

## **BY-LAWS**

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

#### PEAMBLE

The WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE is committed to protecting the freedoms enjoyed by the citizens of Washington County. We hold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Idaho and the rights enumerated there-in, as essential to the preservation of those freedoms. We recognize the Republican Party as the party, best suited to protect those documents and freedoms. We will seek to recruit, elect and support candidates who value these ideals. Additionally, we will strive to educate residents on the importance of their rights and the essentialness of their efforts to ensure the continued protection of the freedoms and livelihoods of the citizens of Washington County and all Idahoans.

#### ARTICLE I. THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

##### Section 1:

(a) The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Youth Delegate, and other such officers of the County Central Committee as elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen.

(b) All officers of the Central Committee shall be elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen at a meeting called by the incumbent County Chairman to be held within ten (10) days after the Primary Election within the confines of the county seat. All Candidates must be affiliated with the Republican Party and be a resident of Washington County for a minimum of one (1) year prior to election. The outgoing Chairman shall schedule the special organizational meeting by providing a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice to all existing committee persons and as much notice as practical to newly elected members, following the Primary Election. The outgoing secretary shall provide copies of the current bylaws to all newly elected members at the organizational meeting.

The election of the County Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. All precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of a County Central Committee, or any person acting as an alternate for such member must have a Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore, the act of severing affiliation with the

Republican Party, shall be deemed resignation from any position held in the County Central Committee.

(c) The State Youth Delegate shall be between eighteen (18) and Forty (40) years of age and must be an affiliated Republican, and a resident of Washington County for a minimum of one (1) year prior to election

(d) The Washington County Republican Central Committee shall convene a special meeting in February or March of any year during which a general election is held. The purpose of said meeting is to have any and all candidates wishing to run for public office appear at this special meeting for the purpose of informing all precinct persons in attendance of their intent to run as a Republican candidate in the upcoming primary and/or general election and must receive a vote of confidence from at least fifty-percent (50%) of the attending precinct persons. After receiving an affirmative vote of no less than fifty-percent (50%) of the precinct persons in attendance, qualified candidates may expect support from the Washington County Central Committee.

Any perspective candidate electing to not appear, shall not expect support at any time in the election cycle. In emergency situations a proxy person may be substituted for the original candidate upon fifty percent 50% approval from the precinct persons in attendance.

## Section 2:

(a) The County Central Committee shall fill by election, all vacancies that occur or exist in an office of a Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman. Candidates must be a qualified elector of that precinct, must have a Republican Party affiliation and a resident of Washington County for a minimum of one (1) year prior to election. Qualified Candidates will be nominated by an existing Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman at a regularly scheduled meeting and elected by the County Central Committee at the next stated meeting following the nomination. Said candidate shall assume office immediately after election.

(b) Should a vacancy arise in the office of County Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall, within thirty (30) days of such vacancy and after giving at least seven (7) days' notice, call a meeting for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman. If such a meeting is not called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of a vacancy, the State Chairman shall convene the County Central Committee for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman.

(c) Should a vacancy arise in the office of State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, or State Youth Delegate, the County Chairman shall, within thirty

(30) days and after giving at least seven (7) days' notice, call a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

Section 3:

Representation and voting by proxies shall be permitted at County Central Committee meetings except for the election of Central Committee officers, election of delegates to the state convention, endorsement of candidates per Article V, Section 2, and nomination of nominees to fill county office vacancies. Proxies shall be honoured if in writing and assigned to another voting member and limited to that particular meeting. Limit to one proxy vote per precinct committeeman or committeewoman. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen including proxies, from within the county shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4:

(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the County Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the State Committeeman, the State Committeewoman, the State Youth Delegate, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, all of whom must have a Republican Party affiliation.

(b) The Executive Committee shall have authority to make decisions as to the policy of the County Central Committee, between meetings of said Committee. Such action shall be valid and binding upon the Central Committee, unless revoked by a majority vote of the members present at the next regular meeting of the Central Committee at which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE II. MEETINGS

Section 1:

Regular meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairman by stating date, hour, and location. Notification shall be given in writing or through any social media, with at least five (5) days' notice prior to said meeting.

Section 2:

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman at his/her discretion, or in his/her absence by the Vice Chairman, or upon petition of a majority of seated Precinct Committee persons. Notice of special meetings shall be given in writing or through any social media, with at least three (3) days' notice.

ARTICLE III. FILLING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VACANCIES

The rules in this Article shall conform to the most current applicable State and County Law.

Section 1:

In the event a vacancy arises in an Office of County Commissioner, the Chairman of the County Central Committee wherein the vacancy exists shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee within ten (10) days, after the vacancy has been created, and having given seventy-two (72) hours' notice, in writing or through any social media, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is to recommend to the Governor, one (1) nominee to fill said vacancy.

Section 2:

At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor one (1) nominee to fill a vacancy on the Board of County Commissioners, only Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. All nominees must have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years at the time of election, shall have resided within the county for one (1) year next preceding the election, and in the district which he represents for a period of a minimum of ninety (90) days next preceding the primary election, and have a Republican Party affiliation.

Section 3:

The County Chairman shall submit the name of the nominee to the Governor within two (2) days of their selection.

Section 4:

The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment of the nominee within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment has been made within fifteen (15) days, the County Central Committee shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE IV: FILLING COUNTY VACANCIES OTHER THAN COMMISSIONERS

The rules in this Article shall conform to the most current applicable State and County Law.

Section 1:

In the event a vacancy arises in any of the Offices listed hereafter: County Prosecuting Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor, Sheriff or Auditor/Clerk of the District Court, the Chairman of the County Central Committee wherein the vacancy exists, shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee within ten (10) days, after the vacancy has been created, and having given seventy-two (72 ) hours' notice, in writing or through

any social media, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners, three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

Section 2:

At the meeting of the County Central Committee, for the purpose of recommending to the Board of County Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill such vacancy, Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. All nominees must have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years at the time of his election, is a citizen of the United States and shall have resided within the county one (1) year next preceding election and have a Republican Party affiliation. A Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman shall vote for three (3) candidates in their preferential order.

Section 3:

The County Chairman shall submit the names of the three (3) nominees to the Board of County Commissioners within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in order of their preference.

Section 4:

The Board of County Commissioners shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of the three (3) nominees within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment has been made within fifteen (15) days, the County Central Committee shall designate one (1) of the three (3) nominees to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE V: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1:

The County Central Committee or an appointed sub-committee thereof shall determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring intent to file as Republican candidates for county political offices, by checking the list of registered Republicans maintained by the County Clerk and verifying residency requirement in accordance with Idaho law. The Central Committee may endorse Republican Candidates for their respective offices after they have won the primary election.

Section 2:

The Committee may at its discretion, call a special meeting(s) per the provisions of Article II for the purposes of providing the citizens of Washington County guidance, as to the Committee's opinion regarding the qualifications of all candidates and other ballot measures at. Such meetings shall be noticed 30 days in advance when practical.

The Committee shall establish rules for this meeting as it deems fit, so that the qualifications and decisions of the candidates and ballot propositions can be evaluated by the committee. The committee may adopt standing rules in advance of the endorsement meeting to assist the Committee and the proponents of candidates and issues to provide a clear process for presenting their positions.

Any person(s) wishing not to attend and asking for the committee's support, shall not expect support at any time in the election cycle. In emergency situations a proxy person may be substituted for the original candidate upon 50% approval from the Precinct Persons in attendance.

The Committee endorsement process shall, at a minimum include the following provisions:

- a) Require 2/3 vote from the Committeemen and Committeewomen for all endorsements.
- b) The Central Committee is prohibited from endorsing Precinct Committeemen or Committeewomen candidates.
- c) Endorsements may be extended to non-partisan races or ballot propositions at the discretion of the Committee.
- d) Proxy voting on endorsements, shall not be permitted.
- e) The Committee is not required to endorse any office or proposition during any election.

The standing rules adopted by the Committee may be expanded.

The County Chairman or his designee shall coordinate with the respective campaigns, as to the use of the Committee's endorsement on campaign material.

#### ARTICLE VI: PROCEDURE - DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS

##### Section 1:

All procedures not herein specified, shall be governed by the Latest Edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

##### Section 2:

No prior action of the Washington County Republican Central Committee shall be voided by adoption of these rules.

##### Section 3:

These rules may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Washington County Republican Central Committee at any regular or special session of the Washington County

Republican Central Committee. The Secretary shall provide at least ten (10) days' notice to the Committeemen and Committeewomen prior to any meeting for which there is an intent to amend these rules.

Approved on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

These rules shall conform to the rules of the Idaho Republican Party as appropriate at the time of election of delegates to comply with the Idaho Republican Party State Rules Effective June 29, 2019.

### I: County Delegate Selection Meeting

(a) Each County shall hold an open meeting for the selection of Delegates to the Republican State Convention. Each County shall select three (3) delegates and three (3) Alternates to the Republican State Convention. In addition, each county meeting shall select one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each one thousand (1,000) votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate in the previous general election, or major fraction thereof, in that county. Republican State Headquarters will advise each County Chairman of the number of Delegates his county is entitled to elect. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the Alternate selected. Any qualified elector may be elected a Delegate or Alternate to the GOP State Convention. Each County Delegation to the State Convention shall select one Delegate as Chairman of the Delegation.

(b) An individual otherwise qualified by these rules may be selected to be an alternate delegate for both a county and a legislative district, but is restricted from voting in both jurisdictions on any given issue.

### II. Preparation for State Convention

(a) By the end of the 11th day after the May Primary Election, the respective Chairmen of each County Central Committee or Legislative District shall submit a statement giving the names, mailing address, phone number, and email address for each Delegate and Alternate elected at the meeting, each Precinct Committeeman, and other elected officers of the County/Legislative District (State Committeeman/Woman/Youth person, Vice Chair, Secretary etc.) to the State Party Headquarters. This submittal shall also identify the Chairman of the delegation to the state convention, the delegate(s) to be on convention committee(s), and the Delegate's (Delegates') committee preference. County and Legislative Chairmen are the Certifying Officials for their Delegate Selection. Delegate selection results will be sent electronically and are to be followed up with a signed hardcopy delivered to the Republican State Headquarters. Any delegate or alternate not supplying a valid name, mailing address, phone number, or email address

may be denied credentials to the convention per Article III, Section 3 of the Rules of the Convention. Failure of one delegate or alternate to supply correct or complete information may not be considered for denying seating of the full delegation.

(b) The State Chairman shall be charged with issuing the roll of State Convention, based upon the Legislative District and County Convention elections, preferably three (3) days but no later than one day prior to the Convention and certifying its accuracy, according to the Statement of the respective Chairman.

(c) Any person aggrieved by the manner of conduct or proceedings in any Legislative District or County meeting, or any Legislative District or County Chairman, or of the State Chairman prior to the convening of the State Convention and shall specify the reasons therefore in writing. Appeals may only be undertaken for alleged failures to observe the provisions of these rules and Notice of the Appeal must be in writing over the names of the persons aggrieved and must specify the particulars alleged violated. The State Chairman shall refer such cases to the Credentials Committee of the Convention who shall make a recommendation to the Convention as a whole. Delegates involved in the case shall not be allowed to vote on the question.

### III. State Convention

Delegates to the State Convention elected at the Legislative District and County meetings shall have the right of full participation in all Convention matters. All Republican State Conventions shall be open, and attendance shall be invited from all members of the Party, but only Duly Certified Delegates or Alternates serving in their stead shall be entitled to vote on matters before the Convention or before committees of the Convention.

### IV. Freedom of Opportunity

(a) At all stages of the Delegate selection process, the party shall ensure that there is no discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex or age. The unit rule shall not be used in any stage of the Delegate selection process.

(b) In the conduct of all proceedings which are not specified for the existing Rules of the Idaho Republican Party, the National Party, or the Laws of Idaho, Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed.

POLITICAL PARTIES - ORGANIZATIONS

34-502: COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE-MEMBERS-OFFICERS-DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN-NOTICE OF CHAIRMAN.

The county central committee of each political party in each county shall consist of the precinct committeemen representing the precincts within the county and the county chairman elected by the precinct committeemen. The precinct committeemen within each county shall meet at the county seat within ten (10) days after the primary election and at the time and date designated by the incumbent county chairman, and shall organize by electing a chairman, vice chairman, a secretary, a state committeeman, a state committeewoman, and such other officers as they may desire who shall hold office at the pleasure of the county central committee or until their successors are elected.

The county clerk shall deliver in writing to the chairman of the county central committee of each political party on or before January 20 of each year in which a general election is to be held, a list of the election precincts in the county and the names and addresses of the precinct committeemen who were elected at the last primary election, or who have since been appointed as precinct committeemen, as such election or appointment is shown on the records of the county clerk. If the county clerk has no record of precinct committeemen, he shall in writing, so inform the chairman of the county central committee.

The chairman of the county central committee shall on or before February 1, of each year in which a general election is to be held, and at such other times as changes occur, certify to the county clerk the names and addresses of the precinct committeemen of his political party.

34-505: POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The county central committee shall have all the powers and duties prescribed by state law and rules and regulations promulgated and adopted by the state conventions or the state central committee.

Unless state party rules, adopted as provided in section [34-505](#), Idaho Code, provide otherwise, when a vacancy exists in the office of county central committee chairman, it shall be the duty of the state central committee chairman to call a meeting of the precinct committeemen of the county, and the precinct committeemen shall proceed to elect a chairman of the county central committee for the balance of the unexpired term.

The county central committee shall fill by appointment all vacancies that occur or exist in the office of precinct committeeman who shall be a qualified elector of the precinct.