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Proposed Convention Rule 2026-01

Title: Convention committee tiebreaking

Submitted by: Matthew K. Jensen, Legislative District 17

To be presented by: Matthew K. Jensen, Legislative District 17

Amend the Rules of the Convention as follows:

ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE RULES

Section 8: Committee Rules:

A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. All questions before committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast. Each committee shall conduct its affairs pursuant to the Rules of the Convention. Ties may be broken by the flip of a coin or any agreed-upon contest.

Proposed Convention Rule 2026-02

Title: Regarding Procedures for the Credentials Committee

Submitted by: William Athay, Bonneville County

To be presented by: William Athay, Bonneville County

***Overview or reason:** A proposed Rule Amendment to provide additional structure to the credentialing process at State Party Conventions. The proposal rule will allow challenged or impacted parties adequate time to prepare and present a response as well as allow the committee members more time to review the substance of challenges and defenses. If a smaller amendment is preferred, I would suggest keeping the proposed 3 day filing deadline.*

Amend the Rules of the Convention as follows:

ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE RULES

Section 3: Credentials Committee:

The Credentials Committee shall:

- (a) Determine and report on the eligibility, qualifications, and priority of all Delegates and Alternates.
- (b) Determine and report on the number of votes to which each county and Legislative District is entitled.
- (c) Hold hearings and make inquiries into any contested matters of eligibility, qualifications, and priority of Delegates and Alternates, and shall notify and provide an opportunity to any aggrieved party to be heard prior to taking final action with reference to such Delegates or Alternates. No hearings shall be held to contravene Article XIX of the State Rules, nor shall any determination of the Credentials Committee contravene, or attempt to contravene, the apportionment of Membership Dues owed by a County Central Committee.
- (d) Procedure for Challenges
 - (1) Filing Deadline. Any challenge or contest concerning the eligibility, qualifications, or priority of Delegates or Alternates must be submitted in writing to the State Party Chairman or his/her designee no later than:
 - a. Three (3) days prior to the first scheduled meeting of the Credentials Committee at the State Party Convention, or
 - b. If based on facts arising less than four (4) days before the State Party Convention, no later than 9:00 p.m. the night before the first scheduled meeting of the Credentials Committee at the State Party Convention.
 - c. Exceptions to the deadlines in this section may be granted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Executive Committee.

(2) Notice to Affected Parties. The State Party Chairman or his/her designee shall forward a copy of the challenge to the affected Delegate(s), Alternate(s), or relevant county or district committee(s) as soon as practicable.

(3) Response by Aggrieved Parties. Any individual or group affected by the challenge may submit a written response in addition to speaking at the hearing. This response shall be distributed to all members of the Credentials Committee along with the original challenge in advance of the Committee's deliberations at the Convention, or as soon as practicable.

(4) Additional Submissions. Additional written statements citing relevant facts or party rules may be submitted by non affected parties in support of or in opposition to the challenge. These submissions must: (i) be no longer than two (2) pages, and (ii) be jointly signed by no fewer than five (5) individuals who are credentialed to serve as Delegates or are provisionally recognized as such pending Credentials Committee approval. The additional submissions shall be distributed to all members of the Credentials Committee along with the original challenge in advance of the Committee's deliberations at the Convention, or as soon as practical.

(e) In the event of objection to the Credentials Committee report, any aggrieved Delegate, Alternate, county or district shall be entitled to not more than five (5) minutes in which to present his or its contentions to the Convention and Credentials Committee shall have an equal amount of time to support its report to the Convention. The Convention shall then vote on the issue, provided, however, that no Delegate, Alternate, or Delegation whose eligibility, qualifications, or priority is in question shall be entitled to vote.

(f) The Credentials Committee is encouraged to prepare a summary report, anonymized to the greatest extent practicable, documenting the nature of any errors or irregularities that resulted in successful challenges. The purpose of such a report is to establish a record that can be shared before future reorganization meetings to help prevent similar future issues.

Proposed Rule 2026-03

Title: Prohibition On Elected Officials From Serving as Party Officers

Submitted by: Nicholas Contos, Bonneville County

To be presented by: Nicholas Contos, Bonneville County

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.

Amend the Idaho GOP rules 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.

Proposed Rule 2026-04

Title: Prohibition on elected officials serving in the Idaho GOP

Submitted by: James Porter, Bonneville County, and Jeff Palmer, Bonneville County

To be presented by: James Porter, Bonneville County, Jeff Palmer, Bonneville County, or Jeff Bird, Butte County

Overview or reason: *To align party rules with constitutional principles. The Federalist Papers warn against consolidating power and insisted on independent, competing groups of authority, combining party leadership with elected, governmental officers collapses centralizes these powers, creates conflicts of interest, and undermines the structural safeguards the Founders intended. (see Federalist Papers 10, 51-53, 62, 63) We propose that the following be applied to the several articles and sections: No current government officer, either elected or appointed, shall concurrently serve as a voting member or proxy of this committee. (To be applied to all levels of state party committees as follows) with an exception for some county committees.*

Article II: THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 2: The State Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

- (A) No current government officer, either elected or appointed, shall concurrently serve as a voting member or proxy of this committee.
- (B) Voting Members: (see pg. 15)

ARTICLE III: REGIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The State shall be divided into ten (10) regions for the purpose of administering the Idaho Republican Party. No current government officer, either elected or appointed, shall concurrently serve as a voting member or proxy of this committee. The regions shall be composed as follows:

- (A) Region I – Counties of... (see pg. 17)

ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1: The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen elected...

- (A) No current government officer, either elected or appointed, shall concurrently serve as a voting member or proxy of this committee.
- (B) This section shall not apply to any county with populations below 10,000 based on current federal decennial census.
- (C) The State Executive Committee may, upon petition of a County Central Committee, grant a temporary exception to any county that demonstrates a documented inability to fill precinct vacancies due to insufficient qualified candidates, regardless of population.

Section 2: The State Youth... (see pg. 21)

ARTICLE VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Legislative District Central Committee is composed of Precinct Committeemen 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.

(A) No current government officer, either elected or appointed, shall concurrently serve as a voting member or proxy of this committee.

(B) Precinct Committeemen shall elect all officers of the Legislative District Central Committee... (see pg. 26)

Proposed Rule 2026-05

Title: Priority of Precinct Committeemen as Delegates to the State Convention

Submitted by: Dale Mortimer, Jefferson County

To be presented by: Dale Mortimer, Jefferson County

Amend the Rules for Selection of Delegates to Republican National Convention and the Republican State Convention as follows:

ARTICLE II: DELEGATE ELECTION PROCEDURE

Section 4:

A) Priority Seating. In the election of delegates and alternates from a County Central Committee to the Idaho Republican State Convention, duly elected or appointed Precinct Committeemen in good standing shall have first priority for delegate and alternate seats. All Precinct Committeemen who present themselves as candidates for delegate or alternate positions shall be seated before any non-Precinct Committeeman is elected or appointed as a delegate or alternate from that county.

(B) Remaining Seats. In the event that the number of available delegate and alternate seats from a county exceeds the number of Precinct Committeemen who present themselves as candidates, the remaining seats may be filled by any registered Republican residing within the county who is in good standing with the Idaho Republican Party, as determined by the County Central Committee in accordance with applicable county bylaws and state party rules.

Proposed Rule 2026-06

Title: Candidate Platform Response Requirement

Submitted by: John Slagboom, Latah County

To be presented by: John Slagboom, Latah County

Building on Resolution 2024-2, which requires platform distribution to nominees with a 30-day affirmation period, the following rule extends that commitment to published transparency and accountability.

Amend the Idaho GOP rules as follows:

ARTICLE XIII: INTEGRITY IN AFFILIATION

All candidates who file as Republicans for state or federal office in Idaho shall receive the Idaho Republican Party Platform within 10 days of the filing deadline. Each candidate shall submit a written response within 30 days indicating support or specific exceptions. The State Chairman shall publish all responses on the Party website no later than 45 days before the primary election. The State Chairman may delegate administration of this process to party staff or county central committees. Candidates who do not respond shall be noted as "No Response" in the published record.

No candidate who fails to submit a written response shall receive financial contributions, voter data, organizational assistance, or public endorsement from the Idaho Republican Party, any county central committee, or any legislative district committee. County and legislative district committees that maintain their own vetting or endorsement programs may apply additional criteria. Sitting legislators whose voting records contradict their written platform responses may be subject to challenge or censure proceedings as provided by the rules of their county or legislative district committee.

This rule shall be reviewed at the 2028 State Convention.

Proposed Rule 2026-07

Title: Eligibility to Affiliate with the Idaho GOP

Submitted by: Michael Fife, Bonner County & Anna Workman, Minidoka County

To be presented by: Michael Fife, Bonner County

Amend the Idaho GOP rules as follows:

ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND RULES GOVERNING THE ELIGIBILITY TO AFFILIATE WITH THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Section 5: Minimum Republican Registration Requirement.

Any individual filing as a Republican candidate in any Republican Primary Election shall have been continuously registered as a Republican for not less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding the candidate filing deadline. This requirement applies to all offices, including Republican Precinct Committeeman.

A candidate who does not meet this requirement may petition the County Central Committee for a waiver. A waiver shall be granted only upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at a duly noticed meeting, upon clear evidence of substantial prior active participation in Republican Party activities.

Section 6: Party Membership Affirmation.

All candidates filing for Republican office shall, in addition to the Declaration of Candidacy filed with the County Clerk, sign and file with the County Central Committee a Party Membership Affirmation affirming that the candidate is a bona fide member of the Republican Party and affirms the Preamble of the Idaho Republican Party Platform as adopted by the most recent State Convention.

Section 7: Integrity in Affiliation – Cross-Reference to Article XIII.

All candidates filing for Republican office shall comply with the mandatory Integrity in Affiliation requirements set forth in Article XIII of these Rules, as amended herein.

Section 8: Enforcement.

Challenges to compliance with Sections 5, 6, and 7 of this Article shall be handled under the Judicial Committee procedures in Article XII, with due process afforded to the candidate.

Strike and replace the entirety of Article XIII:

ARTICLE XIII: INTEGRITY IN AFFILIATION

Section 1: Mandatory Platform Affirmation.

All candidates filing for Republican office shall, within thirty (30) days of filing their Declaration of Candidacy, submit a signed Integrity in Affiliation Statement to the County Central Committee and the IDGOP State Chairman. This applies to all offices, including Precinct Committeeman.

Section 2: Content of the Statement.

The statement shall declare either:

(a) "I fully affirm the Idaho Republican Party Platform as adopted at the most recent State Convention and I will adhere to and uphold its principles, values, and policy propositions in my legislative votes, public statements, and official actions." OR

(b) "I affirm the Idaho Republican Party Platform with the following specific exceptions:" followed by detailed identification of each article and section of disagreement.

Section 3: Consequences of non-compliance.

Failure to file the required statement within thirty (30) days shall result in:

(a) Ineligibility to run under the Republican Party name, logo, platform, or any Party identifiers;

(b) The State Chairman shall publicly announce any non-compliant candidates at least twenty-five (25) days before the primary election;

(c) Ineligibility for IDGOP voter guides or official endorsements.

Section 4: Post-Election Accountability

Any elected officeholder who signed the Integrity in Affiliation Statement and who subsequently votes or acts in a manner found by the Judicial Committee to be substantially and materially inconsistent with the Idaho Republican Party Platform may be subject to censure or reprimand. The officeholder shall receive written notice and not less than fourteen (14) days to respond before any finding is made.

Section 5: Review and Reporting.

The IDGOP shall review these provisions after the 2028 and 2030 primaries and report findings to all county committees.

Sunset Clause:

These amendments shall remain in effect through the 2030 primary election cycle and shall then be reviewed by the next State Convention for re-affirmation.

Proposed Rule 2026-08

Title: Restricting Endorsements By County Central Committees

Submitted by: Brandon Hansen, Bingham County

To be presented by: Brandon Hansen, Bingham County

Amend the Idaho GOP rules as follows:

ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND RULES GOVERNING THE ELIGIBILITY TO AFFILIATE WITH THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

~~Section 1: County Central Committees may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring an intent to file as Republican candidates for county political offices and may endorse Republican candidates for any position being voted on in that county in the primary and general election. Endorsements may only be made by a majority vote of the voting members casting ballots and available to all eligible candidates for any given office being endorsed. However, the Central Committee may not endorse any candidate(s) for the office of Precinct Committeeman.~~

County Central Committees shall not endorse, support, oppose, rate, recommend, or otherwise take an official position regarding any Republican candidate in a contested Republican primary election.

No funds, assets, communications platforms, mailing lists, social media accounts, logos, trademarks, staff time, or other resources of the County Central Committee may be used to influence the nomination of one Republican candidate over another in a contested Republican primary election.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit a County Central Committee from:

- (a) conducting candidate forums open to all qualified Republican candidates;
- (b) distributing substantially identical information concerning all qualified Republican candidates;
- (c) encouraging voter participation in Republican primary elections; or
- (d) endorsing Republican nominees following the conclusion of the primary election.

~~Section 2: The Legislative District Central Committees may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring an intent to file as Republican Party Candidates for the State Legislature, and the Committee may endorse Republican candidates for legislative positions in~~

~~the primary and general election. Endorsements may only be made by a majority vote of the voting members casting ballots and available to all eligible candidates for any given office being endorsed. However, the Central Committee may not endorse any candidate(s) for the office of Precinct Committeeman.~~

Legislative District Central Committees shall be subject to the same restrictions and permissions contained in Section 1.

Proposed Rule 2026-09

Title: Regarding Qualifications of Precinct Committeemen

Submitted by: Brandon Hansen, Bingham County

To be presented by: Brandon Hansen, Bingham County

Amend the Idaho GOP rules as follows with the addition of a new section:

ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 8A:

An elected Precinct Committeeman shall be presumed to be duly qualified and entitled to hold office for the full term to which he or she was elected.

No County Central Committee shall declare a vacancy based upon allegations concerning residency, elector qualifications, candidate filing qualifications, or voter registration status unless:

(a) the member voluntarily resigns;

(b) the member admits the disqualifying condition;

(c) a court of competent jurisdiction enters a final order determining the member is not qualified to hold office; or

(d) the county clerk, secretary of state, prosecutor, or other governmental authority vested by Idaho law with authority over voter registration or election qualifications has formally determined that the member is not a qualified elector.

Pending any challenge, the elected Precinct Committeeman shall retain all rights, privileges, voting authority, and status of office.

No County Central Committee shall remove, suspend, disenfranchise, or refuse to seat an elected Precinct Committeeman based solely upon allegations, accusations, or unresolved disputes concerning qualification.

Proposed Rule 2026-10

Title: Delegate Election Procedure

Submitted by: Nina Beesley, Kootenai County

To be presented by: Nina Beesley, Kootenai County

Amend the Idaho GOP rules as follows:

ARTICLE II: DELEGATE ELECTION PROCEDURE

Section 1. Standard delegate election rules.

(3) Nominations from precinct committeemen only 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~~ Precinct committeemen 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~~ precinct committeemen 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 for the last delegate seats, the names of all tied candidates shall be drawn

Proposed Rule 2026-11

Title: Abolish State Convention Resolutions

Submitted by: Colton Bennett, Latah County

To be presented by: Colton Bennett, Latah County

Amend the Idaho GOP rules as follows:

ARTICLE II: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1: The business for the Convention shall be as follows:

- (a) The call to order by the State Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party and other opening ceremonies.
- (b) Designation of one or more Parliamentarians.
- (c) Approval of the Credentials Committee report.
- (d) Roll Call.
- (e) Appointment of Vice Chairman, Attaches, Aides, and Sergeants-at-Arms, subject to confirmation by the Convention.
- (f) Approval of the Rules Committee report.
- (g) Approval of the Platform Committee report.
- ~~(h) Approval of the Resolutions Committee report.~~
- ~~(†) (h)~~ Approval of the Nominating Committee report.
- ~~(†) (i)~~ Election of the officers of the Idaho Republican Party in the following order:
 - (1) Chairman
 - (2) First Vice Chairman
 - (3) Treasurer
 - (4) Secretary
 - (5) (In presidential election years) National Committeewoman
 - (6) (In presidential election years) National Committeeman
 - (7) Second Vice Chairman
- ~~(†) (j)~~ Miscellaneous business
- ~~(†) (k)~~ Adjournment - Sine Die

ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE RULES

Section 1: The Convention shall have the following committees:

- (a) Credentials
- (b) Rules
- (c) Platform

~~(d) Resolutions~~

~~(e) (d) Nominating in the year of presidential elections.~~

~~(f) (e) Such other and further committees as shall be deemed advisable by the Chairman of the Convention~~

Section 6: Resolutions Committee:

~~The Resolutions Committee shall:~~

~~(a) All suggestions, proposals and ideas are to be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by or through any Delegate or Alternate Delegate in the format approved by the State Party and in accordance with the State Party Rules no later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which shall be sent to all delegates no later than 10 days before the meeting. Where two or more proposed resolutions cover essentially the same topic, the State GOP officials may ask authors/ sponsors to combine them in time to be sent to all delegates three days prior to the State Convention. Each Delegate or Delegate Alternate shall be limited to a total of two submissions to each committee with the exception of the Credentials Committee.~~

~~(b) Prepare and submit to the Convention proposed resolutions. If at least one fourth (1/4) of the members of the committee oppose a committee decision, such minority members may submit a minority report, in which event each side of the proposition shall be given three~~

~~(3) minutes to present its arguments to the Convention. No resolutions may be presented to the floor of the Convention except through submission in writing to the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions will be presented to the floor for Convention consideration during the Resolutions Committee Report.~~

Section 7 6: Nominating Committee:

(a) The Nominating Committee shall, pursuant to Sections 34-707 (3) of the Idaho Code, and the Rules of the National Republican Party, consider and nominate Candidates as Presidential Electors.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall consist of the following members: The State Party Chairman, the National Committeewoman and Committeeman, and each of the seven Region Chairs. Additionally, the State Party Chairman shall appoint five at-large members.

Section 8 7: Committee Rules:

A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. All questions before committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast. Each committee shall conduct its affairs pursuant to the Rules of the Convention.

Proposed Rule 2026-12

Title: Amending Delegate Selection and Notification Rules

Submitted by: Steve Bender, Ada County

To be presented by: Steve Bender, Ada County

Articles II and III of the Rules for Selection of Delegates to the Republican National Convention and the Republican State Convention are amended by striking and inserting the changes shown below:

ARTICLE II: DELEGATE ELECTION PROCEDURE

Each legislative district and each county electing 50 or fewer delegates shall use the rules in Section 1 to elect delegates to the state convention. Counties electing more than 50 delegates may use the rules in Section 1 or follow the process in Section 2.

Section 1. Standard delegate election rules.

- (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. Failure to provide a pledge form prior to nomination shall be grounds for the Credentials Committee to recommend to the State Central Committee that the delegates not providing a form not be seated. 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 from precinct committeemen only shall remain open until all persons who wish to be nominated have the opportunity to do so. Any elector of the county or legislative district wishes to be nominated and presents a state pledge form, but who is not able to obtain a nomination from a precinct committeeman shall be deemed to have been given the opportunity to be nominated.
- ~~(3)~~(4) Nominations do not require a second, but members may second a nomination to indicate endorsement.

~~(4)~~(5) Each nomination will be considered separately and not as part of a slate, with nominations from the floor.

~~(5)~~(6) 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)~~(7) 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. If an objection is raised, the chair shall put the question to the committee. "Shall the committee consent to the appointment of the tellers. A majority vote in the affirmative shall indicate the consent of the voting members."

~~(7)~~(8) 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 the nominations and balloting process completed for each position before considering the next position considered in sequence. In the event that candidates tie for delegate seats, and sufficient seats remain open to seat all tied candidates, all shall be seated as delegates before moving to the next seat.

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 name on a printed ballot, if available, or by writing the names on the ballot.~~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.

(9) The following shall apply when counting ballots:

i. Any ballot with no marks shall not be counted as a cast ballot in calculating a majority.

ii. Any votes for persons not placed in nomination shall not be counted and if no valid votes are cast it shall be treated as a blank ballot.

iii. Any ballot with one or mor marks for candidates, up to the number of delegate seats available, shall be counted as a valid ballot and shall be used in calculating a majority.

iv. Any ballot with votes for too many candidates (more than the number of delegates allotted) shall not be counted, but shall be used in calculating a majority. A ballot with overvotes shall not be grounds for invalidating the vote.

~~(8)~~(10) Proxies are not allowed.

~~(9)~~(11) 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.

~~(40)~~(12) Ballot counting shall be done in full view of the voting members.

~~(44)~~(13) In the event of a tie for the last delegate seats, the names of all tied candidates shall be drawn from a container and added to the list in the order drawn. All remaining names shall be drawn and added to the Alternate list in order.

~~(42)~~(14) In the event of a tie for the last alternate seats, the names of all tied candidates shall be drawn from a container and added to the list of Alternates in the order drawn.

(15) A nominee must receive a minimum of one vote to be included in the delegation.

Section 2: Alternative Rules for Large Counties.

Any county allocated more than 50 delegates may submit to the Chair of the Idaho Republican Party alternative election rules compliant with the following:

(1) Any County following the alternative process shall adopt proposed rules by majority vote and submit their proposed rules to the State Party office no later than 90 days prior to the Primary (May) Election.

(2) The State Party Chair may approve the proposed rules as is or notify the County Chairman within 15 days of submission if recommending modifications. ~~Between the 75th and 60th day before the primary election,~~ The Chairmen may negotiate and agree on proposed modifications-, which the County Chair will present to the County Central Committee for consideration.

(4) If the County Committee adopts the modifications, the Committee shall follow the alternative process.

(5) For purposes of complying with the 60-day quiet period, a County Committee may consider an up or down vote within the quiet period if the next regular meeting of the Central Committee is previously scheduled within the quiet period.

Section 3: Rules proposed under Section 2 shall at a minimum address the following questions:

- (1) Which party officer will conduct the election?
- (2) How will names be entered into nomination?
- (3) Will nominator and/or seconding speeches be allowed?
- (4) Will acceptance speeches be allowed?
- (5) What, if any, time limits will be placed on speeches?
- (6) What will be the manner of voting?
- (7) What will be the manner of counting the vote?
- (8) How will tie votes be resolved?

ARTICLE III: PREPARATIONS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Section 1: By ~~the end of the 11th day~~ close of business (6:00 pm MDT) of the 14th day after the May Primary Election, the respective Chairmen of each County Central Committee or Legislative District shall submit a statement in the prescribed form, giving the names, mailing address, phone number, and email address for each Delegate and Alternate elected at the meeting, each Precinct Committeeman, and other elected officers of the County/Legislative District (State Committeeman/Woman/Youthperson, Vice Chair, Secretary etc.) to the State Party Headquarters. This submittal shall also identify the Chairman of the delegation to the state convention, the delegate(s) to be on convention committee(s), and the Delegate's (Delegates') committee preference. County and Legislative Chairmen are the Certifying Officials for their Delegate Selection. Delegate selection results will be sent electronically and are to be followed up with a signed hardcopy delivered to the Republican State Headquarters. The Idaho Republican Party staff shall prepare a list of any Any delegate or alternate not supplying a valid name, mailing address, phone number, or email address to the Credentials Committee and the Credentials Committee -may recommend that those persons be denied credentials to the convention per Article III, Section 3 of the Rules of the Convention. Failure of one delegate or alternate to supply correct or complete information may not be considered for denying seating of the full delegation.

Proposed Rule 2026-13

Title: Elections to Be By Majority Vote

Submitted by: Mary Souza, Kootenai County

To be presented by: Mary Souza, Kootenai County

Amend the Idaho GOP Rules as follows:

ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1: The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen elected at the State Primary Election, the County Chairman, Vice Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Youth Committeeperson, and other officers of the County Central Committee as are elected by the Precinct Committeemen. Precinct Committeemen shall elect all officers by majority vote 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. Tie votes shall be resolved after 3 votes with debate, by a coin toss. 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 Committeeman and Elected Officers. Additional voting members may be specified in the County Central Committee's Bylaws. All 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.

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. Recommendations shall be by majority 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.

ARTICLE VI: FILLING COUNTY VACANCIES OTHER THAN COMMISSIONERS

Section 2: At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Board of County Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill such vacancy, only the Precinct Committeeman shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. Recommendations shall be by majority 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.

ARTICLE VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Legislative District Central Committee is composed of Precinct Committeemen 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. Precinct Committeemen shall elect all officers of the Legislative District Central Committee by majority vote at a meeting called by the incumbent Legislative District Chairman after seven (7) days' notice upon all Precinct Committeemen, within eleven (11) days after each Primary Election. Tie votes shall be resolved after 3 votes with debate, 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 of a Legislative District Central Committee, or any person acting as an alternative 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.

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. Recommendations shall be by majority 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.

Proposed Rule 2026-14

Title: Delegation Nomination Randomization and Convention Committee Selection

Submitted by: Mary Souza, Kootenai County

To be presented by: Mary Souza, Kootenai County

Amend the Idaho GOP Rules as follows:

ARTICLE II: DELEGATE ELECTION PROCEDURE

Section 1. Standard delegate election rules.

(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. If all nominees are considered on a single ballot, the names shall be randomized. 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. Nominees receiving the most votes will serve on convention committees.

Proposed Rule 2026-15

Title: Adding Voting Members of Executive Committee as State Convention Delegates

Submitted by: Vicki Keen, Ada County

To be presented by: Vicki Keen, Ada County, or Steve Bender, Ada County

Insert the following new ARTICLE after ARTICLE II and renumber all subsequent ARTICLES:

Rules for Selection of Delegates to Republican National Convention and the Republican State Convention

ARTICLE III: Executive Officer Delegates

Section 1: Voting members of the State Executive Committee shall be ex officio (fully voting) delegates to the State Convention by virtue of their office provided they are not otherwise certified as delegates or alternates. Such ex officio delegates shall be in addition to the delegate allocations otherwise provided by these Rules and shall not count against any numerical limitation or cap on convention delegates.

Section 2: Any voting member of the State Executive Committee who is certified as a delegate or alternate through a county or legislative district delegation shall count toward the delegate allocation of such county or legislative district delegation and shall not receive an additional delegate credential by virtue of office.