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## Rule 2025-1

### Title: Proposed Bonner County Changes to Article IV, V, VI, I

**Submitted by:** Scott Herndon

**To be presented by:**

**Passed by:** Bonner County Republican Central Committee October 15, 2024

#### ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 13: Representation and voting by proxy shall be allowed at County Central Committee meetings except in counties that have established a system of appointing or electing Alternate Precinct Committeemen, in which case proxies shall not be permitted. The use of proxies when no Alternate system is established shall comply with the requirements of Article XXI. Proxies shall not be allowed for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and ~~nomination selection~~ of nominees to fill county vacancies. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the county shall constitute a quorum, unless county by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

#### Article V. Filling Board of County Commissioners Vacancies.

Section 2: At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy on a board of county commissioners, only Precinct Committeemen shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the County district where the vacancy exists. ~~All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.~~

Section 3: The County Chairman shall submit the names of three (3) nominees to the Governor within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference ~~by a manner determined by the County Central Committee.~~

#### ARTICLE VI: FILLING COUNTY VACANCIES OTHER THAN COMMISSIONERS

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, only the Precinct Committeeman shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the County or otherwise satisfy any residency requirement under Idaho law. ~~All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in 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 ~~the number of votes received~~ preference ~~by a manner determined by the County Central Committee.~~

#### ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING

Section 1: (a) Each legislative district shall use the following rules to elect delegates to the state convention:

- (1) Any nominee for the legislative district Chair position may appoint a witness to the counting of a secret paper ballot for the legislative district Chair position. The newly elected legislative district Chair shall conduct the election of delegates and alternate delegates to the state convention.
- (2) Each delegate/alternate position will be considered ~~one-at-a-time~~ separately and not as part of a slate, with nominations from the floor.
- (3) Each nominee for each position will be given 2 minutes to speak. A person may only give one such 2-minute speech regardless of the number of times they are nominated for a delegate/alternate position.
- (4) After nomination and nomination speeches, each position will be voted on by secret ballot. A single ballot process may be used to vote on all of the positions.

## Rule 2025-11

### Title: Proposed change of Articles V, VI, & VIII, IDGOP State Party Rules

**Submitted by:** Bill Hobbs - Chairman

**To be presented by:** Bill Hobbs - Chairman

**Passed by:** Nez Perce County Central Committee, November 14 2024

#### ARTICLE VIII: FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES

Section 1: In the event a vacancy arises in the Idaho State Legislature, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Chairman of the Legislative District in which such vacancy exists shall call a meeting of the Legislative District Central Committee within ten (10) days and after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose for the meeting which is recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

Section 2: At the meeting of the Legislative District Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy in the Legislature, only Precinct Committeemen from within the Legislative District shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the Legislative District Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the Legislative District Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. In such an event then the Legislative District Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the Legislative District Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the Legislative District. ~~All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.~~

The selection of three nominees to fill any vacancy shall not use “ranked choice voting” per accepted Resolution 2023-3 of the IDGOP.

The committee shall conduct three separate balloting rounds at the meeting to ensure “one person one vote” as stated in the resolution. The final list of three shall be listed as 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice and sent to the Governor as required within the 15 day limit. Ballots shall be kept by the Secretary until the next election cycle is completed.

Section 3: The Legislative District Chairman shall submit the names of the three (3) nominees to the Governor within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.

Section 4: The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of three (3) nominees within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment has been made within fifteen (15) days, the Legislative District Central Committee shall designate one (1) of the three nominees to fill the vacancy.

*NOTE: This voting procedure would be used by County Central committees to fill Commissioner seats in their counties (Article V) as well as vacancies other than Commissioners (Article VI). And Legislative District Central Committees to fill vacancies in the State Legislature (Article VIII). (Proposed by Committeeman Dan Crawford).*

## Rule 2025-2

### Title: Proposed Rule Change to Art. IV; Art. VII.

**Submitted by:** Paul Ross

**To be presented by:** Paul Ross

**Passed by:** Cassia County Republican Central Committee, 7 November 2024

**WHEREAS**, clarifications in language are needed due to various changes over time; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code only provides the name of State Committeeman in Idaho Code §§ 34-502, 34-624, and other sections, but Idaho Code provides that references to masculine include the feminine (Idaho Code § 34-115); now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee does hereby propose the following modification to the state party rules:

#### ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1: 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 Committeeperson, and such other officers of the County Central Committee as are elected by the Precinct Committeemen ~~and Committeewomen~~. Precinct Committeemen shall elect all officers ~~All officers shall be elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen~~ at a meeting called and held by the incumbent County Chairman, ~~to be held upon after~~ seven (7) days' notice upon all Precinct Committeemen, within ten (10) days after the Primary Election. The election of the County Central Committee Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. Tie votes shall be resolved by a coin toss. All Precinct Committeemen and officers ~~and Committeewomen~~ of a County Central Committee, or any person acting as an proxy or alternate for such member, must have a Republican Party affiliation. The act of un-affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in the County Central Committee.

Section 2: The State Youth Committeeperson shall be between the ages of eighteen and forty at the time of ~~his or her~~ election.

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Section 8: The County Central Committee shall appoint by election a Precinct Committeemean to fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeemean. Candidates shall be qualified Republican electors of the precinct. Notices of precinct vacancies shall be announced at least two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. All nominations shall be from the floor, and in the event of a contested race, election shall be by secret ballot.

Section 9: In the event that a county realigns or creates new precincts, and this action is not in a general election year, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 34-301, if the elected officials are no longer in the precinct they were elected in, the composition of the current county central committee shall remain the same until the next primary election ~~date for~~ Precinct Committeeman. If vacancies are created by circumstances other than precinct boundary changes, those vacancies may be filled ~~in the interim by appointment~~ by the process in Section 8.

Section 10: If the office of County Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Vice Chairman shall assume all duties of the Chairman and, within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days notice upon all Precinct Committeemen, call and hold a Central Committee meeting for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman. If the Vice Chairman does not call and hold such a meeting within thirty (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a county Central Committee meeting with seven (7) days notice upon all Precinct Committeemen, for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman.

Section 11: If the office of Vice Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~or~~ State Youth Committeeperson, or other officers of the County Central Committee becomes vacant, by reason of death or otherwise, the County Chairman shall, within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days notice upon all Precinct Committeemen, call and hold a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of ~~filing such vacancy~~ electing a replacement.

~~Section 12: If the office of Vice Chairman, secretary of treasurer becomes vacant because of resignation, death or otherwise, 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 filing the vacancy.~~

Section ~~13~~2: Representation and voting by proxy shall be allowed at County Central Committee meetings except in counties that have established a system of appointing or electing Alternate Precinct Committeemen, in which case proxies shall not be permitted. The use of proxies when no Alternate system is established shall comply with the requirements of Article XXI. Proxies or Alternates shall not be allowed for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and ~~nomination~~ selection of nominees to fill county vacancies. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the county shall constitute a quorum, unless county by-laws designate a different quorum percentage, but not lower than thirty-three percent (33%). Alternates serve in the place of a Precinct Committeeman and cease when that person leaves office. Alternates are filled by nomination of the Precinct Committeeman they represent and acceptance of the Central Committee.

## ARTICLE VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Legislative District Central Committee is composed of Precinct Committeemen ~~and Committeewomen~~ elected at the State Primary Election, the Legislative District Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and other such officers of the Legislative District that are elected by the Precinct Committeemen ~~and Committeewomen~~.

~~Precinct Committeemen shall elect all officers~~ ~~All officers shall be elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen~~ of the Legislative District Central Committee at a meeting called and held by the incumbent Legislative District Chairman, ~~after to be held upon~~ seven (7) days' notice upon all Precinct Committeemen, ~~and~~ within eleven (11) days after each Primary Election. The election of the Legislative District Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. Tie votes shall be resolved by a coin toss. All Precinct Committeemen ~~and Committeewomen~~ of a Legislative District Central Committee, or any person acting as ~~an proxy or~~ alternate for such member, must have a Republican Party Affiliation. The act of un-affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in the Legislative District Central Committee.

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Section 7: If the office of the Legislative District Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Vice Chairman of the District shall assume all duties of the Chairman and, within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days notice upon all Precinct Committeemen, call and hold a Central Committee meeting for the purpose of electing a new District Chairman. ~~This meeting shall be called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of vacancy and upon giving at least seven (7) days' notice.~~ If the Vice Chairman does not call and hold such a meeting within thirty (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a ~~Legislative District~~ Central Committee meeting, with seven (7) days notice upon all Precinct Committeemen, for the purpose of electing a new Legislative District Chairman.

Section 8: If the office of Vice Chairman or Secretary becomes vacant by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Legislative District Chairman shall within thirty (30) days and after giving at least seven (7) days' notice upon all Precinct Committeemen, call and hold a ~~Legislative District~~ Central Committee meeting for the purpose of ~~filling such vacancy~~ electing a replacement.

Section 9: Representation and voting by proxy shall be allowed at ~~H~~Legislative ~~d~~District Central Committee meetings, except for the election of Legislative District Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and selection of nominees to fill vacancies in the Idaho State Legislature. The use of proxies shall comply with the requirements of Article XXI. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the Legislative District shall constitute a quorum, unless Legislative District by-laws designate a different quorum percentage, but not lower than thirty-three percent (33%).



## **Rule 2025-3**

### **Title: A Rule Adding Donald Trump's National Platform to Integrity in Affiliation and Platform Compliance**

**Submitted by:** Aaron Cook - Caribou Chair

**To be presented by:**

**Passed by:** Central Committee of Caribou County, November 12 2024

In Article XIII: Integrity in Affiliation, Section 3, wherever occur the words "Idaho Republican Party Platform," replace with "National and Idaho Republican Party Platforms"; and replace the words "accept it" with the words "accept them."

In Article XX, add at the beginning of the Article heading the words "National and", and modify the Table of Contents to reflect the new title.

In Article XX, section 1, replace the words "Idaho Republican Party Platform" with "National and Idaho Republican Party Platforms."

**EXPLANATION:** The "Platform of the Republican Party" includes the promises and principles laid out by our candidates for federal office in the platform of the Republican National Committee. If we, as a party, desire the success of our candidate for President of the United States, Republican office holders should work toward achieving the promises laid out in that National platform.

## Rule 2025-4

### Title: A Rule to Allow Electronic Meeting for Far-Flung Legislative District Reorganization

**Submitted by:** Aaron Cook - Caribou Chair

**To be presented by:**

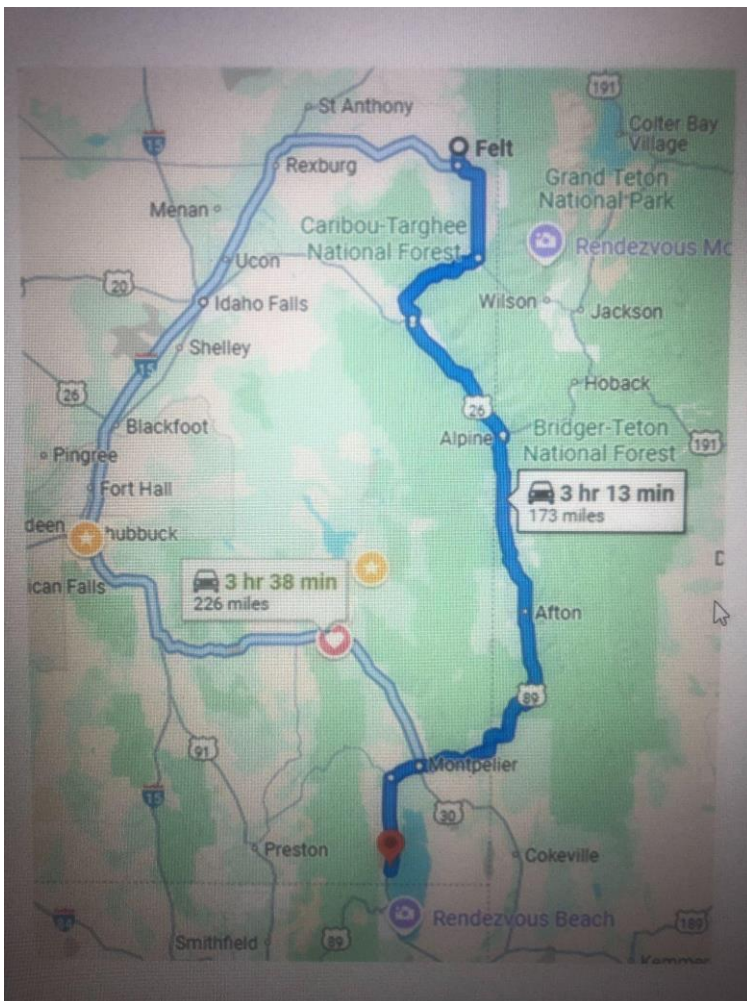
**Passed by:** Central Committee of Caribou County, November 12 2024

In Article XI: Electronic Meetings, Section 1, after the words "except reorganizational meetings" insert the words "of Legislative Districts not qualified under Section 2 of this Article."

Add a new section 2 (renumbering the remaining sections of this Article accordingly) which shall read as follows:

"Section 2. Electronic forms of meeting may be utilized for Legislative District reorganization if, and only if, the fastest vehicular travel time between any two communities within the District exceeds three hours."

**EXPLANATION:** The fastest travel time from Felt (in Teton County) to Fish Haven (in Bear Lake County) is 3 hours, 13 minutes, going through Wyoming. The fastest route in Idaho is 3 hours, 38 minutes. This "far-flung" Legislative District has routinely failed to establish a quorum for reorganizational purposes, resulting in the District having no representation at the 2024 Idaho GOP Convention. This amendment would allow a limited electronic meeting option for such a far-flung district.



## Rule 2025-5

### Title: Bonneville County (LD-35) Proposed Rule Change

**Submitted by:** Doug Toomer - Legislative District 35 chairman, Mark Fuller - IDGOP 1st Vice Chair, Mike Colson - Bonneville County Republican Central Committee Chairman

**To be presented by:**

**Passed by:**

#### Rational for Rule Changes

Some Legislative Districts are very large, upwards of over 5,000 square miles and with hundreds of miles between cities (i.e. Legislative District 35). This makes it very difficult and burdensome for precinct committeepersons to be able to attend District reorganization meetings, and therefore making it very difficult to attain a quorum to enable reorganization meetings to occur.

The proposed Rule changes resolve this issue by allowing a District reorganization meeting to be held at multiple 'voting locations' simultaneously where communications between the voting locations are held electronically. However, actual voting is performed in-person and secretly at each voting location, like currently occurs. Voting results for each voting location are then reported between voting locations electronically and vote totals are tallied.

Important aspects are: 1) All PCOs have the opportunity to vote however they must be physically present at a voting location to vote, 2) voter anonymity is preserved, and 3) the voting process is easy to understand and execute.

#### Proposed Rule Changes

Amend Article XI, Section 1 as follows:

Section 1. Any Committee Meeting (State, Region, Legislative, County Central Committees, Judicial Oversight, Special Committee, etc.), except reorganizational meetings **held in accordance with Section 10 below**, at the Committee Chairman's discretion, may provide members with the option to participate in through electronic means, including, but not limited to, teleconferencing, audio conferencing and video conferencing. Committee meetings may include physical and/or electronic attendees.

Amend Article XI, Section 10 as follows:

Section 10: State party bylaws shall not be construed so as to exclude electronic means of casting and collecting votes at County and Legislative District reorganization meetings so long as all persons casting votes are physically present **at a voting location** and the method employed maintains voter anonymity. ~~Such means shall be employed at the discretion of the committee as determined by a majority vote of those present~~

**If a County or Legislative District extends at least 100 miles at its greatest linear length, the chairman of such county or Legislative District may designate more than one voting location for use in a reorganization meeting. Physical presence at such additional voting locations counts towards any quorum requirements for the meeting.**

## **Rule 2025-6**

### **Title: Proposal to add Article XXII to IDGOP Rules**

**Submitted by:** Keith Markley - Adams Chair

**To be presented by:** Keith Markley - Adams Chair

**Passed by:** Adams County Republican Central Committee on October 14 2024

#### Article XXII Republican Party Legislation Rating Committee

Section 1. The LRC (Legislation Rating Committee) shall be composed of 11 members. The 11 members shall be composed of a chairman who shall be appointed by the chair of the State Party and a representative from each region appointed by each region chair.

Section 2. The LRC appointments shall be made 60 days prior to each legislative session and shall end 30 days following each legislative session.

Section 3. The LRC chair shall call weekly meetings, which may be done electronically, to organize and plan for the legislative bill rating and may call meetings more frequently depending on needs.

Section 4. The LRC shall rate bills using an A-F rating system as to how the legislation aligns with the values and guidelines of:

1. The U.S. Constitution
2. The Idaho Constitution
3. The IDGOP Platform.

Section 5. The LRC shall post Legislation analysis weekly during the legislative session. The IDGOP executive committee shall facilitate and support technical assistance to the LRC so that the ratings of the LRC can be easily accessible to all on the IDGOP website.

Section 6. The members of the LRC shall receive no benefit from any lobbying group or outside interest groups and shall report to the person who appointed them of any such offers, who shall report the same to the party Chair.

Section 7. LRC members may coordinate with County Committees or any members of the IDGOP for input regarding legislation as well as outside legislative analysts.

## Rule 2025-7

### Title: Article XVIII: Republican Affiliation of Officers and Other Persons

**Submitted by:** Minidoka County Central Committee: Jennie Bateman- Chair Dustin Bourn, Scott Horsley, Becca Tateoka, Kent McClellan, Mike Bateman, Rob Griffin, Lance Stevenson, Rhea Bateman, Krystal Young, Sheryl Koyle, Brandi Bourn, Jared Orton, Anna Workman

**To be presented by:** Dustin Bourn, Jennie Bateman, Krystal Young, Rob Griffin, or Rhea Bateman

**Passed by:** Minidoka County Central Committee

#### ARTICLE XVIII: REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS

The proposed rule addition is to add Section 4 which establishes that no individual who is a paid lobbyist may hold an elected party position within the Idaho Republican Party. This proposed addition is to maintain the integrity of elected positions within the State Republican Party.

**Section 1:** All members, appointed officers, and elected officers in all committees, subcommittees, or any proxy or other person authorized to act in place of such people, in all state, region, legislative district, and county committees must have a Republican Party affiliation and be a qualified elector in the place that they reside and represent.

**Section 2:** Any recognized acts of un-affiliation with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of all positions held in any committee in the Idaho Republican Party, as well as any of its constituent bodies.

**Section 3:** There shall be no committee or subcommittee in the Idaho Republican Party or of any of its constituent bodies that does not observe this Article.

**Section 4:** No individual who is a paid lobbyist shall hold an elected party position within the Idaho Republican Party. A "paid lobbyist" is defined as anyone compensated to influence legislation or public policy on behalf of an organization or interest group. This rule applies to all elected positions within the party, including precinct committeemen, district officers, and state central committee members. Any individual who is a paid lobbyist at the time of seeking an elected party position will be disqualified, and those who become lobbyists after assuming office must forfeit their position. Exceptions apply for those advocating for their family or personal business without compensation. This rule will take effect upon approval by the Idaho Republican Party, and candidates will be required to declare their lobbyist status when filing.

Submitted by: Minidoka County Central Committee: Jennie Bateman- Chair Dustin Bourn, Scott Horsley, Becca Tateoka, Kent McClellan, Mike Bateman, Rob Griffin, Lance Stevenson, Rhea Bateman, Krystal Young, Sheryl Koyle, Brandi Bourn, Jared Orton, Anna Workman Presented by: Dustin Bourn, Jennie Bateman, Krystal Young, Rob Griffin, or Rhea Bateman

## Rule 2025-14

### Title: Article XVIII: Republican Affiliation of Officers and Other Persons

**Submitted by:** Shoshone County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Phil Hart - State Committeeman

**Passed by:** Shoshone County Republican Central Committee

#### ARTICLE XVIII: REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS

The proposed rule addition is to add Section 4 which establishes that no individual who is a paid lobbyist may hold an elected party position within the Idaho Republican Party. This proposed addition is to maintain the integrity of elected positions within the State Republican Party and to prevent conflicts of interest.

**Section 1:** All members, appointed officers, and elected officers in all committees, subcommittees, or any proxy or other person authorized to act in place of such people, in all state, region, legislative district, and county committees must have a Republican Party affiliation and be a qualified elector in the place that they reside and represent.

**Section 2:** Any recognized acts of un-affiliation with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of all positions held in any committee in the Idaho Republican Party, as well as any of its constituent bodies.

**Section 3:** There shall be no committee or subcommittee in the Idaho Republican Party or of any of its constituent bodies that does not observe this Article.

**Section 4: No individual who is a paid lobbyist shall hold an elected party position within the Idaho Republican Party. A paid “lobbyist” is defined at Idaho Code 67-6602. This rule applied to all elected positions within the party, including precinct committeemen, district and county officers, state central committee members and state officers. Any individual who is a paid lobbyist at the time of seeking an elected party position will be disqualified, and those who become lobbyists after assuming office must forfeit their position in the party. This rule does not apply to those who are exempt from registration as lobbyists as outlined at Idaho Code 67-6618. This rule will take effect upon approval by the Idaho Republican Party, and candidates will be required to declare their lobbyist status when filing.**

**Rule 2025-8**  
**Title: Delegates to Convention**

**Submitted by:** Andrew Mickelsen - Region 10 Chair

**To be presented by:** Andrew Mickelsen - Region 10 Chair

**Passed by:** Region 10

a) Each County shall select two (2) ~~three (3)~~ Delegates and two (2) ~~three (3)~~ Alternates to the Republican State Convention. In addition, 193 delegates shall be apportioned to counties proportional to 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 Alternates selected. Any registered Republican qualified to vote in the county 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.

~~a) Neither the Republican State Chairman, nor the staff of the Republican State Headquarters shall give any advisory mentioned in subsection (a), or shall the county select any delegates or alternates, until the County in question has paid its Membership Dues or been granted a Waiver as defined by Article XIX of the State Rules.~~

**Background**

Current numbers would show that we would have 818 delegates at the next convention. As Idaho continues to grow this will become less manageable. By setting a set amount of delegates (386 total) it should simplify proceedings, and allow for more discussion and input. This will not reduce representation, it will instead make each representative more meaningful.

The pay to play rule is also against all the beliefs of our party and should be done away with. If the organization is run in such a way to inspire republicans, funding should not be a problem.

**Rule 2025-9**  
**Title: Regions Realignment Rule**

Submitted by: Region V

To be presented by: Mark Johnson, Region V Chairman

Passed by: Region V

*Article III, Section 1 of the State Party Rules is amended by striking and inserting the text as shown:*

~~Section 1: The State shall be divided into seven (7) regions for the purpose of administering the Idaho Republican Party. The regions shall be composed as follows:~~

~~(A) Region I – Counties of Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone~~

~~(B) Region II – Counties of Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater, and Idaho~~

~~(C) Region III – Counties of Valley, Adams, Washington, Payette, Canyon, Gem, Elmore, Owyhee, and Boise~~

~~(D) Region IV – County of Ada~~

~~(E) Region V – Counties of Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Lincoln, Cassia, Twin Falls, Camas, and Blaine~~

~~(F) Region VI – Counties of Bannock, Power, Oneida, Caribou, Bear Lake, Bingham, and Franklin~~

~~(g) Region VII – Counties of Bonneville, Butte, Madison, Jefferson, Fremont, Clark, Custer, Lemhi, and Teton~~

*Section 1: The State shall be divided into ten (10) regions for the purpose of administering the Idaho Republican Party. The regions shall be composed as follows:*

*(A) Region I - Counties of Boundary, Bonner, and Shoshone*

*(B) Region II - Counties of Kootenai and Benewah*

*(C) Region III - Counties of Adams, Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce*

*(D) Region IV – Counties of Canyon, Owyhee, Payette and Washington*

*(E) Region V - County of Ada*

*(F) Region VI - Counties of Boise, Custer, Gem, Elmore and Valley*

*(g) Region VII – Counties of Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Lincoln, and Twin Falls*

*(h) Region VIII – Counties of Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Power, and Oneida*

*(i) Region IX – Counties of Butte, Clark, Fremont, Lewis, Madison, and Teton*

*(j) Region X – Counties of Bingham, Bonneville, and Jefferson*

*Article I, Section 15 (C), of the State Party Rules is amended by striking and inserting the text as shown:*

(C) Hall of Fame Awards Committee. The 1st and 2nd Vice Chairs shall serve as chair and vice-chair of the Idaho Hall of Fame Awards Committee. Every year, the committee will be responsible for awarding the Idaho Hall of Fame Awards during the winter meeting of the Idaho Republican State Central Committee meeting. The committee will be made up of: the chairman and vice-chairman; the ~~seven Regional Chairman~~ *Regional Chairmen*; three past HOF award recipients appointed by the State Party Chairman, each from different regions of the state; and the State Party Chairman.

*Article III, Section 7, of the State Party Rules is amended by inserting the text as shown:*

Section 7: After the completion of each decennial census, a committee shall be formed to consider the census data and the results of the subsequent redistricting, and shall report to the next occurring State Party meeting. Such report shall include the making of recommendations for any changes in region boundaries, which may include creation of additional regions. Such committees shall consist of one representative from each region, appointed by the Region Chair, and shall also include a Chair to be appointed by the State Party Chairman. The



State Party Chairman may also appoint up to five additional members at the Chairman's sole discretion. *Upon the adoption of any recommendations adjusting the boundaries of the Regions or the number of Region Chairmen, the State Party Chairman shall be authorized to modify the State Party Rules and the Rules of the Convention to the extent that such changes reflect only the newly approved number of Region Chairmen and boundaries of each Region.*

## Rule 2025-10

### Title: Article IX: Central Committee Endorsement and Rules Governing the Eligibility to Affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party

**Submitted by:** Martin Shaw - Latah County Chair

**To be presented by:**

**Passed by:** Latah County Republican Central Committee November 12, 2024

**Section 1:** County Central Committees may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring an intent to file as Republican candidates for county political offices and may endorse Republican candidates for any position being voted on in that county in the primary and general election. Endorsements may only be made by a majority vote of the voting members casting ballots and available to all eligible candidates for any given office being endorsed. ~~At no time may Precinct Committeemen be endorsed.~~ However, the Central Committee may not endorse any candidate(s) for the office of Precinct Committeeman.

**Section 2:** The Legislative District Central Committees may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring an intent to file as Republican Party Candidates for the State Legislature, and the Committee may endorse Republican candidates for legislative positions in the primary and general election. Endorsements may only be made by a majority vote of the voting members casting ballots and available to all eligible candidates for any given office being endorsed. ~~At no time may Precinct Committeemen be endorsed.~~ However, the Central Committee may not endorse any candidate(s) for the office of Precinct Committeeman.

## Rule 2025-12

### Title: Article VII: Freedom of Opportunity

**Submitted by:** Colton Bennett - Latah County Youth Committee person

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#### ARTICLE VII: FREEDOM OF OPPORTUNITY

**Section 1:** At all stages of the ~~D~~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 ~~D~~delegate selection process.

**Section 2:** At all stages of the delegate selection process, including the process laid out in Article V, the party shall provide a process for excuse provided absentee participation for eligible Republicans, at least in the following circumstances:

1. Military service members deployed or otherwise absent due to military orders
2. Ill, homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise disabled voters who's condition greatly limits their participation in the delegate selection process.
3. Republican's whose religious convictions would prohibit them from attending (i.e. Orthodox Jews on Saturday).
4. Members of Idaho's congressional or legislative delegations who are away due to legislative service.
5. law enforcement, emergency service workers, and fire fighters who are on duty at the time of the selection process in question.
6. Those who cannot attend due to jury duty or other compulsory civil service.
7. Individuals facing criminal charges, that they have not been convicted of, whose terms of release would prohibit their attendance (i.e terms of bail prohibit setting foot on school grounds).

Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to prohibit the party from requiring documentation to verify the above circumstances, requiring photo identification, and/or signature verification as a condition of participation.

~~Section 2~~ **Section 3:** 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.

~~Section 3~~ **Section 4:** The rules for selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention and the Republican State Convention can only be amended or suspended by the Idaho Republican State Central Committee.

## **Rule 2025-13**

### **Title: Article VI: Apportionment and Selection of Delegates to the Republican National Convention**

**Submitted by:** Martin Shaw - Latah Chair

**Sponsored by:** Dan Schoenberg

**To be presented by:**

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#### **ARTICLE VI: APPORTIONMENT AND SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**Section 3:** The delegates and alternates elected shall be obliged on the first ballot taken at the Republican National Convention to vote for the candidate to whom they were pledged based on the results of the presidential nominating contest as described in Article V, who nominated them, provided any delegates selected as representing the "uncommitted" choice shall be free to cast their vote for any candidate whose name has been placed in nomination before the Republican National Convention.

