**Region 3 Report**

(Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio)

## Indiana

Rex Bell announced his intention to seek the Libertarian Party of Indiana's nomination for Governor in the 2016 election. In 2014 Bell ran for State Senate, winning over 10% of the vote against nominees from both major parties. In 2012 he received just under 6% of the vote in a three-way race for Indiana’s 6th Congressional District.

Indiana Democrats say Republican In U.S. Senate candidate Todd Young does not have enough signatures to qualify for the May primary and they are mounting a challenge to have him removed from the ballot. An election committee hearing was scheduled February 19. Libertarian Party of Indiana 2016 State Convention is planned for Friday, April 22-24, 2016

## Kentucky

On December 4, the Libertarian Party and the Constitution Party filed a lawsuit against the Kentucky definition of a qualified party. The case is Libertarian Party of Kentucky v Grimes, e.d. 3:15cv-86. Kentucky is the only state in which it is impossible for a party to ever be ballot-qualified until it polls a particular share of the vote for President. The law requires 2% for President. No other index of support matters.

Libertarian Party of Kentucky 2016 State Convention will be held Friday, March 18-20, 2016.

## Michigan

With the assistance of the National Party the Libertarian Party of Michigan was able to receive a new theme for their website. They have been working on finding a new site for years, the goal being to make sure to do everything properly and not in haste. The new site would be more user friendly and mobile friendly for years. Thanks to Ryan Patrosso & Andy Burns from National.

With the new site there is a new newsletter page linked to the mailchimp mailing.

**Ohio**

The Libertarian Party was denied a primary election by Senate Bill 193, which also denies access to the general election. The LPO is currently arguing in state court that SB 193 violates the state constitution. A hearing on our motion for preliminary injunction is scheduled for April 5, 2016, with a ruling expected shortly thereafter.

In LPO v. Husted, a federal court case, the LPO claims the Kasich campaign and the Ohio Republican Party, among others, conspired to have the candidate for governor, Charlie Earl, improperly removed from the ballot, after his petition for candidacy had been certified officially. A judge has declared the evidence-gathering phase closed. Meanwhile, the LPO is gathering signatures as part of the Voter Freedom Drive, which would restore the Libertarian Party to the November election.