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Rule 2022-04

Title: Crossover Voting

Sponsor: Branden Durst from Ada County

Proposal Text:

ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND RULES GOVERNING THE ELIGIBILITY TO AFFILIATE WITH THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Section 1: Only qualified electors, as defined in Idaho Code 34-104, who are affiliated as Republican will be allowed to vote on an Idaho Republican Party ballot in the Primary Election or Presidential Primary Election.

Section 2: Rules Governing the Eligibility to Affiliate with Idaho Republican Party.

1. Any qualified elector, as defined in Idaho Code 34-104, shall be eligible to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party unless one or more of the following circumstances applies:
 - a. The elector has not affiliated at least 12 months prior to the next primary election held in an even numbered year;
 - b. The elector has disaffiliated with the Republican Party at any time in the past 25 months;
 - c. The elector, in the 25 months prior, has financially supported more than one candidate for public office of a political party, as defined in Idaho Code 34-501, other than Republican Party;
 - d. The elector, in the 25 months prior, has financially supported any political party, as defined in Idaho Code 34-501, other than Republican Party;
 - e. The elector, in the 25 months prior, has affiliated with any political party, as defined in Idaho Code 34-501, other than the Republican Party;
 - f. The elector, in the 25 months prior, has voted in a primary or caucus process for any political party, as defined in Idaho Code 34-501, other than the Republican Party
2. The provisions set forth in Section 1, except Section 1(c), Section 1(d) and Section 1(f), shall not apply to newly qualified electors who register less than 12 months prior to the next primary election held in an even numbered year.

Resolution 2022-01

Title: Idaho's Unequivocal Support for Israel

Sponsor: Mark Fuller from Legislative District 33

Co-Sponsors: Doyle Beck from Legislative District 32 and Lisa Keller from Bonneville County

Proposal Text:

Whereas, the modern state of Israel, like the USA, is a country born from the aspiration for freedom and stands out among the nations as a beacon of democracy and humanity. Beyond our mutual strategic interests, Israel is likewise an exceptional country that shares our most essential values. It is the only country in the Middle East where freedom of speech and freedom of religion are found; and

Whereas, we recognize Jerusalem as the eternal and indivisible capital of the Jewish state, and support the decision of President Donald J Trump to move the American embassy to Jerusalem in fulfillment of U.S. law; and

Whereas, we affirm America's commitment to Israel's security and to ensure that Israel maintains a qualitative military edge over any and all adversaries, we support Israel's right and obligation to defend itself against terror attacks upon its people and against alternative forms of warfare being waged upon it legally, economically, culturally and otherwise; and

Whereas the United States seeks to assist in the establishment of comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East, to be negotiated among those living in the region;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the 2022 Idaho Republican Party State Convention calls upon Senator Mike Crapo, Senator James Risch, Congressman Mike Simpson and Congressman Russ Fulcher to take all necessary actions to provide financial and military support to the state of Israel in order to maintain its sovereignty rights, and its ability to defend itself against terror attacks.

Be it further resolved, that the 2022 Idaho Republican Party State Convention is proud to stand with Israel.

Resolution 2022-03

Title: Anti-Crossover Resolution

Sponsor: Matthew Jensen from Ada County

Proposal Text:

A resolution enjoining the State Party to form a special committee and handle crossover voting

WHEREAS, it is no secret that crossover voting is diluting the Republican brand and,

WHEREAS, this problem is as serious as can be, especially in terms of this party's continued survival as the majority party in this state; and,

WHEREAS, most estimates, even the most charitable ones, do not give the Idaho Republican Party more than 10 years of survival if crossover voting is not seriously handled; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to identify how outside parties and interests are using crossover voting, and what they intend to do via crossover voting; and,

WHEREAS, it would behoove us to identify, and wherever possible improve, the weaknesses and problem areas crossover vote campaigns rely upon; and,

WHEREAS, republicans across the state need to know which candidates and ballot measures, as well as other matters before the people, that crossover voters, especially democrats, are voting for; and,

WHEREAS, saying that you need to manipulate and dilute the primary of another party, as opposed to voting for and selecting your own candidates, is a tacit admission that your ideas suck, and that subsequently such ideas would not stand on their own in this state; and,

WHEREAS, encouraging people to crossover vote not only means your ideas suck, but you are completely fine with hypocritically telling others you have certain ideas and positions, when in reality you have others;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party State Convention, through its powers acknowledged in Idaho Code 34– 707, hereby enjoin the State Party officers, staff,

and other functionaries, to create an ongoing Crossover Voting special committee, comprising of Republicans from across the state, charged with the following:

1. Research and identify exactly which ways outsiders are using crossover voting to influence the party
2. Identify and report problem areas and weaknesses that crossover voting relies upon
3. Identify and report candidates (even Republican candidates) and ballot measures that other parties, particularly the democrats, are crossover voting FOR
4. Identify and report candidates and ballot measures that other parties, particularly the democrats, are crossover voting AGAINST
5. Recommend changes, wherever possible, to improve items 1 through 4.

...as well as whatever else is prudent, germane, and relevant to these tasks; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican party state convention, through powers mentioned already, enjoins the State Party chairman to have the special committee mentioned report on items 1, 3, and 4 on a continuing basis to the State Central committee; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican party state convention, through powers mentioned already, enjoins the State Party chairman to have the special committee mentioned report on item 2 on a continuing basis to the State Central committee in executive session, or in some other appropriately-private setting; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican party state convention, through powers mentioned already, enjoins the State Party Chairman to engage the Legislative Liaisons as defined in Article I, Section 23 of the State Rules on all applicable product of the Crossover Voting committee.

Resolution 2022-04

Title: A Resolution Affirming Idaho as a Second Amendment Sanctuary State and reaffirming Red Flag Laws as Unconstitutional

Sponsor: Tammy Nichols from Canyon County

Proposal Text:

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms is guaranteed as an Individual Right under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and under the Constitution of the State of Idaho, Article 1, Section 11, and;

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms for the defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is regarded as an Inalienable Right by the people of Idaho and “shall not be infringed”, and;

WHEREAS, history has shown what happens to the people when the Right of the people to Keep and Bear Arms for the defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is stripped from their possession, and;

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho legislature have been elected to represent the People of Idaho and duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Idaho, and;

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Idaho are opposed to any legislation, orders, or mandates considered by the Idaho State Legislature, the United States Congress, or any governmental agency that would infringe upon the right to keep and bear arms and would ban the possession and use of any firearms, magazines, ammunition or accessories possessed by individual citizens of Idaho for the defense of life, liberty and property or would require a firearms owners ID card or tax the possession of the firearms or ammunition with the State of Idaho, and;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Idaho reaffirm our commitment that firearm confiscation is unconstitutional, and that any form of so-called “Red Flag laws” are a violation of Idaho’s Constitution and the U.S. Constitution. Any legislation, orders, or mandates should be fervently opposed and rejected by the State of Idaho and the Idaho Legislature, and;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has recently ruled in a unanimous vote that warrantless gun confiscation from Americans' homes is unconstitutional.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the citizens of Idaho do hereby declare the State of Idaho to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary State and direct the Idaho State Legislature and/or acting governor to declare it as such.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the State of Idaho repeal any law and does hereby oppose the enactment of any legislation that might infringe upon the rights of the People to keep and bear arms and consider such laws, orders, or mandates to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful legislative authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the people of Idaho affirm support of Idaho law enforcement, and additionally, specifically to exercise sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen any unconstitutional laws, orders, mandates, or any federal directives, even in an emergency that would infringe on the rights of the People to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Idaho will not appropriate any funds for any enforcement of unconstitutional laws, orders, or mandates against the People of Idaho, nor will any Idaho personnel be assisting any gun confiscation in Idaho without due process in a public court of law.

Resolution 2022-06

Title: Idaho Children's Health Bill of Rights

Sponsor: Scott Herndon from Bonner County

Proposal Text:

WHEREAS the infringement of bodily autonomy and physical abuse inflicted upon the children of Idaho in the name of public health constitutes a significant threat; and

WHEREAS the advisors within the federal agencies that dictate public health policy have fallen under the influence of the medical industrial complex. Political scientists refer to this behavior as regulatory capture; and

WHEREAS the experience of the Covid pandemic management by the health officials underscores the risks of following the "expert" advice unquestioned; and

WHEREAS voluntary consent of the human involved in any medical intervention is absolutely essential; and

WHEREAS the human involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and

WHEREAS the human involved should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision; and

WHEREAS children do not have the legal capacity to give consent, and thus, must be represented by their legal parents or guardians; and

WHEREAS voluntary parental consent is essential for all medical decisions and treatments for their children; and

WHEREAS informed parental consent for publicly recommended or mandated medical interventions must encompass a risk/benefit analysis so as to assure sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the intervention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Idaho Republican Party State Convention recommends that the Idaho State Legislature should implement statutory measures to protect these medical rights of children and their parents.

Resolution 2022-07

Title: A Resolution to affirm the Idaho GOP Platform that "American combat troops should not be used as 'world policemen.'

Sponsor: Bjorn Handeen from Kootenai County

Co-Sponsors: Dan McKnight from Ada County, Cal Habayeb from Kootenai County, and Joe Prado from Kootenai County

Proposal Text:

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party State Central Committee in January 2020 adopted a resolution which stated:

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump said in his 2019 State of the Union Address: “Great nations do not fight endless wars... After two decades of war, the hour has come to at least try for peace... It is time to give our brave warriors a warm welcome home.”; and,

WHEREAS, President Trump wrote October 9, 2019, regarding his order to withdraw American troops from combat zones in Syria: "It is time for us to get out of these ridiculous endless wars, many of them tribal, and bring our soldiers home."; and, ...

WHEREAS, Sen. Jim Risch, (at the time) chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told the Idaho Falls Post Register, “We cannot and will not be the world’s policeman.”; and

“What we’re going through in Ukraine is somewhat like this now. WE CAN’T HAVE THIS THING END just as what’s happened in Syria, where like you pointed out, the hostilities have cranked down but WE CAN’T HAVE THIS END and say O.K. it’s over. No, it’s not over. THIS WILL NEVER BE OVER until people are held to account for what they’ve done. And we’re a long, long ways away from that. ...THIS IS SOMETHING THAT’S GOT TO GO ON FOR A LONG TIME. I’d appreciate hearing from each of you on your efforts...to push back on allies of ours doing what they appear to be doing and saying, well it’s over. No it’s not.”; and

WHEREAS, the Obama-Biden Administration for over five years pumped billions of dollars in weapons and cash into the hands of Jihadists in Syria, including Al-Qaeda, contributing to over

one million dead and millions more who fled into Europe, forever changing the socio-economic structure of that continent; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade, the Syrian Civil War is still ongoing, with Islamists occupying one province while over 1,000 U.S. troops occupy the northeast; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we call upon Idaho's entire Congressional delegation – and Republican members of the Idaho Legislature – to adopt policies that prevent the deployment of U.S. troops, including members of the Idaho National Guard, to Ukraine or any other foreign country in which armed conflict is occurring unless Congress shall first have declared war as provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution. 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to Senator Risch and to other members of Idaho's Congressional delegation and to each Republican member of the Idaho Legislature.

Resolution 2022-08

Title: Safer Internet Access For Children

Sponsor: Cindy Giesen from Ada County

Proposed Text:

WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Idaho, Article III Legislative Department, Section 24 states: “PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE AND MORALITY. The first concern of all good government is the virtue and sobriety of the people and the purity of the home.”;

WHEREAS we, the people, must act upon a moral crisis that concerns our children;

WHEREAS our children’s moral values, livelihoods, and sometimes lives are potentially at risk every time they connect to the internet due to unprotected, unmonitored, unfiltered and unsafe access to the World Wide Web;

WHEREAS many public internet connections provided by both commercial and non-profit entities are unsafe and readily available to any child with internet capable devices;
WHEREAS many parents, guardians and adults need help to secure and monitor their family’s internet accessible devices;

WHEREAS adults and children are lacking a high level of awareness concerning potential internet dangers;

WHEREAS our children are being exposed to online pornography with simply an innocent search or an unexpected advertisement by being tricked and lured to uncensored and unprotected internet websites and applications, sometimes precipitating the destruction of their “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” in a single initial experience on the internet;

WHEREAS owing to unsafe internet access, our children are being groomed, manipulated, threatened, lured, tricked, tracked and abducted by online sexual predators, pedophiles, blackmailers, bullies, and sex traffickers who are seeking out unsuspecting and vulnerable children and destroying their lives;

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party (GOP) Platform states that “We believe the strength of our nation lies with our faith and reliance on God our Creator, the individual, and the family; and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored;

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Platform adopted June 27, 2020, states in its Preamble that:
We believe Idahoans must protect the principles and values that have made us strong.

We believe Idahoans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to promote peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

We believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government; and

WHEREAS the Republican Party, the party that stood against the extension of slavery into new territories in the 19th century, must continue to fight this good fight for the sake of our children now on the World Wide Web against the enslaving online perpetrators, including the sex and pornography industries, the human traffickers and the pure evil individuals and groups that seek to destroy our children for their own monetary and misguided gain:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Idaho Republican Party State Convention recommend that:

1. the 2023 Idaho State Legislature take action to aggressively address the threats that our children are encountering on the World Wide Web by forming a Idaho Legislature Interim Committee to create a ‘Safer Internet Access for Children’ Public Awareness Campaign and a One-stop Idaho sponsored Website resource to educate Idahoans on the dangers of unprotected access to the internet while providing them with solutions, resources and assistance to enact safeguards that will help protect children while they are accessing the World Wide Web.
2. the Idaho Republican Legislative District, County, City and Precinct leaders unite to rally the people in their areas of influence into action, to encourage their elected officials, community leaders and residents to fight this battle to better protect children from the dangers that are lurking on the internet due to unprotected access, inappropriate websites, traps within social media and within applications and due to operating system software and service influences.
 1. Form a working group with representatives from a majority of the Idaho Legislative Districts by September 2022 and routinely meet monthly, remotely, to collaborate on ways to help each district obtain the education, resources and assistance they need to successfully combat the internet related issues that are threatening children and their quality of life.
 2. Publicly report on the progress of this effort on January 11, 2023 in recognition of “National Human Trafficking Awareness Day” ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Idaho State Republican Party be united in an effort to ignite a fire in the hearts of the good people who are responsible for strengthening our Nation, for protecting principles and values and for protecting faith, family and freedom, with a priority focus on providing ‘Safer Internet Access for Children’.

Resolution 2022-11

Title: ESG Anti-Discrimination Resolution

Sponsor: Gresham Bouma from Latah County

Co-Sponsors: Steve Cory from Ada County, Victor Miller from Ada County and Rep. Barbara Ehardt from Bonneville County

Proposal Text:

WHEREAS, Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry has advertised ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) scores as a feature of a free market, Indicating its position,

WHEREAS, E.S.G. scoring is actually the opposite of free market capitalism, which leaves the power with the customer, and is instead a system of coercing compliance with a set of values imposed by a group of the world's most powerful elites,

WHEREAS, a system where the power is reserved to the top, and control is imposed from the top, is the antithesis of our constitutional republic,

WHEREAS, the necessities of life become a weapon of compliance forcing allegiance to the "woke" values being pushed down through the corporate structure, And, whereas these values are antagonistic to religious, Christian, and conservative beliefs,

WHEREAS, the White House, bypassing Congress, issued an Executive Order on Climate-Related Financial Risk directing various federal agencies to develop and implement a government-wide strategy on climate-related financial risk (Presidential Executive Order 14030 on Climate Related Financial Risk, May 20, 2021);

WHEREAS, during the Biden administration we have seen increased pressure to limit access to capital to various industries (e.g., Fossil Fuels), even though these industries are critical to our national security and are meeting all environmental regulatory standards,

WHEREAS, we have seen the application of subjective ESG criteria through non-regulatory methods used to evaluate States' credit worthiness (Letter, Idaho's Congressional Delegation, Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Senate President Pro Tempore and Idaho Speaker of the House to S&P Global Ratings, May 18, 2022) (See footnote 1);

WHEREAS, we have seen federal agencies expand their roll by including climate-related disclosures for farmers and ranchers, which the SEC has no congressionally provided authority over (Letter, Senators Risch Mike Crapo to SEC Chairman date June 10, 2022) (See footnote 2);

WHEREAS, we have seen the US Department of Labor introduce ESG measures through executive orders that promote a social activist agenda over the interests of retirees. (Letter, Idaho Treasurer and Attorney General to the Employee Benefits Security Administration of the US Department of Labor, May 16th 2022) (See footnote 3);

WHEREAS, these are just a few examples of the efforts (see footnote 4) by the current administration to impose their political agenda through non-democratic means, and

WHEREAS, these mandates will substantially increase costs for Idahoans and Idaho's businesses; adversely accelerate the 40-year high rate of inflation that characterizes our current economy, threaten our national security, and undermine America's free and fair market economic system:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Idaho's legislature protect Idaho's businesses and individuals from discrimination exercised in the name of Environmental, Social, and Governance scores assessed by and through large powerful corporations and the networks they have formed with the federal agencies, financial institutions, and the Democrat party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party Chair convey to the Idaho congressional delegation, Idaho constitutional officers and Idaho legislators that we support their efforts to push back on federal overreach of ESG and climate-related efforts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party commends all of Idaho's Republican Legislators for voting in support of Senate Bill 1405 related to disfavored investments and proxy votes (see footnote 5) and the Governor for signing the bill into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party chair convey to the Idaho House of Representatives our appreciation for its passage of House Concurrent resolution 52 which states the House's findings and directs the Committee on Federalism to study the topic of environmental, social and governance standards in Idaho (see footnote 6).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Idaho Republican State Party encourage Idaho's federal, State and local elected officials to exercise all of their authorities, including litigation, legislation, administrative action, or any other available efforts, to prevent a forced imposition of climate-related or other ESG policies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Idaho Republican State Party provide a copy of this resolution to Idaho’s Congressional Delegation, Idaho’s Constitutional Officers, the Idaho Senate President Pro Tempore, and Idaho Speaker of the House.

Footnotes:

1: The concluding paragraph of the letter states:

Based upon the above as well as the concerns and questions outlined within the letter from Utah, Idaho objects entirely to S&P’s creation, use, and publication of Idaho and Idaho political subdivision public finance ESG credit indicators. Idaho will not participate in the S&P’s abandonment of its statutorily assigned responsibility for evaluating material factors in favor of S&P’s expansion into politically biased ESG credit indicators. In the future if S&P contemplates any changes to its ratings structure, the State of Idaho and its political subdivisions must be included within the process by which S&P makes any adjustments or additions to its ratings structure. Based upon Idaho’s strong objection to S&P’s creation and publication of the ESG credit indicator system, Idaho reserves all of its rights, and maintains the right under federal and state law to make further inquiry into S&P.” Full letter can be accessed at sto.idaho.gov.

2: The press release states:

Crapo, Risch Oppose SEC Overreach, Unworkable Disclosure Regulations on Agriculture Products, June 13, 2022 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch (both R-Idaho) joined Senator John Hoeven (R-N.D.) and 29 of their colleagues to push back on a proposed rule from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that would place unworkable climate disclosure regulations on farmers, ranchers, and agriculture producers. The senators signed a letter calling on the SEC to rescind the overreaching proposal, which would require publicly-traded companies to include certain climate-related disclosures in their registration statements and periodic reports. The rule would impose extensive new, complex, and burdensome greenhouse gas reporting requirements on all entities within a company’s value chain, including farmers and ranchers who fall outside of the SEC’s Congressionally-provided authority.

“We have serious concerns regarding the SEC’s regulatory overreach, as well as the impact that this proposed rule will have on the agricultural industry,” wrote the senators. “This substantial reporting requirement would significantly burden small, family-owned farms with a new, complex, and unreasonable compliance requirement, resulting in costly additional compliance expenses, reduced access to new business opportunities, and potential consolidation in the agriculture industry... This proposed rule moves well beyond the SEC’s traditional regulatory authority by mandating climate change reporting requirements that will not only regulate publicly traded companies, but will impact every company in the value chain.”

The full text of the letter can be read at crapo.senate.gov

3: The concluding paragraph of the letter states:

For the reasons set forth herein, the Department should withdraw its Notice and Request for Comment. The Executive Order and Roadmap encourages the Department and others to supplant a financial decision with a political decision. Proceeding as directed by the Executive Order and Roadmap may allow employers and investment managers to invest employee retirement savings in a way that benefits social causes and corporate goals even if it adversely affects the return to the employee, promoting a social activist agenda over the interests of employees, retirees, and other retirement fund beneficiaries. At the very least, the Department should affirm that fiduciaries must be held to their duties of prudence and loyalty by considering only the material financial or pecuniary factors when making investment decisions for retirement savings account.

Full letter can be accessed at sto.idaho.gov.

4: For list see Idaho Treasurer's website at sto.idaho.gov (click on red banner).

5: The action record for Senate bill 1405:

03/18/22 Read third time in full – PASSED - 28-7-0 AYES – Agenbroad, Anthon, Bayer, Blair (Johnson), Burtenshaw, Cook, Crabtree, Den Hartog, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Heider, Lakey, Lee, Lent, Lodge, Martin, Patrick, Rice, Ricks, Riggs, Souza, Thayn, VanOrden (Bair), Vick, Winder, Woodward, Zito NAYS – Burgoyne, Nelson, Nye, Semmelroth, Stennett, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow Absent and excused – None Floor Sponsor - Vick Title apvd - to House

03/23/22 Read second time; Filed for Third Reading Rules Suspended: Ayes 69 Nays 0 Abs/Excd 1, read in full as required – PASSED - 57-12-1 AYES – Adams, Addis, Amador, Andrus, Armstrong, Barbieri, Blanksma, Boyle, Bundy, Cannon, Chaney, Christensen, Clow, Crane, DeMordaunt, Dixon, Ehardt, Erickson, Ferch, Galloway, Gestrin, Gibbs, Giddings, Hanks, Harris, Hartgen, Holtzclaw, Horman, Kauffman, Kerby, Kingsley, Lickley, Manwaring(Tovey), Marshall, McCann, Mendive, Mitchell, Monks, Moon, Moyle, Nate, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Palmer, Scott, Shepherd, Skaug, Syme, Troy, Vander Woude, Weber, Wisniewski, Wood, Yamamoto, Young, Youngblood, Mr. Speaker NAYS – Berch, Burns, Chew, Gannon, Green, Mathias, McCrostie, Nash, Necochea, Rubel, Ruchti, Toone Absent – Furniss Floor Sponsor - Dixon Title apvd - to Senate

03/31/22 Signed by Governor on 03/28/22 Session Law Chapter 299 Effective: 07/01/2022

6: The resolution concludes with:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee on Federalism, the sponsors of this resolution, and the Idaho State Treasurer, where appropriate, at the direction of the Idaho Legislature, shall work with concerned parties to study the topic of ESG standards and shall draft legislation that protects the State of Idaho and its citizens from the use of ESG standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Federalism shall report its findings and recommendations, along with the proposed legislation, to the Legislative Council in November 2022 and to the First Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature.

The full resolution can be viewed at <https://legislature.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sessioninfo/2022/legislation/HCR052.pdf>

Resolution 2022-22

Title: Privatizing Idaho Public Television

Sponsor: Bjorn Handeen from Kootenai County

Co-Sponsors: David Reilly from Kootenai County

Proposal Text:

Whereas, it is contrary to the Constitution of the State of Idaho, principles of sound economics, and the Republican Party, for the state to compete with private industry,

Whereas, Idaho Public Television both directly and indirectly competes with private enterprise,

Whereas, The Republican Party endorses the review of all government sponsored programs, and their assumption by private enterprise where appropriate and workable,

Whereas, the Idaho Republican Party recommends that present government programs which have been found to be non-productive, not cost effective, or to be obsolete should be terminated,

Whereas, a considerable amount of time, money and resources, at the expense of the taxpayers, are utilized in assisting in the maintenance and operation of public television, and

Whereas, reasonable alternatives to public television exist whereby programming and services deemed important to the public may be maintained,

WHEREAS, it is, however, of comparable necessity that Idahoans receive emergency alerts of all types, especially for preparedness, defense, and AMBER alerts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party encourages the Idaho Legislature to divest the State of Idaho from Idaho Public Television in such a way that allows continued operation in the private sector AND does not hinder State-originated EAS service to the public.

Resolution 2022-24

Title: A Resolution to Further Secure Idaho Elections

Sponsor: Jacquelyn Davidson from Ada County

Proposal Text:

WHEREAS the Heritage Foundation, a prominent conservative thinktank, has currently ranked Idaho as 38th in the nation on election integrity legislation, and;

WHEREAS Election Systems & Software (ES&S) is the primary provider of voting systems in Idaho and the largest provider of voting systems in the United States, and;

WHEREAS high level representatives of ES&S have recently stated publicly that the largest threat to election integrity is absentee voting, and;

WHEREAS many news and eye-witness reports such as the NY Post article dated August 29, 2020 relay information on ways absentee ballots can be and have been used to alter thousands of ballots, and;

WHEREAS no current mechanism exists in Idaho to prevent the type of election fraud conveyed in the above news article, and;

WHEREAS voting by absentee ballot has increased significantly in Idaho post Covid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party will promote in person, election day voting as the preferred method of voting in Idaho;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party will pursue legislation to thwart absentee voting fraud including the use of anti-counterfeit ballots, tightening controls on voter identification provided with each absentee ballot, prohibiting candidates or third-party entities from sending absentee ballot applications or otherwise expand the use of absentee voting, and encouraging any other reasonable measures to promote in person voting on election day;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party, in these efforts, will not compromise the ability of UOCAVA military personnel, individuals with legitimate physical limitations, individuals with work responsibilities, or individuals who cannot be physically present on Election Day to vote.

Resolution 2022-25

Title: Crossover Voting

Sponsor: Branden Durst from Ada County

Proposal Text:

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party (herein “the Party”) has the constitutional right, under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, to determine with whom it associates and who associates with it;

WHEREAS the Party has the constitutional right to determine who has the right to assist the Party in selecting nominees that will represent the Party in the general election;

WHEREAS the Party has seen a considerable increase in so-called “crossover” voting by those who do not have the Party’s best interests in mind as expressed by support of the Party’s platform;

WHEREAS the Idaho 97 Project, Take Back Idaho, the legacy media and other liberal organizations have sought to circumvent the Party’s nomination process by encouraging participation in the Party’s nomination process by those who do not support the vast majority of the Party’s platform;

WHEREAS the Party rebukes any organization and any person involved any organization that seeks to undermine the Party’s nomination process by encouraging participation in the Party’s nomination process by those who do not support a vast majority of the Party’s platform;

WHEREAS the Party has the responsibility to protect the Republican brand as espoused by the Party’s platform;

WHEREAS the Party desires to nominate candidates that reflect the Republican brand as espoused by the Party’s platform;

WHEREAS the Party welcomes all eligible participants to assist the Party in selecting nominees so long as those participants engage in good faith, hold no allegiance or support for any other political party and support a vast majority of the Party platform;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Republican State Central Committee, is hereby directed to adopt the following rules governing the eligibility to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party before the start of the next regular session of the Idaho Legislature:

1. Any qualified elector, as defined in Idaho Code 34-104, shall be eligible to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party unless one or more of the following circumstances applies:
 - a. The elector has not affiliated at least 12 months prior to the next primary election held in an even numbered year;
 - b. The elector has disaffiliated with the Republican Party at any time in the past 25 months;
 - c. The elector, in the 25 months prior, has financially supported more than one candidate for public office of a political party, as defined in Idaho Code 34-501, other than Republican Party;
 - d. The elector, in the 25 months prior, has financially supported any political party, as defined in Idaho Code 34-501, other than Republican Party;
 - e. The elector, in the 25 months prior, has affiliated with any political party, as defined in Idaho Code 34-501, other than the Republican Party;
 - f. The elector, in the 25 months prior, has voted in a primary or caucus process for any political party, as defined in Idaho Code 34-501, other than the Republican Party
2. The provisions set forth in Section 1, except Section 1(c), Section 1(d) and Section 1(f), shall not apply to newly qualified electors who register less than 12 months prior to the next primary election held in an even numbered year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative Liaisons appointed by the State Chairman shall facilitate any statutory changes required to effectuate the new rules governing eligibility to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Idaho Republican State Central Committee is hereby empowered and directed to defend in court or in any other forum necessary the new rules governing eligibility to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party is hereby directed to engage with the Republican members of the Idaho Legislature to encourage and solicit their public support for any proposed statutory changes stemming from the new rules governing eligibility to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party and to report back to the State Central Committee with findings of those who are publicly supportive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party is hereby directed to publicly testify in favor at any and all legislative hearings of any proposed statutory changes

stemming from the new rules governing eligibility to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party on behalf of the Idaho Republican Party and its members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party is hereby directed to engage with constitutional officers of Idaho to encourage and solicit their public support for any proposed statutory changes stemming from the new rules governing eligibility to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party and to report back to the State Central Committee with findings of those who are publicly supportive.

Resolution 2022-26

Title: Partisan Municipal Elections

Sponsor: Darr Moon from Custer County

Co-Sponsors: Dorothy Moon from Custer County

Proposal Text:

WHEREAS, city council elections in Idaho, including in the City of Boise, are permitted to be non-partisan in nature, based on the premise that such elections concern municipal issues that are beneath the concerns of partisan politics; and

WHEREAS, despite having been elected in a non-partisan election, the Boise city council recently passed a resolution expressing support for gun control; and

WHEREAS, several Idaho city councils have regularly weighed in on legislative initiatives and other political issues, including those of national import and significant partisan disagreement; and

WHEREAS, several Idaho city councils have members who long ago ceased to limit their actions to those related only to municipal affairs; and

WHEREAS, municipal issues increasingly involve issues of spending, taxation, and development, which are issues about which political parties have established views; and

WHEREAS, it is no longer tenable to claim that municipal elections are non-partisan in nature; and

WHEREAS, it is important for citizens to be informed when voting about the party principles to which candidates for elected office ascribe;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Idaho Republican Party supports legislation to require that all elections in the state of Idaho, except for judicial elections, require partisan affiliation.

Resolution 2022-29

Title: Voter Identification

Sponsor: Dorothy Moon from Custer County

Co-Sponsors: Darr Moon from Custer County

Proposal Text:

WHEREAS, the right of American citizens to govern themselves is a fundamental principle recognized in the Declaration of Independence, and

WHEREAS, ensuring the integrity of elections is vital to preserve the republican form of government guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and which the States now enjoy, and

WHEREAS, despite efforts to protect the integrity of elections, election fraud remains prevalent and its existence undermines the very foundation of our government, and

WHEREAS, States have the obligation to protect elections and their citizens' right to freely participate in them,

WHEREAS, several jurisdictions, including in California, Maryland, and New York, have allowed noncitizens to participate in U.S. state and municipal elections,

THEREFORE, we urge the Idaho Legislature to enact legislation amending Idaho Code 34-1112 to prohibit the use of student identification cards, and requiring that voters provide valid photo identification and proof of citizenship in order to register to vote or to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of Idaho.

Resolution 2022-31

Title: Resolution to refuse to recognize imaginary identities

Sponsor: Sheila Ford from Canyon County

Co-Sponsors:

Proposal Text:

Whereas every living thing has only the DNA with which it was created

Whereas some people are now, indeed claiming to identify as birds, animals or some imaginary "gender", which is not consistent with their DNA

Whereas no number of surgical procedures can alter one's original DNA

Therefore let it be resolved that the Republican Party recognizes identity consistent only with one's original DNA

Resolution 2022-09

Minority Report

Resolution Directing Dismissal of Litigation filed by Chairman Luna and the State Republican Party against the Bonneville County Republican Central Committee and Executive Committee

Sponsor: Mark Fuller from Legislative District 33

The minority of the committee appointed, speaking through the sponsor of the Resolution, Mark Fuller, LD 33 Chairman, not agreeing with the majority, desire to express their views in this case.

This resolution received a tie vote in the Resolutions Committee, as the result of a tie being created by the vote of the Committee Chairman. The delegates being tied, a minority report is allowed to explain the basis for the resolution and why the Convention should overturn the tie vote and approve the resolution as presented. The Committee normally makes a recommendation to the Convention, but the divided committee did not pass the resolution. This Convention is allowed to make the decision to approve the Resolution.

The Resolution explains that the Party Chairman has the authority to exercise general supervision over the organization of affairs of the party, but the Chairman is “subject in all cases, however, to the direction of the State Republican Central Committee.” (Rules, Article 1, section 5). The Central Committee will meet immediately after the Convention ends and this resolution is to instruct the Central Committee to direct the Chairman to dismiss the litigation filed against Bonneville County and its Executive Committee. This Resolution is NOT about the merits of the lawsuit, but to get the lawsuit dismissed. The decision will be made by the Central Committee and the Chairman must obey.

The background details about the litigation are included in the Resolution as required by Robert’s Rules of Order for a resolution. Please read the Resolution yourself so you will understand the facts behind the litigation. Whether Bonneville County acted perfectly or missed a few words is not the issue. Bonneville County Executive Committee members are just like each of you. We are not politicians. We have families and jobs, we go to church and spend our time and sweat to elect conservatives and build our communities. We donate our money to support candidates and to help our constituents who to vote for.

We consider the party to be our extended family and view Conventions like a family reunion. Party leaders are viewed as parents, experienced and able to teach and support County Central Committees and their volunteer members. They are to help us understand the Rules, and help us comply with laws which regulate our actions, to help us avoid mistakes without rancor. Party Rules control how disputes are resolved internally and the Rules contain no authorization for litigation. Fathers do not sue their children. Good leaders in families and parties work out differences and stay unified in support of each other. Litigation shows a lack of leadership, lack of compromise, lack of communication.

Unfortunately, litigation for purposes of intimidation has become the newest tool in the Democrat politician's bag of tricks. Think of all the lawsuits filed against President Trump. The contempt charges filed against members of the Trump administration. Remember how they persecuted Michael Flynn through court after court until President Trump pardoned him. This Democrat tool has come home to the Republican Party.

Litigation simply was not necessary. Our party rules explain how disputes are resolved. If a complaint is made against a County Central Committee, the Chairman relies upon the Rules, Article 12 which provides procedures for investigating complaints, giving opportunity to affected parties to be heard, and for the issuance of a written decision by the Chairman. If the decision is not accepted by either side, an appeal can be filed to the Judicial Committee. If either side disagrees with the Judicial Committee decision, they can appeal to the full State Central Committee, where the true power of the party resides. This is a great system, in place for many years, and Bonneville and other Counties have used this process to seek resolution of disputes within the party. Through this process there is no need to display our "dirty laundry" to the press, the Democrats and those who would laugh and deride.

Unfortunately, the Party and its Chairman did not use this internal process which would have allowed settlement without Court proceedings. While Bonneville County's internal appeal was pending before the Judicial Committee, but not yet set for hearing, the State Party filed a lawsuit on May 12 at 3:30 pm in Ada County. Bonneville County learned of the litigation in a phone voice message left by the Chairman at 3:42pm, advising that the lawsuit had already been filed.

The minority are not aware of the Idaho State Party ever having sued a Central Committee and its Executive Committee. The Executive Committee members were each named in the lawsuit. The effects the litigation had upon these volunteers has been significant. The news media jumped on the litigation to show how divided the State Party is. The litigation filing affected the result of the Primary Election held just four days later in Bonneville County.

In the Party we battle for the Primary ballot box and then we unite behind the nominees selected. That unity is over if we use judges to enforce our rules against each other, to force unity with the Chairmen's opinion by court order, and the threat of contempt charges and jail if the Chairman is disobeyed. This is the first step to tyranny and we must stop it now. Do not allow Democrat coercive litigation to become part of the Republican Party. Let us resolve our disputes internally, according to Section 12 of the Rules, and not drag our volunteers into court.

The minority requests that the Resolution be approved as presented and the tie vote of the Committee be replaced with a vote to approve.