

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 19 Republican Central Committee
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE - I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Legislative District 19 Central Committee hereinafter referred to as the District 19 Committee.

ARTICLE - II. MISSION

The mission of the District Committee is to promote the Republican philosophy, to build, strengthen and support the Republican Party from the grassroots up, and to elect competent and qualified Republican candidates.

ARTICLE - III. GOVERNING BODY AND DOCUMENTS

The District 19 Committee shall be the governing body of the organization; and these Bylaws and Rules of Order of the District shall be the governing documents of the organization. The Bylaws and Rules shall be in compliance with the Idaho Republican Party Rules and the Election Laws of the State of Idaho.

ARTICLE - IV. MEMBERSHIP

The District Committee is composed of Precinct Committeemen of the precincts within District 19 who are elected at the State of Idaho Primary Election or duly elected at an Ada County Central Committee meeting in accordance with their bylaws and rules. The legislative district chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and such other officers of the District 19 committee that are elected by the Precinct Committeemen.

Section 1 Voting - Only duly elected precinct committeemen within the Legislative district may vote at regular and/or special meetings of the District. Officers who are precinct committeemen shall have one vote. Officers who are not precinct Committeemen shall have no vote. A tied vote is a failed vote, except that and election for District 19 officers, resulting in a tie shall be determined by a coin toss.

Section 2 Proxy Voting – shall be allowed except as limited by State Party Rules, and when voting for officers, delegates, alternates, nominees for filling legislative vacancies or vacancies on the ballot, and bylaw amendments. Proxy votes shall be in writing, signed by the precinct committeeman assigning the proxy, and carried by a voting member of the District.

- Section 3 Quorum - Fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the duly elected precinct committeemen or their duly elected Alternates and officers who are duly elected and current precinct committeemen shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the District. If a member is unable to attend in person, he/she may attend telephonically provided that he/she can hear all other participants and all other participants can hear him/her.
- Section 4 Alternate Precinct Committeemen - may vote only in the absence of the Precinct Committeemen, except for the election of the District Central Committee officers, election of delegates and alternates to the State Convention, and nominations to fill legislative vacancies and vacancies on the ballot.

ARTICLE - V. MEETINGS

- Section 1 Organization Meeting - The District shall meet biennially at the organization meeting for the purpose of election of officers and election of voting delegates and alternates to the Idaho Republican Convention.
- a. The organization meeting shall be called by the District Chairman to be held after each Primary Election to be held within the Legislative District according to the rules of the Republican State Party Convention
 - b. Only precinct committeemen may nominate, second, and vote for officers, delegates, and alternates. Any qualified resident of the District who is a qualified elector of Legislative District 19, and who is a bona-fide and recognized member of the Republican Party is eligible for nomination and election. They are not required to be precinct committeemen.
- Section 2 Vacancy in Legislature - The District shall meet with a quorum present for the purpose of nominating candidates to the governor to fill vacancies in the Idaho State Legislature. The requirements and procedures for the meeting are listed on the attached “Rules for Vacancy in Legislature.”
- Section 3 Vacancy on Ballot - The District shall meet with a quorum present for the purpose of electing legislative candidates if a vacancy on ballot (refer to Idaho Code 34 Elections Chapter 7 Section 15 Filling of Vacancies) occurs before or after Primary Elections.
- Section 4 Regular Meetings - shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the District Chairman. Notice of meetings shall be given by regular or electronic mail at least seven (7) days in advance of the date of the meeting.
- Section 5 Special Meetings – A special meeting may be called at the discretion of the Legislative District Chairman when deemed necessary by the Chairman to consider urgent business concerning the District. Notice of special meetings of the District shall be given as soon as possible in advance of the meeting.

Section 6 Petition for Meeting – Upon receipt of a written petition signed by one- third (1/3) of the voting members of the District requesting a special meeting, the Legislative District Chairman shall, within 10 days, and upon not less than four (4) days’ notice, call a meeting of the District as requested by the petition.

ARTICLE - VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the District shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the Secretary, and such other officers of the District as are elected by the duly elected Precinct Committeemen of the District.

Section 1 Election of Officers

- a. All officers of the District - shall be elected by the precinct committeemen at an organization meeting called by the incumbent Chairman to be held between eight (8) and eleven (11) days after the Primary Election and upon seven (7) days’ notice at a location within the legislative district. Only precinct committeemen elected in the May Primary Election may vote.
- b. Nominations - At the organizational meeting, all nominations for the election of officers shall come from the floor and only precinct committeemen shall be eligible to nominate a candidate.
- c. Nominees - Any qualified resident of the District who is a qualified elector of Legislative District 19, and who is a bona-fide and recognized member of the Republican Party is eligible for nomination and election.
- d. Balloting - When more than one candidate is nominated for an office, election to that office shall be by secret ballot. Voting will follow the procedures set forth in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- e. The office of Chairman shall be considered first. If the current Chairman is a nominee for re-election, he/she shall ask the Vice Chairman or, if not present, the Secretary, to conduct the meeting during the process of electing a new Chairman. Upon completion of the voting process, the newly elected Chairman will assume the chair and conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Section 2 Duties of Officers

- a. Chairman – In addition to the duties specifically provided for by the laws of the State of Idaho, the Rules of the Republican State Party, and the bylaws of the Ada County Republican Party, the Chairman shall preside at all District meetings, shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, if any, and serve as ex-officio member of all standing and special committees of the District.

- b. Vice Chairman – In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings of the District, and assume those functions of the Chairman in the conduct of normal business. He/she shall perform such other duties that may be delegated to him/her by the Chairman.
- c. Secretary - The Secretary shall maintain a permanent record of all regular, special, and executive meetings of the District; shall take minutes of all District meetings, maintain a permanent record of the minutes, and mail or electronically mail the minutes of District meetings to all members and attendees of the meetings. The Secretary shall perform such other duties that may be delegated to him/her by the Chairman.

Section 3 Vacancy in Officer Positions

- a. Vacancy in the office of Legislative District Chairman. Should a vacancy arise in the office of Chairman, the Vice Chairman of the District shall call a meeting for the purpose of electing a new District Chairman. This meeting shall be called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the vacancy and upon giving seven (7) days' notice.
- b. Vacancy in any other office. Should a vacancy arise in the office of Vice Chairman or Secretary or other elected officer position - of the District, the Legislative District Chairman shall within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the vacancy and upon giving seven (7) days' notice, call a Legislative District meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.
- c. Voting to elect a new officer shall follow the same rules as those used for the organizational meeting. If the presiding officer is also a candidate, then the duties of the chair shall pass to another officer present. If no other officer is present, then the presiding office may appoint any other member of the committee to preside during the course of the election. After which, in the event of a newly elected Chairman, the new Chairman will assume the chair. In all other cases, the Presiding Officer will assume the chair.

Section 4 Removal of Officers - Officers serve at the pleasure of the Committee. They shall serve until their successors are elected pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho. Any officer deemed unwilling to perform the duties required by these Bylaws and by the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the duly elected Precinct Committeemen present at a regular or special meeting of the District called for the purpose of considering the removal of officer(s). Proxies shall be allowed for a vote on removal of an officer. No officer shall continue to serve if no longer a resident of the Legislative District.

ARTICLE - VII. COMMITTEES

- Section 1 Special and standing committees - may be appointed by the Chairman as may be necessary to the administration of the business of the District.
- Section 2 Duties – The duties of all committees shall be designated by the Chairman and subject to the review of said Chairman.

ARTICLE - VIII. PLATFORM, RESOLUTIONS, AND RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

The District may meet to consider or develop proposed Platform planks, Resolutions, and/or Rules for the Idaho Republican Party. The proposed Platform changes/additions, Resolutions, and Rules shall be submitted to the District members at least forty-five days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposals will be voted upon. The Platform, Resolutions, and Rules shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Committee and submitted to the Idaho Republican Party and received by the state party at least ten days prior to any state central committee meeting or convening of the State Convention.

ARTICLE - IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceedings of the District in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, state statute, or State Party Rule.

ARTICLE - X. BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of Legislative District 19 may be amended, providing a quorum exists, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the precinct committeemen in attendance at any regular or special meeting of the District, called for the purpose of considering amendments to these Bylaws.

- Section 1 Qualified Voters - Only qualified and duly elected precinct committeemen, or alternates in the Committeeman's absence, may vote on proposed Bylaw amendments.
- Section 2 Notice of Amendment – Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be presented, in writing, to members of the District at least ten days prior to the vote on the amendment(s).
- Section 3 Notification of Voters - All voting members shall be notified at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s) will be voted upon.

Section 4 Conflicts – Should changes occur in the laws of the State of Idaho or the Rules or Bylaws of the Idaho Republican Party, which changes create conflicts with these Bylaws, the Legislative District Chairman shall call a meeting of the Committee to review those changes and to make appropriate amendments to conform with the laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party. The provisions for amendment of these Bylaws shall apply to the above amending process, except that the notice specified in Article VII, Section 2, shall not be required.

Section 5 Effective Date – All amendments shall become effective immediately upon approval, unless otherwise specified.

I hereby certify that this document consists of the Bylaws and Rules of the Legislative District 19 Republican District Committee as adopted at a duly called meeting of the Committee.

Signature of the Secretary

Printed Name of the Secretary

Approved on: _____

Date