



BYLAWS

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 17
REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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KEY:

I, II, III, IV - Articles

1., 2., 3., 4. - Sections

a., b., c., d. - Subsections

Citation Example text:

The rules for the responsibilities of the Secretary are in Article VI, Section 2, Subsection c, and they include a reference to another Article.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Legislative District 17 Republican Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as the District Committee.

ARTICLE II. MISSION

The mission of the Legislative District 17 Republican Central Committee is to promote the Idaho Republican platform, build and strengthen the Idaho Republican Party from the grassroots up, and elect Republican candidates.

ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY AND DOCUMENTS

Legislative District 17 Central Committee shall be the governing body of the organization; and these Bylaws and Rules of Order of the District Committee, 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 precincts within District 17, elected at the State Primary Election or duly elected at a County Central Committee meeting, the legislative district chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and such other officers of the District as are elected by the qualified electors of the District Committee, and must have Republican Party affiliation.

Section 1. Voting

Only duly elected precinct committeemen, who have not been censured since the last organization meeting, from precincts within the legislative district may vote at regular and special meetings of the District Committee. Officers who are precinct committeemen shall have one vote.

Section 2. Proxy Voting

Proxy voting shall be allowed except as limited by State Party Rules, and when voting for officers, delegates, alternates, nominees for filling legislative vacancies, 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 Committee.

Section 3. Quorum

Thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected precinct committeemen who are not under active censure and officers who are also precinct committeemen who are not under active censure shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the District Committee.

Section 4. Alternate Precinct Committeemen

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.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Organization Meeting

The District Committee 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 Committee Chairman to be held upon seven (7) days notice and within eleven (11) days after each Primary Election at a location within the legislative district or within an adjacent Legislative District.
- b. All acts of censure are invalid upon the calling to order of an Organization Meeting. Absolutely no act of member censure may be entertained at an Organization Meeting.

Section 2. Nominations

The District Committee shall meet for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill vacancies in the State Legislature.

- a. The Chairman of the Legislative District in which such vacancy occurs shall call a meeting of the District Committee within ten (10) days of occurrence of the vacancy and after giving forty-eight (48) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.
- b. At the meeting of the District Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy in the Legislature, only precinct committeemen shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. All nominees must reside within the Legislative District. Precinct committeemen may vote for three candidates in preferential order
- c. The Legislative District Chairman shall submit the names of the three (3) nominees to the Governor within two (2) days of their selection by the District Committee. Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.
- d. The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of three (3) nominees to the Governor within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment has been made within fifteen (15) days, the Legislative District Committee shall designate (1) of the three nominees to fill the vacancy.

Section 3. Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the Committee. Notice of meetings shall be given at least four (4) days in advance of the date of the meeting.

Section 4. 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 Committee. Notice of special meetings of the District Committee shall be given not less than four (4) days in advance of the meeting.

Section 5. Petition for Meeting

Upon receipt of a written petition signed by one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the District Committee 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 Committee as requested by the petition.

Section 6. Resolution of tie elections or decisions at an impasse

In the event of a tie vote for an officer election, delegate selection, or committee decision at an impasse, it may be resolved by a flip of a coin or any agreed-upon contest.

Section 7. Chairman Questions

At every regular and special meeting of the District Committee, the District Chairman must open the floor for simple questions for the Chair and the District Chairman shall be obliged to give an answer within reason.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the District Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the Secretary, and such other officers of the District as are elected by the qualified electors of the District Committee.

Section 1. Election of Officers

- a. All officers of the District Committee shall be elected by the precinct committeemen at an organization meeting called by the incumbent Chairman to be held within 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 move such nominations.
- c. Nominees - Any qualified resident of the District who is a qualified elector of Legislative District 17, 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.

Section 2. Duties of Officers

- a. Chairman - In addition to the duties specifically provided for by the laws of the State of Idaho, the Chairman shall preside at all the District Committee meetings, and 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 Committee.
- b. Vice Chairman - In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings of the District Committee, and assume those functions of the Chairman in the conduct of normal business. He shall perform such other duties that may be delegated to him by the Chairman.
- c. Secretary - The Secretary shall maintain a permanent record of all regular, special, and executive meetings of the District Committee; shall take minutes of all District Committee meetings, maintain a permanent record of the minutes, and mail or electronically mail the minutes of District Committee meetings to all members and attendees of the meetings. The Secretary shall keep an official copy of these bylaws as provided in Article XI. The Secretary shall perform such other duties that may be delegated to him by the Chairman.
- d. Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Chairman and members on parliamentary procedure and protocol.
- e. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Legislative District Central Committee, furnish a financial report at each Legislative District Central Committee meeting, furnish a written financial statement to the members of the Legislative District Central Committee annually, and file such reports as required by State law and perform other duties as requested by the Chairman or the Legislative District Central Committee. All expenditures must be approved or ratified by the Central Committee.
- f. Youth Chair. The Youth Chair shall be an officer whose primary purpose and concern is youth outreach.
- g. Social Media Chair. The Social Media Chair shall be an officer whose primary purpose and concern is the Social Media for the District Committee. The Social Media Chair will carry out social media posts and other activities as per the orders and directions of the District Committee, the Executive Committee, as well as the District Chairman.

Section 3. Vacancy in Officer Positions

- a. Should a vacancy arise in the office of Legislative District 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. Members under active censure may still vote to fill such a vacancy, only so far as to be in compliance with Idaho Code 34-503.
- b. Should a vacancy arise in the office of Vice Chairman or Secretary or other elected officer position of the District Committee, 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 Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such a vacancy. Members under active censure may not vote to fill such a vacancy.

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 called for the purpose of considering the removal of officer(s). Proxies shall not 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. Appointment of Committees

Special and standing committees may be appointed by the Chairman as may be necessary to the administration of the business of the District Committee, with the exception of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Duties of Committees

The duties of all committees shall be designated by the Chairman and subject to the review of said Chairman, with the exception of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the District Committee between meetings, make recommendations to the District Committee, perform any orders assigned by the District Committee, and perform such other duties as specified in these Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers enumerated in Article VI, Section 2.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMON PURPOSES FOR MEETINGS

Section 1. Submissions to State Central Committee Meetings

- a. The District Committee may meet to consider or develop proposed Resolutions, and/or Rules for the Idaho Republican Party. The proposed Resolutions and Rules shall be submitted to the District Committee members at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposals will be voted upon. The 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 in the appropriate required time specified by the State Party Rules.

- b. All submissions intended for the State Central Committee are to clearly include the original author and the time and date in which the District Committee passed said submission in accordance with the appropriate subsection of Article I, Section 15 of the State Rules.

Section 2. Candidate endorsement, endorsement reversal, endorsement refusal, or candidate censure

The District Committee may meet to review any potential or existing candidate endorsement, so far as Article IX of the State Party Rules is being followed. The District Committee at the very least must use the Idaho Republican Party Platform for any decision of this kind. This section shall not be used or construed to contravene the procedure or purpose of Article IX of the State Party Rules.

Section 3. Member Censure

Members are required to be of honorable character and reputation. If the District Committee is aggrieved by any behaviors or actions by any of its members, candidates, or representatives, a meeting may be convened for the purpose of censure, provided that Article VII of the State Party Rules is being followed. The act of censure may be in the form of a simple motion, motion in long form, or resolution, and does not require notice for such a meeting. Censure for attendance reasons may only require a simple majority of voting members present. Censure for all other reasons must be by two-thirds (2/3) of voting members present. Members under active censure may not vote unless specifically required by law, or the State Party Rules. An act of censure remains valid and active until the next organization meeting, or the District Committee votes by two-thirds to rescind the act of censure.

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 Committee 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 the Legislative District 17 Republican Central Committee 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 Committee, called for the purpose of considering amendments to these Bylaws.

Section 1. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Only qualified and duly elected precinct committeemen who are not under active censure 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 Committee at least ten days prior to the vote on the amendment(s).

Section 3. Prior Notice of Amendment

All voting members shall be notified at least seven (7) 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 State Rules of the Idaho Republican Party that 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 State 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 either Article VII of the State Rules of the Idaho Republican Party or any notice required by these Bylaws, shall not be required.

Section 5. Effective Date

All amendments shall become effective immediately upon approval, unless otherwise specified.

Section 6. Revision History

After November 2021, and every revision thereafter, there shall be a listing of the last four revisions with brief descriptions made to these bylaws after all other appendices but before the Certification appendix.

ARTICLE XI. SAFE KEEPING

Section 1. Official Copy Of Bylaws

The official copy of these bylaws shall be kept safe by the Secretary. Additionally, for the safety and integrity of this document through the years as it is amended, it is the Secretary's duty to make sure that the most current version of these bylaws are kept on file in the Idaho Republican Party Local Bylaw Archive when these bylaws become amended. This duty first falls to the Secretary and then to any member of the Republican Party residing in District 17 that the District Chairman sees fit to delegate that duty to.

Section 2. Receive Bylaws

When new Secretaries are duly-elected by the District Committee, it becomes the responsibility of both the new Secretary and the previous to make sure that the new Secretary receives a complete, correct, and current copy of these bylaws from the previous Secretary for the purposes and safe keeping.

Section 3. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the District Chairman to ensure Section 2 is carried out.

Section 4. Integrity

Officially, it is the duty of all elected officers to ensure these bylaws are never lost nor their integrity compromised.

Legislative District 17 Central Committee Rules of Order

The order of business at duly called meetings of Legislative District 17 Central committee may include but not be limited to:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call and Quorum Report
- 4. Minutes of Previous Meetings
- 5. Committee Reports
- 6. Unfinished Business
- 7. New Business
- 8. Chairman Questions
- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjournment

Amendments to the Rules of Order may be made at any regular meetings of the Legislative District 17 Central Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote without notice and a majority vote with notice. All amendments become effective immediately, unless otherwise specified.

Revision History

January 2023 - Parliamentary Addition and Certification appendix change

May 2024 - Treasurer addition

September 2024 - Youth Chair addition, Executive Committee definition, updated mission language

April 2025 - Social Media Chair addition, Member Voting Rights and Censure addition

Certification

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE BYLAWS, AS AMENDED, WERE ADOPTED BY THE VOTING MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 17 REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE on the 11th day of April, 2025.

Legislative District Chairman

Attest:

Secretary