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Rule 2025-15

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

Submitted by: Shoshone County and Minidoka County Central Committees

To be Presented by: Phil Hart or Jennie Bateman, Krystal Young, Rhea Bateman, Rob Griffin

Passed by: Shoshone County Republican Party Central Committee, and
Minidoka Central Committee April 10, 2025

Overview or reason: The proposed rule addition is to add Section 4 which establishes that no individual who is a registered 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 ensuring transparency and preventing conflicts of interest which strengthen the party's ethical standards and public image.

Resources:

<https://sos.idaho.gov/elections-division/lobbyist-information/>

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title67/T67CH66/SECT67-6618>

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<https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title67/T67CH66/SECT67-6617>

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<https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title67/T67CH66/SECT67-6602>

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ARTICLE XVIII shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE XVIII: REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS Section 1:

All members, appointed officers, and elected officers in all committees, and 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 person who is required to register as a lobbyist in accordance to Idaho Code 67-6617 shall hold an elected position in the Idaho Republican Party. This includes state-wide party offices, district offices, regional offices and county offices including precinct committeemen. Any person who is currently registered as a lobbyist, as required by Idaho Code 67-6617 (or I.C. 74-703 after July 1, 2025), must resign their position as a lobbyist when elected to a future position in the Republican Party in the 2026 election cycle. Any person who is currently registered as a lobbyist and runs for an elected position in the Idaho Republican Party must resign as a lobbyist if elected to any office in the Idaho Republican Party. Those who are exempt from registering as a lobbyist in accordance with

Idaho Code 67-6618 (or I.C. 74-704 after July 1, 2025) are exempt from the requirements of this rule.
Anyone who is hired by the Idaho Republican Party as a lobbyist is exempt from this rule.

Rule 2025-16
Title: Amending Article XV, Section 3

Submitted by: Legislative District 17 Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Benjamin Chafetz or Matthew K. Jensen

Passed by: Legislative District 17 Republican Central Committee, February 13, 2025

Overview and reason: This amendment strikes previous confounding language and puts in limitations and scope to better conform to Article IV, Section 3, and Article VII, Section 2. The reason being is that previously there have been interpretations of Article XV, Section 3 that suggested that either County or Legislative District committees were effectively exempt from making bylaws available at all, much less in the Local Bylaw Archive. Such interpretations were definitely against the letter and spirit of the rule. Also, since we are now in an age where the retention and availability of such documents is trivial, there are no real effective barriers to contributing current documents to the Local Bylaw Archive. By this point every local central committee should be able to submit current bylaw documents (and as the article says, including related relevant compendia) to the archive. By our own rules, these documents are already supposed to exist, and if they don't, rectifying the situation is relatively straightforward.

Article XV, Section 3, of the State Rules shall be amended as follows:

Section 3: ~~The absence of rules or bylaws in an archive mandated by Section 1 shall not be construed to endorse, condone, effect, or direct any punitive or exclusionary actions against any Legislative District or County Central Committees, or any of its officers.~~ Limitations and scope. The entirety of this article is subordinate to Article IV and Article VII and this Article shall never conflict with those Articles. Furthermore, there shall be no ex post facto application, in whole or in part, of this Article.

Rule 2025-17

Title: Amending Article X, Section 4

Submitted by: Legislative District 17 Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Ben Chafetz or Matthew K. Jensen

Passed by: Legislative District 17 Republican Central Committee February 13, 2025

Overview and reason:

This amendment restricts all amendments to these rules to only be of a single subject at a time. The reason being is that far too many times have amendments to these rules have been stuffed and shoehorned to the point where the time of the State Central Committee is quite frankly not being respected.

Article X, Section 4, of the State Rules shall be amended as follows:

Section 4: The Rules of the Idaho Republican Party can only be amended or suspended by the Idaho Republican State Central Committee. All amendments to these rules must be single-subject.

Rule 2025-18
Title: Delegate Selection Rule Amendment

Submitted by: Brent Regan
To be Presented by: Brent Regan
Passed by: LD2 4/18/25

Proposed Rule Amendment to the rules for the selection of delegates to the Republican State Convention.

Overview: The existing Article I and Article II rules are confusing, vague and difficult to interpret. Every two years there are questions about the delegate selection procedures and uncertainty about rules compliance. The process for Legislative Districts and Counties to create their own delegate nominating rules is not well defined.

The proposed Article I and Article II are intended to replace the existing Article I and Article II in their entirety. New Article I gives the requirements for the Legislative and County meetings. New Article II provides two delegate selecting voting procedures which the Legislative District or County can chose from. Much of the new language is the old language (**in bold**) which was copied and rearranged to be chronologically and functionally ordered.

**RULES FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
CONVENTION AND THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION**

ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AND COUNTY DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING

Section 1: Legislative District Delegate Selection Meeting.

a) **Thirty (30) days prior to the May Primary Election in each Presidential election year, and prior to May 1, in each non-presidential election year, the Republican Legislative District Chairman in each Legislative District shall prepare and forward to the Republican State Chairman, in care of the GOP State Headquarters, a notice stating the date, time, and place of a meeting to be held within eleven (11) days after the primary election, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the GOP State convention, who will select Delegates to the Republican National Convention.**

b) **In cases of vacancy in the office of Legislative District Chairman or the nonperformance of duty, where it is impractical to follow Article VII, Section Seven (7) of the rules of the Idaho Republican Party in filling the office, the Republican State Chairman is empowered to appoint a Precinct Committeeman/woman in the District as acting Chairman for the purpose of calling and conducting the meeting. In the case that no such Precinct Committeeman/Woman exists in the District, the Republican State Chairman is empowered to fill a vacant Precinct Committeeman/Woman position in the District for the purpose of calling and conducting the**

meeting.

c) Each Legislative District shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates for each Senate seat in that Legislative District to the Republican State Convention. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the Alternate selected. Each Legislative District Delegation to the State Convention shall elect one (1) Delegate as Chairman of the Delegation.

Section 2: County Delegate Selection Meeting.

a) Thirty (30) days prior to the May Primary Election in each Presidential election year, and prior to May 1, in each non-Presidential election year, each Republican County Chairman shall prepare and forward to the Republican State Chairman, in care of the GOP State Headquarters, a notice stating the date, time, and place of a meeting to be held within ten (10) days after the primary election, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the GOP State Convention, who will select Delegates to the Republican National Convention.

b) Each County shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates to the Republican State Convention. In addition, each County shall select one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each one thousand (1,000) votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate in the previous general election, or major fraction thereof, in that county. Republican State Headquarters will advise each County Chairman of the number of Delegates his county is entitled to elect. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the 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.

c) 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.

Section 3: After notification, the State Chairman shall dispatch press releases to each daily and weekly newspaper in the state, specifying date, time, and place of the Legislative District and County meetings to be held in the circulation area of the papers. In addition, the Legislative District Chairman and County Chairman shall issue press releases to each paper in his area containing the same information.

Section 4: An individual otherwise qualified by these rules may be selected to be an alternate delegate for both a county and legislative district but is restricted from voting in both jurisdictions on any given issue.

ARTICLE II: DELEGATE ELECTION PROCEDURE

Each legislative district and county shall use the following rules to elect delegates to the state convention:

(1) The newly elected legislative district or county chair shall conduct the election of delegates

and alternate delegates to the state convention.

(2) Any person who wishes to be nominated to be a delegate or alternate delegate to the state convention must complete and sign the Delegate Pledge Form before being nominated as a delegate or alternate delegate. The Delegate Pledge Form shall be a standard form provided by the State Party Headquarters and shall include the candidates name, mailing address, phone number, email address, and a statement that the candidate is affiliated with the Republican Party and is a qualified elector residing in the applicable Idaho county or legislative district for which he or she would serve as a delegate, and can and has every intention of attending the state convention as a delegate or alternate delegate. Delegate Pledge Forms may be submitted to the chairman beginning the day after the primary and the chairman will deliver any forms received to the newly elected chairman prior to the opening of floor nominations.

(3) Nominations shall remain open until all persons who wish to be nominated have the opportunity to do so.

(4) Each nomination will be considered separately and not as part of a slate, with nominations from the floor.

(5) 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.

(6) The newly elected chair shall appoint no fewer than two people, with the consent of a majority of the voting members, to count the ballots and report the results.

(7) After nomination and nomination speeches, voting will be by secret ballot using one of the two methods listed below.

a) Delegate positions (first Delegate through last Alternate Delegate) may be voted on one at a time with nominations and balloting for each position considered in sequence.

b) All nominees may be considered on a single ballot. Voting members shall indicate which nominees they wish to be a delegate by putting a mark next to the nominee's printed or handwritten name. Once the ballots are tallied the nominees will be sorted by the number of votes received most to least. The nominee receiving the most votes will be the First Delegate, the nominee receiving the next most votes will be the Second Delegate, and so forth until the last Alternate Delegate is assigned.

(8) Proxies are not allowed.

(9) After the ballot is complete, the committeeman will individually place their ballot in the ballot box and the secretary will note that they have voted.

(10) Ballot counting shall be done in full view of the voting members.

(11) In the event of a tie, the newly elected chair shall cast a tie-breaking vote.

Rule 2025-19

Title: Delegate Allocation Rule Amendment

Submitted by: IDGOP Chairman Moon

Presented by: TBD

Passed by: IDGOP Chairman Moon, April 20, 2025

A proposed Rule Amendment for the allocation of delegates to the State Convention to limit the maximum number of delegates to between 630 and 640 total.

Currently thirty-five Legislative Districts are allocated 3 delegates each, 105 total. Forty-Four Counties are also allocated 3 delegates each for 132 delegates, plus a proportional allocation. The proposed method would allocate approximately 400 delegates proportionally to the counties. Total delegates would be approximately 637. There may be some slight variance due to rounding.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO: RULES FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION Article II Section 3(a) (or revised).

Each County shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates to the Republican State Convention. In addition, each County shall select a number of one (1) Delegates and a number of one (1) Alternates for each one thousand (1,000) in proportion to the votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate in the previous general election, or major fraction thereof, in that county. The number of Delegates or Alternates for a County shall be determined by dividing the number Four Hundred (400) by the total number of votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate statewide (CD1 & CD2) in the previous general election and then multiplying that number by the votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate in that County and then rounding to the nearest whole number.

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.

Rule 2025-20
Title: Amending Article II, Section 3a

Submitted by: Region X

To be Presented by: Andrew Mickelsen

Passed by: Region X Meeting April 28, 2025

Reason for change: Idaho has continued to grow and because of this our conventions have continued to get larger and larger. At this time the meetings have gotten unreasonably large and hard to find venues and locations to hold them. This rule change would still allow essentially the same representation by county but with less delegates. This would allow business to be taken care of easier and allow counties to focus on their very best delegates to send. This does not diminish representation. It simply makes the group smaller and more manageable.

Article II, Section 3a shall be amended as follows:

- a) Each County shall select ~~three~~ two (~~32~~) Delegates and ~~three~~ two (~~32~~) Alternates to the Republican State Convention. In addition, 200 delegates and 200 alternate 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. ~~In addition, each County shall select one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each one thousand (1,000) votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate in the previous general election, or major fraction thereof, in that county.~~ Republican State Headquarters will advise each County Chairman of the number of Delegates his county is entitled to elect. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the 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.

Below is an example of what the new process would look like. The total delegate count going forward would be set at 393.

Rule 2025-21

Title: Voting Members of the County Central Committee

Submitted by: IDGOP Chairman Moon

To be presented by: TBD

Passed by: IDGOP Chairman Moon, April 20, 2025

There is no requirement that County Central Committee Elected Officers must be Precinct Committeemen. This gives counties more flexibility and options when electing officers and many counties are advantaged by this.

The proposed amendment would ensure that Elected Officers who have voting privileges on the State Central Committee also have voting privileges on their own County Central Committees.

State code would supersede this provision when voting rights are restricted to Precinct Committeemen only.

Proposed Amendment to 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. All officers shall be elected **only** by the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen at a meeting called by the incumbent County Chairman to be held upon seven (7) days' notice 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. **Voting members of the County Central Committee shall consist of all Precinct Committeemen, Elected Officers, and other members as may be specified in the County Central Committee's Bylaws.** All Precinct Committeemen and ~~Committeewomen~~ **members** of a County Central Committee or any person acting as an 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.

Rule 2025-22
Title: Amending Article V, Section 2

Submitted by: Heather Blount

Presented by: Heather Blount

Passed by: Nez Perce County Central Committee March 27, 2025

Overview or reason: This proposed rule change deals with the problem of voting procedures used by County Central Committees when there is a vacancy between elections for various reasons. The current language only requires that three names be submitted to the Governor within 10 days with only 72 hours' notice of the meeting. As written, the voting is done by selecting 3 candidates in preferential order. This is a form of "Ranked Choice Voting" and can be manipulated as it was in our County.

This rule change will require three separate ballot rounds of voting at the meeting: first round is for the 1st choice, 2nd round is for 2nd choice, and 3rd round is for 3rd choice. This allows the best three choices to be sent to the Governor.

Article V, Section 2, shall be amended as follows:

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.~~

The committee shall conduct three separate balloting rounds at the meeting. The winner of each round is dropped from the next round and so on; first round is for 1st choice, 2nd round is for 2nd choice, and 3rd round is for 3rd choice. The final list of three shall be listed as 1st choice, 2nd choice, and 3rd choice. Ballots shall be kept by the Secretary until the next election cycle is completed.

Rule 2025-23
Title: Amending Article VI, Section 2

Submitted by: Daniel Crawford

Presented by: Daniel Crawford

Passed by: Nez Perce County Central Committee March 27, 2025

Overview or reason: This proposed rule change deals with the problem of voting procedures used by County Central Committees when there is a vacancy between elections for various reasons. The Current language only requires that three names be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners within 10 days with only 72 hours' notice of the meeting. As written, the voting is done by selecting 3 candidates in preferential order. This is a form of "Ranked Choice Voting" and can be manipulated as it was in our County.

This rule change will require three separate ballot rounds of voting at the meeting: first round is for the 1st choice, 2nd round is for 2nd choice, and 3rd round is for 3rd choice. This allows the best three choices to be sent to the County Board of Commissioners.

Article VI, Section 2, shall be amended as follows:

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 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 or otherwise satisfy any residency requirement under Idaho law. ~~All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.~~

The committee shall conduct three separate balloting rounds at the meeting. The winner of each round is dropped from the next round and so on; first round is for 1st choice, 2nd round is for 2nd choice, and 3rd round is for 3rd choice. The final list of three shall be listed as 1st choice, 2nd choice, and 3rd choice. Ballots shall be kept by the Secretary until the next election cycle is completed.

Rule 2025-24
Title: Amending Article VIII, Section 2

Submitted by: Daniel Crawford

Presented by: Daniel Crawford

Passed by: Nez Perce County Central Committee March 27, 2025

Overview or reason: This proposed rule change deals with the problem of voting procedures used by Legislative District Central Committees when there is a Legislative vacancy between elections for various reasons. The Current language only requires that three names be submitted to the Governor within 10 days with only 72 hours' notice of the meeting. As written, the voting is done by selecting 3 candidates in preferential order. This is a form of "Ranked Choice Voting" and can be manipulated as it was in our County.

This rule change will require three separate ballot rounds of voting at the meeting; first round is for the 1st choice, 2nd round is for 2nd choice, and 3rd round is for 3rd choice. This allows the best three choices to be sent to the Governor.

Article VIII, Section 2, shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE VIII: FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES

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 committee shall conduct three separate balloting rounds at the meeting. The winner of each round is dropped from the next round and so on; first round is for 1st choice, 2nd round is for 2nd choice, and 3rd round is for 3rd choice. The final list of three shall be listed as 1st choice, 2nd choice, and 3rd choice. Ballots shall be kept by the Secretary until the next election cycle is completed.

Rule 2025-25

Title: Restricting Membership Rights for Dues in Arrears

Submitted by: Butte County Republican Central Committee, Presented by Jeff Bird, BCRCC Chair

Passed by: Butte County Republican Central Committee, April 17, 2025

To be presented by: Steve Bender

Overview or reason:

The State Party rules currently require Membership Dues to be current in order to receive a delegate allocation to the Idaho Republican State Convention. This Rule proposal modifies that requirement to also require dues to be current in order to be eligible to participate at State Central Committee meetings. The power of an assembly to restrict rights for dues in arrears is addressed specifically in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Sections 1:4, 45:1, and 56:19. This amendment also clarifies language in the Membership Dues Article (XIX) and clarifies language in the delegate allocation rule.

Amendment:

Article I is amended by inserting after Section 4 a new section 5 and renumbering all succeeding sections in that Article.

ARTICLE I: THE REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 5: When the membership dues of a county are in arrears, as described in Article XIX, Section 5, the rights of members of the State Central Committee representing that county to make motions, to vote, and to speak on the floor, other than to address the status of their membership dues, shall be suspended until such time as the dues of the county in arrears are paid.

The Rules for Selection of Delegates to the Republican National Convention and the Republican State Convention, Article II, Section 3 is amended by striking and inserting the text as shown.

Article XIX, Section 5 is amended by striking and inserting the text as follows:

Section 5: Counties shall pay their annual Membership Dues by December 31 of ~~that~~ each year. The State Party shall send a "~~Past Due~~" reminder notice to any county that has not paid its dues in full by ~~the following March 15th October 1.~~ Any County with unpaid dues as of December 31 shall be in arrears.

Article II of the Rules for Selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention and the Republican State Convention are amended by striking and inserting text as follows:

ARTICLE II: COUNTY DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING,

Section 3:

a) Each County shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates to the Republican

State Convention. In addition, each County shall select one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each one thousand (1,000) votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate in the previous general election, or major fraction thereof, in that county. Republican State Headquarters will advise each County Chairman of the number of Delegates his county is entitled to elect. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the 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

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

Rule 2025-26

**Title: Amending Article XIV by Adding a New Section 13:
Financial Transparency Requirement**

Submitted by: Robert E. Williams

To be presented by: Robert E. Williams

Passed by: Jerome County Republican Central Committee April 17, 2025 and Jefferson County, Region 10 Chair Andrew Mickelson, April 18 and Legislative District 32, Bonneville Chair Mike Colson, May 4 and Madison County, Chair Paul Dye, May 5 @ 1:39 PM and Region 10, Bonneville Chair Mike Colson, May 6 @ 6:46 PM (late)

Overview or reason: Section 13 provides financial transparency by requiring financial information of the State Republican Party to be distributed to all County Central Committees.

WHEREAS, the establishment of the federal **DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency)** program has set a national precedent **for robust financial transparency, digital accessibility, and accountability in public spending**, providing a model that all levels of government and affiliated organizations—including political parties—should emulate;

WHEREAS, financial transparency is a cornerstone of organizational integrity, fostering trust among stakeholders and safeguarding against claims of misappropriation, mismanagement, or embezzlement;

WHEREAS, regular distribution of financial reports is widely practiced, accepted, and expected;

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party has long championed transparency and accountability, advocating in its platform that the public should have online access to local, state, and federal government expenditures, contracts, and audits;

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party should **lead by example** and reflect the very values it promotes, including **proactive and consistent financial disclosure**;

WHEREAS, under Article XIX of the Party Rules, the Idaho Republican Party's operational funding is derived in part from annual dues paid by County Central Committees across the state, and counties that have not paid dues or obtained a waiver are barred from participating or voting at State Central Committee meetings or conventions;

WHEREAS, County Central Committees have not received regular financial reports from the Republican State Central Committee;

WHEREAS, members of County Central Committees who have requested financial reports from their Regional Chairs have been told that while Regional Chairs may view the reports, they are not

permitted to share the contents or provide copies—leaving the counties without direct access to the financial data their dues support, and unable to answer donor questions regarding party income and expenditures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee hereby proposes the following addition to the State Party Rules:

ARTICLE XIV: FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Section 13: Financial Transparency Requirement

The State Central Committee shall ensure full financial transparency by disclosing the Idaho Republican Party's financial statements and reports to all County Central Committees.

Upon adoption of this rule, the Treasurer shall immediately provide to each County Central Committee a copy of the Party's current fiscal year financial statements, including but not limited to:

1. A current budget
2. A profit & loss statement
3. A balance sheet
4. A cash flow statement
5. Any reports produced by the Financial Review Committee for the State Central Committee

This initial financial disclosure shall also include complete statements for the **two previous fiscal years**, in addition to the current fiscal year.

Going forward, the Treasurer shall provide updated financial statements as outlined above on a **semi-annual basis** to each County Central Committee. Upon request, the Treasurer shall supply any further documentation necessary to substantiate or explain the figures in the financial statements. County Central Committees shall maintain the confidentiality of the Idaho Republican Party's current fiscal year's financial statements and shall refrain from publishing the data on any website or social media site.

Additionally, the financial data of the Idaho Republican Party, both current and historical, shall be available for inspection at the party's headquarters by any member of a County Central Committee.

Nothing in this rule shall be interpreted to require a public disclosure that would violate Article XIV, Section 12, but rather require a **good faith, internal measure to uphold transparency, accountability, and integrity within the party structure**-in alignment with both the party platform and the federal standard established by the DOGE program.

Rule 2025-27
Title: Amending Article XVIII, Section 3,4

Submitted by: Region V Central Committee

To be presented by: Mark Johnson, Region V Chairman

Passed by: Region V Central Committee, April 30, 2025

Overview: This rule defines the term “acts of un-affiliation” as used in this Article. The rule inserts a new section 3 and shifts the old section 3 to sect 4.

ARTICLE XVIII: REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS

Section 1: All members, appointed officers, and elected officers in all committees, and 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: Recognized acts of un-affiliation with the Republican party shall include:

- 1) Affiliating with another political party.
- 2) Registering to vote as “unaffiliated”.
- 3) Displaying support via social media, yard signs, or actively campaigning for a non Republican candidate in a partisan General Election race that includes a Republican candidate in the race.

Section ~~3-4~~: 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.

Rule 2025-28

Title: Proposed Party Rule XXII Party Integrity Enforcement

Submitted by: Legislative District 2

To be presented by: Hari Heath, LD2 Chair

Passed by: Legislative District Two Central Committee

Whereas, the Idaho Republican Party is a private membership association, organized to promote the incorporation of expressed Republican political ideologies in the operation of government; and,

Whereas, some Republican public office holders, party officials, and precinct committeemen who have affiliated with the Idaho Republican Party have engaged in conduct substantially oppositional to the expressed principles and policies of the Idaho Republican Party Platform: some of whose conduct is defamatory, substantially contrary to and destructive against achieving the expressed goals of the Party, thereby exhibiting active Party Identity Fraud; and,

Whereas, the Idaho Republican Party has the right and duty to discipline its membership against injurious conduct and remove members who evidence conduct which is defamatory, destructive, and/or substantially contrary to the expressed principles and policies of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Therefore, the following new Rule Article XXII is proposed to rectify such misconduct by expulsion from the Party or in the alternative, censure:

Article XXII.

Section 1. The Idaho Republican Party is a private non-profit membership association registered with the Secretary of State and organized under Idaho Code; Title 30; Chapter 27, to promote the principles and policies expressed in the Idaho Republican Party Platform by advocating those principles and policies and electing candidates to office that support the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Section 2. The members of the Idaho Republican Party are those voters who have affiliated with the Party by checking the Republican affiliation box on their voter registration form. Affiliating with the Idaho Republican Party prescribes a tacit duty to adhere to the substantive expressed Party principles and policies found in the Idaho Republican Party Platform, published on the Party's website, IDGOP.org. The duty to adhere to the more substantive Party principles and policies increase when seeking to hold office or holding office as an elected official, which is further prescribed in Article XIII of the Party Rules. Party officers, including precinct committeeman, also have a duty to avoid conduct substantially contrary to Party principles and policies, and other conduct that is defamatory or damaging to Party integrity.

Section 3. As a private membership association, the Idaho Republican Party has the right and duty to enforce violations of its expressed policies and principles, and other conduct that is defamatory or damaging to Party integrity upon those who chose to be members by affiliation. The Idaho Republican

State Central Committee is the governing body that has the primary duty to enforce said policies and principles; county committees also have a localized enforcement authority. Enforcement may be by expulsion from the Party in substantial cases of violation(s), or alternately by censure.

Section 4. By a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the members of the State Central Committee, or where applicable, by a similar petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of county committee members, a Republican affiliated person or persons shall be called to answer for certain expressed substantial violations of the Idaho Party Platform with an Order to Show Cause why they should not be expelled immediately from the Idaho Republican Party for a period of five (5) years. The petition may name multiple persons and the petition shall be prosecuted under the following provisions and procedures:

Section 5. The authority to prosecute an action initiated by petition against Federal Elected official(s), State Constitutional Officer(s), Legislator(s), and State, Region, and Legislative District Party Officer(s) shall be vested exclusively in the Idaho Republican State Central Committee.

Section 6. The authority to prosecute the action initiated by the petition against County Party officer(s), including precinct committeeman, shall be vested in the Idaho Republican State Central Committee or the respective county central committee.

Section 7. The Chair of the respective committee so petitioned shall set a time for a meeting to consider the petition and its enforcement proceedings within seven (7) days of receipt of the petition. The meeting shall be scheduled not less than twenty (20) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the petition is received by the Chair of the committee, and may be a special meeting or a regular meeting if the regular meeting falls within the time for hearing the petition specified in this Article. The Chair of the committee shall provide a venue and give notice of the location of the venue at least ten (10) days before the scheduled meeting.

Section 8. The Chair of the respective committee so petitioned shall attempt to provide notice to the person or persons complained of in the petition of the complaint(s) against them within seven (7) days of receipt of the petition. The attempt to provide notice may be by direct service, mail, or electronic communication. The Chair of the respective committee shall attempt to confirm contact with the party(s) so served and record the attempt and success of such contact.

Section 9. Immediate Action by Motion: if the complaint of conduct occurs during a central committee meeting, a committee member may petition by a motion and a second to have an immediate hearing of the matter before the body present, in executive session. A simple majority vote in the affirmative is required to begin proceedings. After an affirmative vote to begin the proceeding, the movant shall declare the nature of the violation(s) relevant to the Idaho Republican Party Platform and may request another member to prosecute the claim of violation(s). The person complained against shall have a right to be present and be afforded a meaningful opportunity to offer a defense. As elsewhere in this Article, expulsion from the Idaho Republican Party for a period of five (5) years requires a sixty (60) percent affirmative vote of the committee. If the vote for expulsion fails, alternately, by motion and a second, the committee may impose a suspension for a specified period of time or censure by a

simple majority vote of the committee.

Section 10. A meeting held pursuant to this article shall be in person and without proxies. Quorum requirements for the respective committees apply for a meeting under this Article. A committee may establish reasonable time and procedure limits to the presentation of petition allegation(s) and debate by committee members prior to consideration of the petition(s).

Section 11. Petition must clearly state the nature of the alleged violation(s) relative to the Idaho Republican Party Platform and/or other conduct that is defamatory or damaging to Party integrity. In the case of multiple persons listed on a petition, the petition may state general alleged violation(s) with separate supporting documents specifying allegation(s) for each alleged violator.

Section 12. Each person complained of in a petition shall have the matter considered individually as to their alleged conduct, shall have the right to respond to the allegations individually, and any dispositive vote shall be taken individually on each person complained of in the petition.

Section 13. In consideration of the merits of the petition, the committee shall determine: whether evidence and/or testimony of the alleged conduct is valid; whether substantial Party Platform policies and principles and/or other conduct that is defamatory or damaging to Party integrity were violated; and whether the conduct was sufficient to merit expulsion from the Idaho Republican Party for five (5) years. A vote to expel requires a sixty percent (60%) vote from the committee. Failure to vote in the affirmative for expulsion can, by motion and second, be reconsidered for suspension for a specified period of time or censure with a simple majority vote.

Section 14. Upon an affirmative vote of expulsion, the person so expelled shall be ineligible to affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party for a period of five (5) years from the date of expulsion. During such period of expulsion the person so expelled shall be prohibited from and personally liable for any public claim that they are a Republican; the public use of the Republican name, logo, or any Republican identifier on any campaign material, signage, or media, including electronic media.

Section 15. Any person aggrieved by a vote of expulsion under this Article may appeal such decision to the Executive Committee of the State Republican Party within thirty (30) days from the vote for expulsion. The State Executive Committee shall give opportunity to the affected party to be heard and may uphold or overturn the vote for expulsion from the respective central committee. The appeal shall be heard and decided at the next regular meeting of the State Executive Committee that occurs at least 14 days after the appeal is filed. The vote for expulsion remains in place unless and until overturned by the State Executive Committee.

Rule 2025-29

Title: Amending Article XX: Idaho Republican Party Platform Enforcement

Submitted by: Colton Bennett

To be presented by: Colton Bennett

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee February 25, 2025

Overview of Reason: This proposal adds presidential electors to the list of offices that may be disciplined by the Republican Party. Currently presidential electors are the only partisan office in the state excluded from such discipline. Theoretically an elector could faithlessly violate his pledge (i.e. Trump elector votes for Kamala Harris) without any consequence.

Section 1: The Idaho Republican Party is a private organization dedicated to the promotion of certain political ideals, primarily by supporting candidates who pledge to support the United States and Idaho Constitutions and the Idaho Republican Party Platform under Article XIII of these Rules. The support from this Party is very beneficial to those who make such a pledge and once elected, keeping that pledge is paramount to the integrity of the Party and the confidence of the voters who elected them.

Section 2: Without enforcement, the expressed principles of the Party are nothing more than ideals and philosophy. Republican legislators have at times defied their pledge and oath, voting on legislative matters substantially contrary to the Party's expressed platform and constitutional principles. Republican Constitutional and county officers also have at times, conducted their offices contrary to Republican and constitutional principles.

Section 3: The Idaho Republican State Central Committee, Legislative District Committees, and County Central Committees are hereby empowered to call into question the conduct of a Republican elected official (including members of the Electoral College); give fair consideration to alleged violations and provide a meaningful opportunity for the official to be heard; determine if substantive violations of the pledge of an Electoral College member, Party Platform or Constitutions have occurred; provide censure by motion upon the first determination of substantive violations; and by motion for any substantive violations by the same elected official occurring after the first determination of censure has issued and following the same procedures outlined below, may remove Party support and prohibit the use of Republican Party identifiers on campaign information and advertising from the elected official during any subsequent campaign for Idaho political office for a period of five (5) years.

- a) The Idaho Republican State Central Committee, by petition to the State Chair from at least 20% of Central Committee members from at least 5 counties shall call a US Senator for Idaho, a US Representative for Idaho, Idaho Electoral College member, or an Idaho State constitutional officer to a Republican State Central Committee meeting to answer the alleged violations. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition, the State Chair shall notify the elected official of the petition and set a date for a meeting to determine the merits of the petition not more than

one hundred (100) days or less than forty (40) days from receipt of the petition. The meeting may be in conjunction with a regular meeting of the State Central Committee or at a Special Meeting.

For the purposes of this section, a member of the Electoral College shall be considered an elected official and may be subject to the initiation of these proceedings within 90 days of the casting of his electoral vote.

b) An Idaho Legislative District Committee, by petition to the Legislative District Chair from at least 20% of its Legislative District Committee members, shall call an Idaho State Legislator representing that District to a Legislative District Committee meeting to answer alleged violations. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition, the Legislative District Chair shall notify the legislator of the petition and set a date for the meeting to determine the merits of the petition not more than one hundred (100) days or less than forty (40) days from receipt of the petition. The meeting may be in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Legislative District Committee or at a Special Meeting.

c) A County Central Committee, by petition to the County Chair of at least 20% of County Central Committee members, shall call an elected county official of that county to a County Central Committee meeting to answer the alleged violations. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition, the County Chair shall notify the elected official of the petition and set a date for the meeting to determine the merits of the petition not more than one hundred (100) days or less than forty (40) days from receipt of the petition. The meeting may be in conjunction with a regular meeting of the County Central Committee or at a Special Meeting.

Section 4: The elected official called to answer the alleged violations may, at their discretion, appear in person or by video, if the video system provides two-way communication between the official and the committee and video conferencing is available at the venue where the meeting is to be held.

Section 5: At the meeting, one or more of the petitioners will present the alleged Party Platform or constitutional violation(s). The responding elected official shall be afforded adequate time and opportunity to answer the alleged violations.

Section 6: The State or County Central Committee or the Legislative District Committee, after fair consideration of the merits of the petition and the response, if any, by the elected official, shall make a determination of the merits of the petition. If this is the first time the elected official has been called to answer for violation(s) a simple majority vote of the Committee members present is required to provide censure to the elected official. If this is a subsequent time the elected official has been called to answer for violation(s) which occurred after the first determination of censure, a super majority vote of sixty (60) percent of the Committee members present is required to remove Party support and prohibit the use of Republican Party identifiers on campaign information and advertising from the elected official during any subsequent campaign for Idaho political office for a period of five (5) years. It shall be the duty of the County or District Chair to notify the State Chair within ten (10) days of any affirmative determination by the respective committee of any Platform or constitutional violation(s) by

an elected Republican official.

Section 7: If a Committee determines to censure an elected official, or upon subsequent determination, remove Party support and prohibit the use of Republican Party identifiers on campaign information and advertising from the elected official during any subsequent campaign for political office for a period of five (5) years, the State Party shall publish the same on the State Party website. within ten (10) days of receiving notice thereof from the committee Chair. It shall be the duty of the State Party to maintain a website page, publicly accessible, of any such determinations made by the respective Committees.

Section 8: Any elected Republican official aggrieved by a second determination of Electoral College pledge, Platform or constitutional violation(s), which removed Party support, the use of Party identifiers, may appeal such decision to the Executive Committee of the State Republican Party within thirty (30) days of issuance of the decision. The State Executive Committee shall give opportunity to the affected parties to be heard and may uphold or overturn the determination of the respective Central Committee. The appeal will be heard and decided at the next regular meeting of the State Executive Committee that occurs at least 14 days after the appeal is filed.

Rule 2025-30

Title: Amending Article VI:

Apportionment and Selection of Delegates to the Republican National Convention

Submitted by: Colton Bennett

Presented by: Colton Bennett

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee

Overview of Reason: This proposal seeks to address an inconsistency that exists between this section and the Article dealing with the Presidential Nominating Contest. Article V Section 15 states that “all” delegates are bound based on the results of the caucus while this section states that only certain delegates are bound on the first ballot. The consequence of this inconsistency could lead to the issue being decided by a parliamentary ruling at the national convention, potentially harming Idaho’s voice.

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, 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.

Rule 2025-31

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

Submitted by: Paul Ross

Passed by: Cassia County Republican Central Committee, 6 March 2025

To be presented by: Paul Ross

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

WHEREAS, Idaho Code only provides the name of State Committeeman in 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 State Republican Central Committee does hereby modify the state party rules:

ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section1: 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 by the incumbent County Chairman, to be held upon 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. All Precinct Committeemen and officers ~~and Committeewomen~~ of a County Central Committee, or any person acting as an 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 Committeeman ~~an~~ to fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeeman ~~an~~. 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, and call a Central Committee meeting for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman. If the Vice Chairman does not call 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 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 132: 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 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 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 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. All Precinct Committeemen ~~and Committeewomen~~ of a Legislative District Central Committee, or any person acting as an 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 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 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 ~~Legislative d~~Legislative 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.

2025-32
Idaho Republican State Central Committee
Proposed Rule Change to Art. IV; Art. VII.

Submitted by: Paul Ross

Passed by: Cassia County Republican Central Committee, 6 March 2025

To be presented by: Paul Ross

WHEREAS, clarification is needed for breaking ties in a reorganization; and

WHEREAS, clarification is needed on filling alternates and length of service; now **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee does hereby modify 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. All officers shall be elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen at a meeting called by the incumbent County Chairman to be held upon seven (7) days' notice within ten (10) days after the Primary Election. Tie votes shall be resolved by a coin toss. The election of the County Central Committee Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. All Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of a County Central Committee or any person acting as a 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 Precinct Committeemen to fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeemen. Candidates shall be qualified 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. If vacancies are created by circumstances other than precinct boundary changes, those vacancies may be filled in the interim by appointment.

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, call a Central Committee meeting for the purpose of

electing a new County Chairman. If the Vice Chairman does not call such a meeting within thirty (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a county Central Committee meeting with seven (7) days notice, for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman.

Section 11: If the office of State Committeeman, State Committeewoman or State Youth Committeeperson becomes vacant, by reason of death or otherwise, the County Chairman shall, within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days notice call a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

Section 12: If the office of Vice Chairman, secretary or 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 filling the vacancy.

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 or Alternates shall not be allowed for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and nomination 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. Alternates serve in the place of a Precinct Committeeman and cease when that person leaves office. Alternates are filled by appointment of the Precinct Committeeman they represent and acceptance of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Legislative District 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. All officers shall be elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of the Legislative District at a meeting called by the incumbent Legislative District Chairman to be held upon seven (7) days' notice and within eleven (11) days after each Primary Election. Tie votes shall be resolved by a coin toss. The election of the Legislative District Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. All Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of a Legislative District Committee or any person acting as a proxy or alternate for such members 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 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 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 vacancy and upon giving at least seven (7) days' notice. If the Vice Chairman does not call such a meeting within thirty (30) days, the State

Chairman shall call a Legislative District Central Committee meeting, with seven (7) days' notice, 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, call a Legislative District Central Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

Section 9: Representation and voting by proxy shall be allowed at legislative district 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.

Rule 2025-33

Title: Amending Rules for Selection of Delegates - Article I, Section 1 & 6 and Article II, Section 3

Submitted by: Adams County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Keith Markley, Chair of Adams County Republican Central Committee

Passed by: Adams County Republican Central Committee May 5, 2025

Overview or reason: In order to properly facilitate growth and strengthen the voice of our rural counties, while keeping the IDGOP representation open and strong, the following changes to our delegate selection process are proposed.

Article 1, Section 1 and Section 6, shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DELEGATE SELECTION

MEETING

Section 1: (a) Each legislative district shall use the following rules to elect ~~delegates~~ its delegate and alternates to the state convention:

(1) The legislative district Chair may be the delegate or he/she may defer to another.

~~(1)~~ (2) 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 the legislative district delegate ~~delegates~~ and alternate delegates to the state convention.

~~(2)~~ (3) ~~Each~~ The delegate/alternate position will be considered separately and not as part of a slate, with nominations from the floor.

~~(3)~~ (4) 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)~~ (5) 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.

~~(5)~~ (6) The newly elected legislative district chair shall appoint no fewer than two people to count the ballots and report the results. In the event of a tie, the newly elected Legislative District Chair shall cast a tie-breaking vote.

~~(6)~~ (7) Only voters affiliated with the Republican Party of a county and legislative district within the state of Idaho can be selected as delegates and alternate delegates

to the Idaho Republican State Convention.

Section 6: Each Legislative District shall select ~~three (3)~~ one (1) Delegate ~~Delegates~~ and ~~three (3)~~ two (2) Alternates for each Senate seat in that Legislative District to the Republican State Convention. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the Alternate selected. ~~Each~~ The Legislative District ~~Delegation~~ Delegate to the State Convention shall act ~~elect one (1) Delegate~~ as Chairman of the Delegation.

Article II, Section 3, shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE II: COUNTY DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING

Section 3: a) Each County shall select ~~three (3)~~ five (5) Delegates and ~~three (3)~~ five (5) Alternates to the Republican State Convention. In addition, each County shall select one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each one thousand five hundred (1,500) ~~(1,000)~~ votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate in the previous general election, or major fraction thereof, in that county. Republican State Headquarters will advise each County Chairman of the number of Delegates his county is entitled to elect. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the 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.

Rule 2025–34

Title: Adding Article XXII: Legislative Assistance

Submitted by: Adams County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Keith Markley, Chair of Adams County Republican Central Committee

Passed by: Adams County Republican Central Committee May 5, 2025

Overview or reason: This proposed rule addition has two very important aspects: 1) To provide assistance to our representatives in the task of analyzing proposed legislation in real time during the legislative session;
2) To increase grassroots participation and interaction with the legislative process.

The Idaho Republican Party Rules shall be amended as follows: Addition of ARTICLE XXII

ARTICLE XXII: IDGOP LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE

Section 1: The IDGOP shall assist our Republican legislators by:

A.) Providing a platform for legislative input to be accessible, as part of the IDGOP website, to our representatives as well as all interested parties.

B.) Providing a standard form for all legislative input, by bill number, which shall display the name of individual as well as the County of residence of the same. Each input shall be limited to 100 words.

C.) Providing funding for the maintenance and upkeep of the website platform by a coordinator. To cover said expenses, a fee may be required to post each input, not to exceed \$5 dollars.

D.) Providing information to current Republican legislators on how to access the Legislative input platform.

E.) Providing training to County Committees' appointed representatives on how and where to forward inputs to the IDGOP.

F.) Providing an annual report stating the number of visits to the site and sharing select, relative comments as to the apparent effectiveness of the site.

Section 2: County by County:

A.) Submissions shall be screened by the County Committee's appointed representative (County Input Coordinator) and shall be forwarded to the IDGOP website coordinator. All submissions by a County Input Coordinator shall be posted to the website, with a limit of three (3) separate inputs per bill, so long as submissions meet the format guidelines.

B.) Counties may charge individuals the \$5 dollar fee for submissions that are forwarded to the

website coordinator for posting.

C.) County Input Coordinators shall be appointed by simple majority vote of a county committee; any registered Republican qualified to vote in the county may be appointed.

D.) Counties shall be responsible to pay the submission fee according to the requirements established by the IDGOP Executive Committee.

Rule 2025–35

Title: Amending Article XVIII, Section 1

Submitted by: Butte County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Jeff Bird, BCRCC Chair and Nick Contos

Passed by: Butte County Republican Central Committee April 17, 2025

Overview or reason: This simple clarification of the IDGOP rules is important to protect the party organization from sabotage by bad-faith actors. The Republican Party of Idaho welcomes everyone and encourages all those who share our values to affiliate, vote, and support the party, but it's only common sense that before serving in any official leadership position, one ought to have a documented history of affiliation for a minimum of one year. This issue has come up several times in Idaho when people demanded to be allowed to fill party leadership vacancies after only changing their affiliation days or moments earlier.

Article XVIII, Section 1, shall be amended as follows:

Article XVIII: *REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS*

Section 1: All members, appointed officers, and elected officers in all committees, and 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 continuously in the state of Idaho for one year prior and be a qualified elector in the county in the state of Idaho ~~place~~ that they reside and represent at the time of their service.

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.

Rule 2025–36

Title: Amending Article XVIII, Section 2

Submitted by: Butte County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Jeff Bird, BCRCC Chair and Nick Contos

Passed by: Butte County Republican Central Committee April 17, 2025

Overview or reason:

This rule clarification prevents an obvious conflict of interest.

Idaho has thousands of great conservative people. There is no need for the same person to occupy both positions of party nominee and party official. We should not allow the officials who serve the party to be in a position where their motives might be conflicted between the party's goals and their own election ambitions. The Republican Party organization is intended to serve the voters by advancing their platform values – not just to be a useful election tool for candidates.

This issue has been prevalent in Idaho at times, and it has produced the spectacle of party officials who advise themselves, endorse themselves, and even consider censure of themselves. We ought not be the party of the politicians, for the politicians, by the politicians.

Article XVIII, Section 2, shall be amended as follows:

Article XVIII: *REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS*

Section 1: All members, appointed officers, and elected officers in all committees, and 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: Elected federal, state, or local government officials shall be ineligible to hold an officer position (Chair, Vice Chair(s), Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Committee Youth, etc.) or a precinct committeeman position within the Republican Party organization while serving in a government office nominated by the party. Those holding Republican Party offices shall automatically vacate the position when a declaration of candidacy for party nomination has been filed.

Section 23: 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 34: 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.