

# **Bylaws of Idaho Republican Party Legislative District 11 Republican Central Committee**

## **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be Idaho Republican Party Legislative District 11 Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as Legislative District 11 (LD11).

## **Article II. Object**

The goals and purpose of Legislative District 11 shall be:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the State of Idaho and the Constitution of the United States of America;
- To act as the governing body of Legislative District 11;
- To provide a practical means by which Republicans within Legislative District 11 may effectively express their opinions and contribute to the betterment of LD 11, the county, state and federal governments and the Republican Party;
- To support the principles and objectives of the Idaho Republican Party Platform;
- To promote, endorse and/or support the election of Republican candidates that adhere to the Idaho Republican Party Platform;
- To advise the Canyon County Republican Central Committee regarding the development of policies and functions, pursuant to the State of Idaho and United States Constitutions.
- To implement the policies and functions of both the Idaho and National Republican Parties;
- To promote the protection of personal rights and civil liberties of the people of LD11.

## **Article III. Membership**

### **Section 1: Composition**

LD 11 shall be composed of Precinct Committeeman and Committeewomen (PC or PC's) elected by registered voters of the Republican Party during an even numbered year primary election, from their respective precinct, or appointed per Idaho Code 34-502. LD11 Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and any other desired officers of LD11 shall be elected by the District PC's. Alternate Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen (APC or APC's) are members nominated by the PC, (or by the District Committee if the PC does not nominate a candidate,) to serve in the absence of the PC, but are restricted to voting only in instances outlined in Article III., section 2, of these bylaws.

### **A) Officers**

All officers of the district shall be elected by the PC's at a meeting, called by the incumbent LD11 Chairman, to be held upon a minimum seven (7) days' notice and within fifteen (15) days after the primary election per Idaho code 34-503 and the Idaho Republican Party Rules:

1. The term of each office shall be for two (2) years from day of Republican primary election or until the officer's successor is elected for the remainder of the officer's current term.

2. At the end of their term, elected officer's responsibilities will only continue beyond the day of the Republican primary election for the purpose of electing new officers.
3. Officers do not need to be elected PC's, but must be registered Republicans residing within the boundaries of LD11

## **B) Qualifications & Duties**

### **1) Legislative District Chairman**

The Chairman shall call and preside over all meetings of LD11 as designated by the LD and the Idaho State Republican Rules for the purpose of:

- a. Legislative District 11 Organization (Bylaws, Rules, etc.);
- b. Selecting delegates to the Idaho State Republican Convention, as outlined in standing or special rules;
- c. Nominating, and endorsing candidates to fill any vacancies in the Idaho state legislature, as outlined in standing or special rules;
- d. Assure that the LD11 has bylaws and rules that are not in direct conflict with Canyon County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC) bylaws, state of Idaho election laws, Idaho state Republican party bylaws and/or rules and Idaho Code (IC);
- e. Conducting business related to the district such as, but not limited to, campaigns, district & candidate publicity, district finance or any other LD11 required business.

The LD Chair is responsible for communication with ALL district members, including other district officers for the creation of committees for recruiting and assisting in the election of candidates for the Idaho State Legislature and maintaining liaison following election.

The LD Chair may delegate district activities to the Vice Chair. Activities include but are not limited to - School board meetings and/or elections, city council meetings and/or elections, and any other district meeting or commissions. The LD Chair is considered a member of the Idaho Republican State Central Committee and therefore should attend county and state Central Committee meetings or conventions, as well as respond to requests from regional and state party officials and serve as requested.

### **2) Legislative District Vice Chairman**

The Vice Chair shall also assist the Chairman as requested and/or as necessary. The Vice Chair shall act in the capacity of the Chairman in their absence or if the Chairman is unable or unwilling to fulfill their duties, which includes, but is not limited to calling LD meetings or handling other necessary district business.

### **3) Legislative District Secretary**

The Secretary records the minutes of all LD11 meetings and presents them in a timely manner, per Article VI of these bylaws, to the LD11 PC's. And shall act in the capacity of the Chairman should both the Chairman and Vice Chairman be absent and shall perform other duties, as

assigned. If the Secretary is unavailable, the LD11 Chairman shall appoint a temporary designee, as needed.

## **Section 2. Voting**

- a. All LD11 PC's have voting rights at all district meetings;
- b. Should an LD11 PC be absent, his/her alternate shall have the voting rights of their PC, as outlined in this section, unless specifically noted otherwise;
- c. All LD officers, including secretary, have voting rights, but do NOT count towards a required meeting quorum, unless they hold dual seats in the district. i.e. Vice Chair may also be a PC but only one vote may be cast;
- d. Proxy voting is allowed at LD11 meetings, except for the election of LD11 officers or APC's, election of State Convention delegates and filling of Idaho State legislative seat vacancies. A proxy vote shall be honored at meetings, but it must be submitted in writing and given to the secretary PRIOR to the start of the meeting. Proxy must be a voting member of LD11. APC's have no voting right if Proxy is present;
- e. All LD Officers and PC's shall have the option to participate in district meetings through electronic means, including, but not limited to, teleconferencing, audio conferencing and video conferencing. Meetings may include physical and/or electronic attendees per Article XI of the Idaho Republican Rules;
- f. LD11 Officers who are not PC's have voting rights except for when selecting the following:
  1. LD central committee officers
  2. Delegates to the state convention
  3. Nominees to fill vacancies in the Idaho state legislature.
- g. Voting shall be one (1) person, one (1) vote. A member who holds more than one position or office has only one vote.

## **Article IV. Vacancies and Office Removal**

### **Section 1. District Officers**

- a. Should a vacancy occur in the office of LD11 Chairman, the LD Vice Chair shall call a meeting for the purpose of electing a new Chairman. This meeting shall be called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the vacancy and upon giving seven (7) days' notice to all LD11 PC's and APC's;
- b. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the LD11 Vice-Chair or Secretary, the Chairman shall call a meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy. The meeting shall be called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the vacancy and upon giving seven (7) days' notice to all LD11 PC's and APC's;
- c. If all three (3) LD11 offices become vacant at one time, the Canyon County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC) Chairman shall call a meeting of the LD11 PC's for the purpose of electing the new officers. The meeting shall be called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the vacancies and upon giving seven (7) days' notice to all LD11 PC's and APC's;

- d. Any LD 11 Officer may be removed by a vote of the PC's for just cause, by a 2/3 majority vote, with prior notice given. Refer to Robert's Rules of Order for further procedure clarification.

## **Section 2. Precinct Committee members**

- a. Any PC who wishes to resign shall submit their resignation, in writing, to the LD Chair, as well as the Canyon County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC) Chair. The PC's vacancy shall be filled as outlined in Article III., section 6, of the CCRCC bylaws.
- b. Any PC who is unable or unwilling to fulfill their obligation of elected duties automatically causes a vacancy in that precinct. The LD11 Chairman will notify the CCRCC Chairman of the vacancy within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.
- c. LD APC's shall not assume position of PC when/if the PC position is vacated prior to an election.
- d. Rules to fill vacancies for LD 11 PC's or officers are as follows:
  - 1. ONLY LD 11 voting members are allowed to nominate a candidate.
  - 2. A special meeting to vote and confirm the nomination will be held within 7 days of the vacancy per Article VI, Section 2b of these bylaws.
  - 3. The confirmed nominee will then be presented for nomination at the next CCRCC nominating meeting, per Article III, Section 6bii, of the CCRCC bylaws

## **Article V. Committees**

### **Section 1. Establishing Membership**

The LD Chair (OR Vice Chair, if Chair is unavailable) shall be responsible for establishing members to committees and/or positions that may be needed for the following purposes:

- a. Nominations;
- b. Credentials;
- c. Finance;
- d. Any other purpose as deemed necessary.

### **Section 2. Committee Chair(s)**

Committee chairs shall be elected by the committee members directly.

## **Article VI. Meetings**

### **Section 1. Regular Meetings**

- a. Re-organizational meeting as per Article III, Section 1 (Idaho Republican Party Rules Article VII, Section I);
- b. Meetings shall be held each month, but a meeting may be canceled if voted on by all voting members in the district, with a 2/3 majority vote per Article III, section 2 of these bylaws.

## **Section 2. Special Meetings**

- a. Election to fill vacancies in the Idaho State Legislature as per Article VIII State Republican Party Rules and Idaho Code (IC) 59-904A (Requires 72-hour notice of the meeting).
- b. Any other meeting required to conduct the business of the Legislative District (Requires seven (7) day notice of the meeting to be given to LD officers, PC's & APC's.)

## **Section 3. Quorum**

- a. The quorum to remove officers and/or PC's requires a 2/3 vote from PC's only;
- b. The quorum for all other district business or voting requires a 51% of voting members to include officers and PC's.

## **Section 4. Attendance**

Regarding district business, unless otherwise excused by the Chairman, PC's may miss NO more than six (6) meetings per elected term.

- a. Examples of excused absences include but are not limited to- family emergencies or state legislator obligations.

## **Article VII. Parliamentary Authority**

The current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, latest revision, shall govern the proceedings of LD 11 in all cases unless they are inconsistent with these bylaws, CCRCC bylaws, Special Rules of Order, State Republican Party Rules, or Idaho State Statute.

## **Article VIII. AMENDMENTS**

### **Section 1. Bylaws**

These bylaws may be amended at regular LD11 meetings by obtaining two-third (2/3) vote of the voting members in attendance provided that:

- a. Seven (7) days' notice of the meeting, at which the amendments will be voted on must be given to all voting members (Notice may be either in writing via letter, email or electronic text).
- b. A quorum for the purpose of amending the bylaws shall be equal to two-thirds (2/3) vote of the LD11 voting members.

### **Section 2. Selection of Republican State Convention Delegates and Alternates**

- a. See Special Rules and Amendments, a separately attached document;
- b. These will need to be reviewed and approved when/if changes occur with the LD 11 bylaws.

### **Section 3. Accountability, Grievance and/or Censure of Elected Officials**

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Bylaws adopted on: May 11, 2023

Signed: Renee Bof

Chairman, LD 11

And

Signed: Nicole Hyland

Vice Chairman, LD 11

## **LD 11 SPECIAL RULES AND AMENDMENTS:**

### **Section 1: Robert's Rules of Order**

At any time, if there is a discrepancy/conflict/debate for anything in these bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order will be the first point of clarification used to settle the issue.

### **Section 2: Selection of Republican State Convention Delegates and Alternates (Alt.'s)**

- a. The selection of delegates to the Republican State Convention shall occur immediately upon completion of the organizational meeting of the LD Committee following the primary election in the years in which a State Convention occurs.
- b. The newly elected District Chairman shall conduct the selection procedure.
- c. The District Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary) shall be selected in recognition of their service to the district first. They will be polled to determine if they are willing and able to attend the convention. In the event one or more of them is unable to serve as a delegate, that delegate position(s) and alternate(s) will be filled per step 4 of section 3.
- d. PC's and others interested in being selected will be allowed to self-nominate for the positions of delegate or alternate.
  1. PC's who have attended a **minimum** of 6 of the preceding 12 meetings will be placed in a Pool "A" category. The remaining nominees will be placed in a Pool "B" category.
  2. All nominee names will be placed in either Pool "A" or "B."
  3. The names will be randomly drawn from containers for Pool "A" first and Pool "B" second. The order in which the names are drawn will determine the order in which the delegates/alternates will be selected.
  4. If there are open delegate positions remaining after Step 3, those positions will be filled, in order, by the first name(s) drawn.
  5. Once the delegate positions are filled, the remaining names will be selected as alternates in the order in which they were drawn.
- e. The LD chair will entertain a motion to officially elect the selected slate of delegates and alternates to represent the District at the State Convention.
- f. All persons not selected as a delegate are eligible to participate in the delegate/alternate procedure of the County Central Committee.

### **Section 3: Procedure for State Legislator Vacancy**

Should a vacancy of an Idaho State Legislator from District 11 occur, the LD11 Chair shall call a meeting for the purpose of selecting three (3) candidates to be submitted to the Governor according to Idaho Code 59-904A and State Republican Party Rules.

- a. Pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order, all nominations must come from an LD PC. A Nominating Committee will be formed consisting only of PC's. The Nominating Committee will submit a report of nominations to the remaining PC's for approval. The report will contain the names of all

those individuals who have expressed interest in the position **prior** to the meeting. The LD11 Chair will open the floor for any additional names that are not on the report. The Credentials Committee, if one has been appointed, will then present their report, certifying that the nominees do qualify for the office by residency, age, and that they are a registered Republican voter. This committee also certifies that each precinct chair is valid and can vote.

- b. Should the LD Chair hold two district voting positions, only one (1) vote is allowed.
- c. The PC's will be seated in a special section of the room. If a PC is a candidate, they must follow the rules as other candidates during the interview process but are allowed to be seated and vote once the interview process is completed.
- d. Each candidate may have an endorsement speech to be given by a person of the candidates' choice. This person may be anyone and does not have to be a PC. Endorsement speeches will be one (1) minute long if there are more than ten (10) candidates and two (2) minutes long if there are fewer than ten (10).
- e. Each candidate will remain outside the public meeting room while endorsement speeches and candidate speeches are being given, for anyone other than themselves.
- f. At the conclusion of the endorsement speech, each candidate will have five (5) minutes to make a speech regardless of the number of candidates.
- g. At the conclusion of the candidate's speech, each candidate will have the opportunity to respond to two (2) questions from PC's, with up to one (1) minute to answer each question.
- h. Following the endorsement speeches and candidate speeches, all candidates will then enter the meeting room for a 'question and answer' period. Q & A should last 15 to 30 minutes depending on the number of candidates and the number of questions. Time permitting, LD Chair may extend this time at their discretion. Each candidate will have up to one (1) minute to respond to each question. Only PC's will be allowed to ask questions. Following the Q & A period, the voting will take place via secret ballot.
- i. A vote will then be taken by the PC's, and each PC will vote once.
  1. The candidate with the highest number of votes will be considered the top choice to recommend to the governor and their name shall be listed specifically as, "Top Choice."
  2. Additionally, the next candidate with the most votes will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice for recommendation and their name shall be listed specifically as, "Second Choice."
  3. And finally, the next candidate with the most votes will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final recommendation on the list and shall be listed as, "Third Choice."
  4. It is important to keep a record of the 4<sup>th</sup> choice, if any, in case of a disqualification or rejection from the governor.
- j. In the event of a tie vote, a re-vote will be taken. If a tie still exists, the LD11 Chair may cast the tiebreaker vote unless he/she is also a PC. In such case the LD11 Vice-Chair may cast the tiebreaker vote unless he/she is a PC. If such a situation should occur, then the committee may



proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed to by the majority of the committee.

- k. There will be a committee of three people to tabulate results, with at least one person being a member of the Legislative District Executive Board (Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary). No PC from the LD of the candidate(s) shall serve on the tabulating committee.
- l. One person, who is not a PC, shall serve as the timekeeper during the candidate speeches and the Q & A period. They will be responsible for giving signals to the candidates indicating time allowances.
- m. In the event a nominee for consideration by the Governor is disqualified/rejected or unable to fulfill the appointment, the LD will reconvene to send a new candidate to the Governor. In that case, a candidate nominee can be re-voted on for the recommendation placement or may be moved directly to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place recommendation.

#### **Section 4: Vote of No Confidence or Censure of Elected Officials**

Censoring and/or censuring or any other action(s) proposed to be taken against any elected official representing LD11 (outside of LD11 Members or leaders) shall come from LD11 members and/or leadership prior to any action by the CCRCC. The action must be initiated by LD11 Precinct Committeemen/Committeewomen (PC's). **The action is to be initiated in the district first by a resolution which details the allegation(s) as well as the reasons for the allegation(s).** Should allegation(s) arise, specifically against an LD11 Senator or Representative during a legislative session, the resolution may be held in the district until one day after the legislative session has concluded in order to prevent inaccurate information and eliminate multiple allegation resolutions from being presented to the district. Should allegations arise, specifically against an LD11 Senator or Representative after a legislative session, the resolution shall be presented immediately to the district to proceed according the bylaws and/or special rules outlined.

However, the process must follow due process requirements per the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which consist of the following: (1) immediate (w/i 24 hours) notice to the affected individual; (2) an immediate (w/i 72 hours) opportunity to be heard by the individual; and 3) an immediate (w/i 10 days of hearing from individual) impartial tribunal. <-- \*see below

**If the district acknowledges the use of the terms in the 14th amendment, I feel we should have to use all of the 14th amendment rules. But we can discuss this per RROO as well. 14th Amendment rules are:**

1. An unbiased tribunal.
2. Notice of the proposed action and the grounds asserted for it.
3. Opportunity to present reasons why the proposed action should not be taken.
4. The right to present evidence, including the right to call witnesses.
5. The right to know opposing evidence.
6. The right to cross-examine adverse witnesses.
7. A decision based exclusively on the evidence presented.
8. Opportunity to be represented by counsel.
9. Requirement that the tribunal prepare a record of the evidence presented.
10. Requirement that the tribunal prepare written findings of fact and reasons for its decision.

Bylaws adopted w/ Special Rules & Amendments

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