

# **Statutes of the Partei der Schweizer Vernünftigen**

PdSV

## **I. NAME, SEAT, AND PURPOSE**

### **Article 1**

Under the name PdSV (Party of the Swiss Rationalists; Parti des Suisses Volontaires; Partito dei Svizzeri Volontari; Partida da ils Svizzers Voluntaris), an association for political purposes exists with its registered office in Wollerau (SZ), in accordance with Articles 60 et seqq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

### **Article 2**

The organization strives for a state as lean as possible. Further reduction and downsizing of the state are to be pursued continuously, without defining a specific degree of “leanness” as a goal.

By “reduction of the state,” the organization understands the privatization of all state entities, the complete elimination of protectionism, state interventionism, and involuntary redistribution financed through taxation, as well as the promotion of self-responsibility, individual and organizational freedom, and the strengthening of property rights.

The PdSV and its members regard themselves as socially conservative and seek to promote these values through liberal and rational means.

## **II. STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION**

### **Article 3**

PdSV Switzerland is divided into 3 linguistic subdivisions:

PdSV De - the section for German speaking cantons

PdSV Fr - the section for French speaking cantons

PdSV It - the section for Italian speaking cantons

#### **Article 4**

The regional subdivisions of the party are not to be considered organizations on their own. Their representative is chosen democratically by the majority of their respective members. Their internal structure is regulated by bylaws submitted by their representatives. Subdivisions' bylaws must be approved by the Executive Committee by majority of votes cast.

#### **Article 5**

The bodies of the party are:

- A. The General Assembly
- B. The Executive Committee
- C. The President of the Party

#### **Article 6**

Executive Committee members are selected for indefinite term by the President of the Party, and confirmed by the General Assembly by majority of votes cast.

They may be dismissed from the Executive Committee, a) upon delivering a signed resignation letter to the Executive Committee, b) through a motion approved by no less than 66% of the general assembly, or c) by decision of no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Executive Committee members.

Upon dismissal of one or more members of the Executive Committee, the President of the Party may select provisional replacements which must be confirmed or replaced by the General Assembly at its next meeting.

#### **Article 7**

The Executive Committee is in charge of the day-to-day management of the party. The executive Committee may issue internal bylaws.

The Executive Committee elects, by simple majority of votes cast, the treasurer, the President of the Party, and the party's secretary general who chairs the Committee and the General Assembly

in the President's stead, and registers the minutes of the Executive Committee's and the General Assembly's meetings.

The seat of the party may be changed by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

### **Article 8**

The President of the Party is elected for indefinite term by the Executive Committee.

They may be dismissed from office, a) upon delivering a signed resignation letter to the Executive Committee, b) through a motion approved by no less than 66% of the general assembly, or c) by decision of no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Executive Committee members.

Upon dismissal of the President of the Party, the secretary general acts in their stead until a new President of the Party is elected by the Executive Committee.

### **Article 9**

The president of the Party chairs the Executive Committee's meeting, as well as meetings of the General Assembly. They may represent the party or select representatives among its members. The president defines the mission of the party. They have veto power over any resolution of the General Assembly exception made for motions concerning their own dismissal.

### **Article 10**

The General Assembly is composed of all members of the PdSV and is chaired by the President of the Party.

### **Article 11**

The General Assembly approves the yearly financial statement submitted by the Executive Committee, as well as on proposal for the amendment of the Articles of Association. The General Assembly is called for meeting, virtual or otherwise, by the Executive Committee, by at least one fifth of the General Assembly, or by the President of the Party.

Announcement of the meeting must be made no less than 3 days before the specified date.

The General Assembly meets no less than once every year.

Motions on which the General Assembly must vote, must be supported by at least one fifth of the General Assembly through a petition, and must be submitted to the Executive Committee no less than 2 days before the date of the meeting.

Quorum by the General Assembly is reached by 50% + 1 of the votes cast, unless otherwise specified.

## **Article 12**

Persons interested in membership must complete a nationally standardized application form.

Acceptance or rejection of an applicant depends on the internal rules and structure of the respective section exception made for the following requirements:

- a) Possess Swiss Citizenship
- b) align with the ideas and purpose of the Party

The submission of an application form by prospective members entails the acknowledgment of the Articles of Association of the party in their valid version.

## **Article 13**

Membership to the party ends by resignation, expulsion, or death. Expulsion may be dispensed by decision of the Executive Committee where a member's actions or behavior are considered detrimental to the party's purpose.

## **Article 14**

The association is legally bound by the joint signature of two Executive Committee members, one of whom must be the President of the Party, or the Secretary General.

The party may also be legally bound by individuals authorized in writing by no less than half of the executive committee including either the President of the Party, or the Secretary General.

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Article 15**

In accordance to Article 75a of the Civil Code, only the assets of the party are liable for the party's obligations. Any financial or legal damages incurred by the party may not be transferred to or recovered from members or officers.

#### **Article 16**

No membership fees are charged. Financing is obtained through donations

#### **Article 17**

The Party's official language is German. In case of discrepancies between linguistic versions of the party's statutes, bylaws, minutes, and other official documents, the german version prevails.

#### **Article 18**

Dissolution of the party requires approval by no less than 66% of the General Assembly, as well as approval by no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Executive Committee and signature of the President of the Party. In the event of dissolution, the repayment of liabilities incurred takes precedence over any other use of the party's assets. The remaining assets are to be transferred to a non-profit organization aligned with the party's purpose. The dissolution process is handled by the treasurer.

### **IV. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 19**

Section IV and the Articles therein contained are automatically abrogated after all organs of the Party have been constituted as prescribed.

## **Article 20**

The founding members elect the initial President of the Party and the Initial Executive Committee who assume their roles Immediately upon adoption of the statutes and signing by at least two founding members.

These statutes are adopted and approved by the founding assembly in date 22.10.2025 and enter into force immediately.

The President of the Party:

The general secretary: