Charles, November 10, 2026.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONVENTION**

Article III. NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The Convention is a nonprofit corporation organized under the Louisiana Non-Profit Corporation Act, LSA-R.S. 12:201 et seq. and shall have all of the powers, duties, authorizations and responsibilities as provided therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Convention shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax and described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision or provisions of any subsequent United States Internal Revenue law or laws unless compliance with a provision or provisions violates the teaching of the Holy Bible and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

Article VI. ~~MEMBERSHIP~~ COMPOSITION

Section 1. This Convention shall be composed of messengers representing members in good standing of Baptist churches cooperating ~~(defined below)~~ as defined in Article VI, Section 5 with the Convention.

Section 3. ~~Each cooperating Baptist church having fifty (50) members, or less, shall be entitled to one (1) messenger; and an additional messenger for each additional fifty (50) members; however, no church shall be entitled to more than fifteen (15) messengers. Each cooperating Baptist church shall be entitled to at least two (2) messengers. In addition to the first two (2) messengers, churches may add additional messengers hereafter as provided. The Convention will recognize additional messengers from a cooperating church under one of the options described below, whichever method allows the church the greater number of messengers but not to exceed ten (10) additional messengers:~~

~~(1) One additional messenger for each full percent of the church's undesignated receipts which the church contributed during the fiscal year preceding through the Cooperative Program or the work of Louisiana Baptists through contribution to the Louisiana Baptist Convention for its use in state programs and agencies OR~~

~~(2) One additional messenger for each \$6,000 which the church contributed through the fiscal year preceding through the Cooperative Program or the work of Louisiana Baptists through contribution to the Louisiana Baptist Convention for its use in state programs and agencies.~~

Section 5. A cooperating church with the Louisiana Baptist Convention 1) is of like faith and order with Southern Baptists as expressed in the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 of the Southern Baptist Convention, 2) is sympathetic to the purposes and work of the Convention, 3) contributes to the work of Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program or the work of Louisiana Baptists through contribution to the Louisiana Baptist Convention for its use in state programs and agencies ~~and~~ 4) has applied for membership in the local association and,

upon recommendation by the LBC Committee on Credentials, has been approved to send messengers to the Convention and 5) filed an accurate Annual Church Profile to the LBC in the previous year.

Section 7. Cooperating churches that have not given to the Cooperative Program or Louisiana Baptists causes in two (2) years consecutively will be notified via certified mail that they will no longer be considered a cooperative church of the LBC and will have 30 days to officially respond before removal is processed.

ARTICLE X. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CONVENTION

Section 3. The terms of elected Executive Board members shall run for three (3) years. No member may serve continuously for more than two (2) complete successive terms. No member shall be eligible to serve another term until ~~interval equal to the number of years served~~ three years shall have elapsed from the completion of the member's last term.

ARTICLE XI. THE DENOMINATIONAL ~~PAPER~~ NEWS SERVICE

The Baptist Message shall be the official ~~paper~~ news service of this Convention.

ARTICLE XIII. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

8. In the event that an emergency has been properly declared, The ~~Louisiana~~ Baptist Message shall remain the official ~~publication~~ news service of the Convention. However, the Baptist Message may be published in any manner possible whether by print, by hand, electronically or any other method feasible during the emergency declaration. If the Baptist Message cannot be published in any manner, then any reasonable method of communication to Convention Messengers, cooperating churches, officers, or other necessary persons or organizations may be used.

BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONVENTION

ARTICLE I. PARLIAMENTARY LAW AND CUSTOM

Section 1. The most recently revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be recognized as the standard authority to guide the Convention on questions of parliamentary law and customs.

ARTICLE III. COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Section 1. The composition and duties of boards of trustees of agencies and institutions of this Convention shall be clearly set forth in the Convention resolutions authorizing their establishment and included subsequently in appropriate form in their respective corporate charters. All corporate charters and amendments thereto shall be expressly approved by the Convention. ~~or by the Executive Board of the Convention.~~

Section 4. The Committee on Order of Business shall be composed of seven (7) members and the person designated to plan the Convention music. It shall present to the opening session of the Convention for adoption a recommended agenda for the Convention sessions. The committee shall recommend to the Convention the preacher and music leader for the Convention meeting one year hence. The committee also may tentatively enlist Bible study leader and major speakers for Conventions scheduled up to three years in advance. The Committee shall be responsible for recommending to the Convention the host, the meeting hall or church, and the dates for the Convention meeting two years hence and, if feasible, for three years hence. The Committee on Order of Business shall provide periods of time during the convention for the introduction of all matters requiring a vote not scheduled on the agenda, and, when introduced (unless the Convention then gives it unanimous consent for its immediate consideration) ~~shall~~ may fix times for the consideration of the same. All such matters of business shall be introduced to the Convention during the time scheduled for Introduction of Business. No such matters of business may be introduced in the last session.

Section 6. The Committee on Resolutions shall be composed of seven (7) members and three (3) ex officio members (including the Executive Board president) from the Executive Board of the Convention. The Committee shall be responsible for initiating, reviewing, commenting on, and recommending Convention action on all resolutions. In order to facilitate thorough consideration and to expedite the Committee's work, all proposed resolutions shall:

1. Be submitted to the Committee for review and consideration no more than ninety (90) days, but no later than fifteen (15) days, prior to the next LBC annual meeting.
2. Be addressed to the Committee on Resolutions in care of the Communications Team of the Louisiana Baptist Convention at its registered or e-mail address (electronic copies are preferred),
3. Be typewritten, titled, and dated,
4. Be accompanied by a letter from a church qualified to send a messenger to the annual meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Convention certifying that the person submitting the resolution is a member in good standing, and
5. Include complete contact information for both the person submitting it, and his or her church.

No person may submit more than three resolutions per year. The Committee on Resolutions shall prepare and submit to each annual meeting of the Convention only such resolutions the Committee recommends for adoption. Such resolutions may be based upon proposals received by the Committee or may originate with the Committee. Only resolutions recommended by the Committee may be considered by the Convention, except the Convention may, by a 2/3 vote, consider any other resolution properly submitted to the Committee. Resolutions may not be amended and must be adopted by a 2/3 vote.

Section 12. Members of boards and committees shall perform their duties in accordance with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 adopted by the Convention on 11/12/02.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Section 5. All persons regularly elected by the Convention to agencies and boards shall be elected or selected in any convention session ~~except the last session.~~

~~ARTICLE VI. AVOIDANCE OF ILLEGAL ACTION~~

~~No action of the Convention shall be construed as authorizing its committees or boards to take any action that may be contrary to law.~~

ARTICLE ~~VH~~ VI. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular session of the Convention by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting. Amendments sponsored by the Executive Board shall be posted to the LBC website and published in one (1) issue of the Baptist Message (print edition or digital edition) no later than fifteen (15) days before the meeting of the Convention.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PLAN OF THE LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONVENTION

VII. Financial Reports

Each agency and institution of the Convention shall close its books and accounts and have them audited by a Certified Public Accountant as of the close of its fiscal year, and in turn shall forward two copies of its audit to the executive director as soon as available. These audits are to be studied by the Business and Finance Committee of the Executive Board, and shall include the following:

- 1) Balance Sheet
- 2) Analysis of surplus accounts
- 3) Income and expense
- 4) Classified list of investments by fund and type of investment
- 5) Receipts:
 - a. Cooperative receipts
 - b. Designated receipts
 - c. Other income

Each agency and institution shall submit a report on the Budget and Financial Data form on or before ~~June 1~~ April 15 of each year. A balance sheet of the financial condition after May 31 and prior to September 1 of the current year shall be submitted for publication in the current Book of Reports and Annual.

XII. Amendments

This Business and Financial Plan may be altered by two-thirds of the messengers present and voting at any time ~~except during the last session~~ during the Convention, provided that recommended changes shall have been presented to the Executive Board and published in the Baptist Message (print edition or digital edition) at least one month in advance of the Convention.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONVENTION

Article XII.

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