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2 RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

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7 **ARTICLE I: THE REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

8 **Section 1:** The Republican State Central Committee shall be the governing body of the Idaho
9 Republican Party. It shall establish all policy and functions of the Idaho Republican Party on the
10 State level, and may employ a staff to carry out such policy and functions. No person may hold
11 more than one voting position on the State Central Committee.

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13 **Section 2:** The first meeting of the Republican State Central Committee shall take place
14 immediately upon adjournment of the State Convention, at which time said committee may fill
15 vacancies on the statewide ticket. The Committee shall thereafter be called to fill any vacancy on
16 the statewide ticket which may occur before the General Election. Meetings of the Committee
17 may be called by the State Chairman or, in the case of a vacancy in the Chairmanship, by the
18 First Vice Chairman, and in the case of absence in the office of First Vice Chairman, by the
19 Second Vice Chairman. Such call shall be issued at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date
20 of the proposed semi-annual regular meeting and thirty (30) days in advance for special meetings
21 and within fifteen (15) days for emergency meetings or as otherwise provided by Idaho Code and
22 shall state the business to be transacted at the meeting and such other business as may properly
23 come before it. Regular meetings shall be held at least twice annually.

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1 **Section 3:** Upon written petition of fifteen (15) or more members of the Republican State Central
2 Committee, representing not less than five (5) counties asking for a special meeting of the
3 Republican State Central Committee, it shall be the duty of the State Chairman, within ten (10)
4 days from receipt of said petition, to issue a call for a special meeting of the Republican State
5 Central Committee.

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7 **Section 4:** The voting membership of the Republican State Central Committee shall consist of all
8 voting members of the State Executive Committee, County Chairmen, State Committeemen,
9 State Committeewomen, State Youth Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen. A
10 voting member's proxy from a non-represented county may only be honored if said proxy is
11 carried by the Legislative District Chairman. A written proxy from an absent member to a voting
12 member present from the same county, or as described above, shall be honored if filed prior to
13 the commencement of any meeting with the State Central Committee Secretary. The proxy of a
14 Legislative District Chairman shall be given only to a voting member present from a county
15 lying within the legislative district or within which the legislative district lies. The proxy of a
16 member of the State Executive Committee shall be cast only by a voting member present from a
17 region where said member resides. A Vice Chairman shall qualify in all occasions to carry his
18 Chairman's proxy and said proxy need not be in writing. A quorum shall exist if fifty- one
19 percent (51%) of the counties are represented.

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1 **Section 5:** The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall have general
2 administrative supervision over the organization and affairs of the Idaho Republican Party, shall
3 preside at all meetings, and shall perform all other duties as are incident to his office, subject in
4 all cases, however, to the direction of the Republican State Central Committee. The Chairman of
5 the Republican State Central Committee shall be elected by the Delegates to the State
6 Republican Convention, convening regularly every two years.

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8 **Section 6:** If the office of the Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or
9 otherwise, it shall be the duty of the First Vice-Chairman to convene the Republican State
10 Central Committee within thirty (30) days for the purpose of appointing by election a new State
11 Chairman to serve until a successor is duly elected by the next Republican State Convention.
12 There shall be no automatic succession to the office of State Chairman.

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14 **Section 7:** The first Vice Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall have such
15 powers and perform such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Republican State
16 Central Committee and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the State Chairman
17 upon any occasion when the State Chairman shall be unable to perform the duties of his office.

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19 **Section 8:** The First Vice Chairman and the Second Vice Chairman shall be elected by the
20 delegates to the State Convention which convenes every two years. The Second Vice Chairman
21 shall be from the opposite Congressional District of the First Vice Chairman. In the event of a
22 vacancy in the First or Second Vice Chairman, the State Executive Committee shall appoint an
23 interim successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall
24 elect a successor to serve until the next State Convention.

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Section 9: The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be elected by the delegates to the Republican State Convention in the same year as presidential elections. The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall represent the Idaho Republican Party on the National Committee, shall speak for Idaho to the National Committee, shall convey National Party Policy to the State Party, and shall carry out all other duties and responsibilities as they may see fit to properly represent the Idaho Republican Party.

Section 10: If the office of the National Committeeman or National Committeewoman becomes vacant, by reason or resignation, death or otherwise, the State Chairman shall, within thirty (30) days of the event, call a Republican State Central Committee meeting for the purpose of making an appointment to fill the vacancy. Such appointee shall serve until a successor is duly chosen at the next presidential year Republican State Convention.

Section 11: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes and state records in conjunction with the State Headquarters office and shall be elected by the delegates to the regular session of the Republican State Convention every 2 years. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary, the Republican State Executive Committee shall appoint an interim successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall elect a successor to serve until the next State Convention.

1 **Section 12:** The Treasurer shall act as the fiscal agent for the Republican State Central
2 Committee, and shall be elected by the delegates to the regular session of the Republican State
3 Convention, which convenes every two (2) years. In the event of a vacancy in the office of
4 Treasurer, the Republican State Executive Committee shall appoint an interim successor to serve
5 until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall elect a successor to serve until
6 the next State Convention.

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8 **Section 13:** The State Chairman shall appoint a State Finance Chairman who shall be responsible
9 for developing and executing fundraising programs for the Idaho Republican Party. The State
10 Finance Chairman, in cooperation with the State Chairman, may recruit a Finance Committee
11 and appoint such assistants as deemed necessary.

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13 **Section 14:** The State Chairman shall appoint an Executive Director with the consent of the
14 Executive Committee at the next regular meeting as deemed necessary.

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1 **Section 15:** The Chairman may appoint such special committees as necessary, designate the
2 membership thereof, and define the duties such committees shall perform, and limit or
3 terminate the existence thereof. The State Chairman shall appoint all Committees subject to
4 the review of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall, at a minimum, appoint
5 standing Rules and Resolutions Committees as follows:(a) Rules Committee. The Chairman
6 shall appoint, with the review of the Executive Committee, a standing Rules Committee
7 consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and two (2) members of the Republican State
8 Central Committee from each region in consultation with each Region Chairman. The
9 Chairman of the Standing Rules Committee may appoint a Standing Rules Committee
10 Secretary to insure the business and minutes of the Rules Committee are orderly and reliable.
11 The Rules Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State Central Committee
12 and shall meet as necessary to review the rules under which the Central Committee operates
13 and may recommend amendments to the Central Committee for consideration.

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15 The Rules Committee shall:

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17 (1) Receive written Rules from any State Central Committee member. Rules not received by
18 the Committee at least ten (10) days before the State Central Committee meeting shall
19 require two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Rules Committee to consider the rule. If passed, the
20 proposed rule will be handled the same as a rule received before the deadline. The
21 Committee will determine disposition. The Sponsor will be given up to ten (10) minutes
22 before the Committee to propose the rule. A like time will be give to any member opposed
23 to the rule. The total time for consideration shall be twenty (20) minutes after which a
24 majority vote will prevail.

1 (2) Receive rules passed by County, District, or Regional Committees. The sponsor will be
2 given up to ten (10) minutes before the Committee to propose the rule. A like time will be
3 given to any member opposed to the rule. The total time for consideration shall be twenty
4 (20) minutes after which a majority vote will prevail.

5 (3) The Committee will determine that all rules are legible and in presentable form.

6 (b) Resolutions Committee. The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the Executive
7 Committee, a standing Resolutions Committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and
8 two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each region in
9 consultation with each Region Chairman. The Chairman of the Standing Resolutions
10 Committee may appoint a Standing Resolutions Committee Secretary to insure the business
11 and minutes of the Resolutions Committee are orderly and reliable. The Resolutions
12 Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State Central Committee and shall
13 meet as necessary to consider resolutions proposed by members of the Central Committee
14 and may recommend resolutions for approval to the Central Committee.

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16 The Resolutions Committee shall:

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18 (1) Receive written resolutions from any State Central Committee member. The
19 Committee will determine disposition. The sponsor will be given up to five (5) minutes
20 before the Committee to propose the resolution. A like time will be given to any member
21 opposed to the resolution. The total time for consideration shall be ten (10) minutes after
22 which a majority vote will prevail.

1 (2) Receive resolutions passed by County, District, or Regional Committees. The sponsor
2 will be given up to five (5) minutes before the Committee to propose the resolution. A
3 like time will be given to any member opposed to the resolution. The total time for
4 consideration shall be ten (10) minutes after which a majority vote will prevail.
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6 (3) The Committee will determine that all resolutions are legible and in presentable form.
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8 A. Where two (2) resolutions cover the same topic or ideas, they may be combined
9 where this can be done without changing the intent of either.
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11 B. Where the two (2) resolutions are opposed on the same subject, the Committee
12 may submit either or both to the State Central Committee with a recommendation
13 that either or both pass.
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15 C. No resolution may be presented to the floor of the State Central Committee
16 meeting except through the Resolutions Committee.
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18 (4) Resolutions that fail but receive at least one-third (1/3) of the vote of the Resolutions
19 Committee meeting may be presented on the floor by a minority report with each side of
20 the proposition given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the body.
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1 (5) Resolutions not received by the Committee at least ten (10) days before the State
2 Central Committee meeting shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Resolutions
3 Committee to consider the resolution. If passed, the proposed resolution will be handled
4 the same as a resolution received before the deadline.

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6 (6) Any member attending the State Central Committee meeting may attend the
7 Resolutions Committee meeting and take part in the discussion but will have no vote.
8 Any interested party shall be permitted to attend the Resolutions Committee meeting as
9 guest of any State Central Committee member. At the invitation of the Chairman of the
10 Resolutions Committee, guests may be allowed to speak.

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12 (7) Upon receiving the Report of the Standing Resolutions Committee, the State
13 Chairman shall recognize a designated member of the Resolutions Committee to read the
14 resolution to the body, and move for its adoption. Debate on each resolution shall be no
15 more than five (5) minutes per side.

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17 **Section 16:** The two year term of office of the State Chairman shall begin immediately upon
18 election by the Republican State Convention The four (4) year term of office of the National
19 Committeewoman and National Committeeman shall commence the day after the close of the
20 Republican National Convention. The two (2) year term of office for the First Vice Chairman,
21 Second Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall commence immediately following the
22 Republican State Convention.

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1 **Section 17:** Ten (10) days prior to the Primary, the State Chairman shall notify each Region
2 Chairman, each Legislative District Chairman, and each County Chairman of the procedural
3 rules for organizational meeting and delegate selection.

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5 **Section 18:** Forty-five (45) days prior to the Presidential Primary Election in each presidential
6 year, the State Chairman shall notify each Region Chairman, each Legislative District Chairman,
7 and each County Chairman of the rules of Selection of Delegates to the Republican State
8 Convention and the Republican National Convention.

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10 **Section 19:** Proxy Rule. All proxies shall be in writing, shall be signed and dated by the maker,
11 and shall include the following information:

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13 (a) The name, county of residence, and Republican State Central Committee office of the
14 maker of the proxy,

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16 (b) The name and county of residence of the individual to whom the proxy is given, and

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18 (c) The date of the meeting for which the proxy is issued.

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20 **Section 20:** A proxy that is placed before the Credentials Committee and approved as such will
21 be treated for all purposes as a valid proxy.

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1 **Section 21:** Notice of Meetings. Notice of semi-annual meetings of the State Central
2 Committee, shall be in writing, mailed to the last address of each member on file. Mailing shall
3 be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meetings. The notice shall state the time
4 and place of the meeting and may include an agenda of the business intended to be conducted at
5 such meeting, provided that the inclusion of such agenda shall not limit the business to those
6 items mentioned in the notice.

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8 **Section 22:** In addition to first class mail, the Idaho Republican Party may deliver meeting
9 notices to members' e-mail addresses that are on record in the Idaho Republican Party
10 headquarters. Such method of delivery shall be limited to those members who have voluntarily
11 furnished their e-mail addresses to the Party for this purpose.

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14 ***ARTICLE II: THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

15 **Section 1:** The State Executive Committee shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Idaho
16 Republican Party for the purpose of administering the policies and programs adopted by the State
17 Central Committee, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to it by the State Central
18 Committee. No person may hold more than one voting position on the State Executive
19 Committee.

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

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23 (a) Voting members:

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1 (1) The State Chairman

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3 (2) The First Vice Chairman

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5 (3) The Second Vice Chairman

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7 (4) The National Committeeman

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9 (5) The National Committeewoman

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11 (6) The Secretary of the State Central Committee

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13 (7) The Treasurer of the State Central Committee

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15 (8) The Region Chairmen (7)

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17 (9) The State Finance Chairman

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19 (10) The Young Republican State Chairman

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21 (11) The President of the Idaho Republican Women's Federation

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23 (12) The President of the College Young Republicans

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1 (13) Any elected representative of the Idaho affiliate of an organization recognized by the
2 Republican National Committee for the purpose of expanding and recruiting among
3 communities historically under-represented within the Republican Party.
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5 (b) Non-voting (ex-officio) members:
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7 (1) The Immediate Past State Chairman
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9 (2) The Executive Director
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11 (3) The chairman or designee of each officially recognized Republican Donor club
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13 (4) The Teenage Republican Representative
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15 (5) The national committeeman and national committeewoman elect.
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17 (6) One representative of each Republican Congressional office.
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19 (7) One representative of each Republican State Constitutional Office or their designated
20 representative
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22 **Section 3:** The State Chairman shall convene the State Executive Committee quarterly at various
23 cities in the State and shall have the power to call a special Executive Committee Meeting after
24 ten (10) days notice.

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Section 4: Fifty-one percent (51 %) of the voting members of the State Executive Committee must be present to constitute a quorum. The State Executive Committee shall honor a written proxy designating another voting member to such proxy. The Vice Chairman of a Region may act in the place of an absent Region Chairman where applicable.

Section 5: No member of the State Executive Committee shall receive financial remuneration other than expenses as approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III: REGIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

- (a) Region I - Counties of Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone
- (b) Region II - Counties of Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater, and Idaho
- (c) Region III - Counties of Valley, Adams, Washington, Payette, Canyon, Gem, Elmore, Owyhee, and Boise
- (d) Region IV - County of Ada

1 (e) Region V - Counties of Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Lincoln, Cassia, Twin Falls, Camas,
2 and Blaine

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4 (f) Region VI - Counties of Bannock, Power, Oneida, Caribou, Bear Lake, Bingham, and
5 Franklin

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7 (g) Region VII - Counties of Bonneville, Butte, Madison, Jefferson, Fremont, Clark, Custer,
8 Lemhi, and Teton

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10 **Section 2:** A Region Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and such other officers of the Region
11 shall be elected by the County Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, Youth
12 Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen from the counties and Legislative Districts
13 composing a Region. Such elections must be held within fifteen (15) days following the election
14 of county officers, after five (5) days notice. The election of the Regional Officers shall be
15 carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races.

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17 **Section 3:** Special functions of the Region Chairman consistent with Articles II and III of the
18 Rules are:

19
20 (a) To represent the counties and legislative districts within the region at Executive
21 Committee meetings wherein decisions are made concerning policies and programs of the
22 State Central Committee.

1 (b) To keep the State Executive Committee and State Central Committee informed of
2 activities and problem areas in the region.

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4 (c) To interpret actions and decisions of the State Executive Committee and State Central
5 Committee with particular reference to political and financial plans (including campaign and
6 fundraising programs) to the counties and legislative districts in the region.

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8 (d) To coordinate inter-regional activities such as:

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10 (1) Lincoln Day affairs

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12 (2) Fundraisers for County, State, and National candidates, and

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14 (3) Campaign rallies for County, State, and National candidates

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16 (e) To encourage the counties in the region to fill their county quotas for the State budget.

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18 (f) To assure that the counties and legislative districts in the region conduct their meeting for
19 the purposes of

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21 (1) Organization, and

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23 (2) Selection of delegates to the State Convention according to the Election Laws of the
24 State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

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(g) In order to accomplish the responsibilities listed in this section, the Region Chairman shall attend State Executive Committee meetings and State Central Committee meetings. The Region Chairman shall encourage attendance at the State Central Committee meetings. If a member cannot attend, proxies in accord with the Rules shall be solicited.

(h) The Region Chairman shall convene Region meetings on a semi-annual schedule (two meetings per calendar year) at various communities within the region or in conjunction with State Central Committee meetings. The Chairman can convene special meetings to ensure appropriate action is taken in response to a situation that requires immediate attention without regard to the timing of the normal meeting schedule. The Region Chairman shall visit the counties and legislative districts as deemed necessary and attend special functions in the Region.

(i) The Region Chairman shall respond to special requests from the State Chairman and Executive Director with regard to arranging for special visits to the region and recommending people to serve on special committees and other assignments.

(j) The Region Chairman shall respond to requests from the State Chairman and Executive Director with regard to recommendations concerning outstanding Precinct Committeemen, outstanding County and Legislative District Chairmen and others who deserve special commendation.

1 **Section 4:** If the office of Region Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or
2 otherwise, the Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman, and, within thirty (30)
3 days, and after giving at least seven (7) days notice, call a Region meeting for the purpose of
4 electing a new Region Chairman. If the Vice Chairman does not call such meeting within thirty
5 (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a Region meeting with seven (7) day notice for the
6 purpose of electing a new Region Chairman.

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8 **Section 5:** The voting membership of region meetings shall be the Region Chairman, County
9 Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, State Youth Committeeperson, and
10 Legislative District Chairmen. Proxies shall be honored at region meetings as provided in
11 Article I, Section 4 for State Central Committee meetings. A quorum shall exist if 51% of the
12 counties and legislative districts within the region are represented.

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15 ***ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE***

16 **Section 1:** The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen and
17 Precinct Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the County Chairman, Vice
18 Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Youth Committeeperson, and
19 such other officers of the County Central Committee as are elected by the Precinct
20 Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen. All officers of the Central Committee shall be
21 elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen at a meeting called by the
22 incumbent County Chairman to be held within ten (10) days after the Primary Election at the
23 county seat. The election of the County Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in
24 uncontested races.

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

Section 3: The County Chairman shall assure the existence of a set of rules and by-laws for the county organization. These rules must be compatible with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

Section 4: The County Chairman must call and chair meetings, as designated by the County and State rules, for the purpose of:

- (a) County organization,
- (b) Selecting delegates to the State Convention, and
- (c) Nominating candidates to fill vacancies in county government offices

Section 5: The County Chairman shall also chair meetings as prescribed by County by-laws for the purpose of conducting routine business related to:

- (a) Campaigns
- (b) Publicity

1 (c) Finance

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3 (d) Filling precinct committee vacancies, and

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5 (e) Other topics as required.

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7 **Section 6:** The County Chairman is concerned with the recruitment and election of county
8 government officials and for maintaining liaison with them after election.

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10 **Section 7:** The County Chairman is a member of the State Central Committee, and therefore
11 shall attend State Central Committee meetings and respond to requests from the Region
12 Chairman as well as the State Chairman and Executive Director to serve on committees and
13 assist in special functions.

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15 **Section 8:** The County Central Committee shall appoint by election Precinct Committeemen to
16 fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeemen. Candidates shall
17 be qualified electors of the precinct.

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19 **Section 9:** If the office of the County Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death
20 or otherwise, the Vice Chairman shall assume all duties of the Chairman and, within thirty (30)
21 days after giving at least seven (7) days notice, call a Central Committee meeting for the purpose
22 of electing a new County Chairman. If the Vice Chairman does not call such meeting within
23 thirty (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a county Central Committee meeting with seven
24 (7) days notice, for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman.

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Section 10: 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 filing such vacancy.

Section 11: 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 12: Representation and voting by proxies shall be allowed at County Central Committee meetings except for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and nomination of nominees to fill county office vacancies. Proxies shall be honored if in writing to another voting member and limited to that particular meeting. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the county shall constitute a quorum, unless county by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

ARTICLE V: FILLING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VACANCIES

Section 1: In the event a vacancy arises on a board of County Commissioners, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the County Central Committee wherein the vacancy exists to call a meeting of the County Central Committee within ten (10) days after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is to recommend to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

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

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

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

ARTICLE VI: FILLING COUNTY VACANCIES OTHER THAN COMMISSIONERS

1 **Section 1:** If the office of county prosecuting attorney, treasurer, sheriff, coroner, assessor, or
2 auditor/clerk of the district court becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise,
3 the Chairman of the County Central Committee wherein the vacancy exists shall call a meeting
4 of the County Central Committee within ten (10) days after giving seventy-two (72) hours
5 notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is to recommend to the Board of County
6 Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

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8 **Section 2:** At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to
9 the Board of County Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill such vacancy, only the Precinct
10 Committeeman shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the
11 County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a Precinct
12 Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote
13 unless the County Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should
14 occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed
15 upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the
16 County or otherwise satisfy any residency requirement under Idaho law. All Precinct
17 Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.

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19 **Section 3:** The County Chairman shall submit the names of the three (3) nominees to the Board
20 of County Commissioners within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in
21 order of the number of votes received.

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1 **Section 4:** The Board of County Commissioners shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the
2 list of three (3) nominees within (15) days. If no appointment is made within fifteen (15) days,
3 the County Central Committee shall designate one (1) of the three (3) nominees to fill the
4 vacancy.

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7 **ARTICLE VII: THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

8 **Section 1:** The Legislative District Committee is composed of Precinct Committeemen and
9 Precinct Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the Legislative District
10 Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary, and other such officers of the Legislative District that are
11 elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen. The Precinct
12 Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall elect all officers of the Legislative District
13 at a meeting called by the incumbent Legislative District Chairman to be held upon seven (7)
14 days' notice and within eleven (11) days after each Primary Election at a location within the
15 Legislative District. The election of the Legislative District Officers shall be carried out by secret
16 ballot, except in uncontested races.

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18 **Section 2:** The Legislative District Chairman shall assure the existence of a set of rules and
19 by-laws for the legislative district organization. These rules must be compatible with the
20 Election Laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

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22 **Section 3:** The Legislative District Chairman must call and chair meetings, as designated by the
23 legislative district and state rules, for the purpose of:

24 (a) Legislative district organization

25 (b) Selecting delegates to the State Convention, and

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(c) Nominating candidates to fill vacancies in the State Legislature

Section 4: The Legislative District Chairman shall also chair meetings as prescribed by the legislative district by-laws for the purposes of conducting routine business related to:

(a) Campaigns

(b) Publicity

(c) Finance, and

(d) Other topics as requested

Section 5: The Legislative District Chairman is responsible for recruiting and assisting in the election of candidates for the State Legislature and for maintaining liaison with them after election.

Section 6: The Legislative District Chairman is a member of the State Central Committee; and therefore, shall attend State Central Committee meetings and respond to requests from the Region Chairman as well as the State Chairman and Executive Director to serve on committees and special functions.

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

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9 **Section 8:** If the office of Vice Chairman or Secretary becomes vacant by reason of resignation,
10 death or otherwise, the Legislative District Chairman shall within thirty (30) days and after
11 giving at least seven (7) days' notice, call a Legislative District Committee meeting for the
12 purpose of filling such vacancy.

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14 **Section 9:** Representation and voting by proxies shall be allowed at legislative district meetings
15 except for the election of Legislative District Officers, election of delegates to the State
16 Convention, and selection of nominees to fill vacancies in the Idaho State Legislature. Proxies
17 shall be honored if in writing to another voting member from the same county and limited to that
18 particular meeting. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the
19 Legislative District shall constitute a quorum, unless Legislative District by-laws designate a
20 different quorum percentage.

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ARTICLE VIII: FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES

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

Section 2: At the meeting of the Legislative District 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.

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

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

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6 **ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND REPUBLICAN PARTY**

7 **REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO VOTE IN A REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION**

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9 **Section 1:** County Central Committees may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing
10 or declaring an intent to file as Republican candidates for county political offices and may
11 endorse Republican candidates for their respective positions.

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

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17 **Section 3:** The State Central Committee may determine the political affiliation of candidates
18 filing or declaring intent to file as Republican Party Candidates for state political offices and
19 U.S. Congressional offices, and may endorse Republican Party candidates for the various
20 positions. Endorsement of Congressional District Candidates shall be by voting members from
21 the respective Congressional Districts.

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23 **Section 4:** Only persons who have registered as Republican prior to the Primary Election will be
24 allowed to vote on an Idaho Republican Party ballot in that Primary Election.

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ARTICLE X: PROCEDURE - DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS

Section 1: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Republican State Central Committee whenever they are applicable and consistent with the Idaho Election Code.

Section 2: No prior action of the Republican State Central Committee or its subsidiaries shall be voided by adoption of these rules.

Section 3: These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the State Central Committee at any regular or special session of the Republican State Central Committee.

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

ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING

Section 1: Thirty (30) days prior to the Presidential 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 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.

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Section 2: 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.

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 meetings to be held in the circulation area of the papers. In addition, the Legislative District Chairman shall issue press releases to each paper in his area containing the same information.

Section 4: At the appointment time, an open Legislative District meeting shall be held with the Legislative Chairman conducting the meeting. Those people with votes at the meeting shall be those lawfully elected or appointed under Idaho Code as "Delegates to the County Convention" in that particular precinct within that Legislative District.

Section 5: 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.

1 **Section 6:** An individual otherwise qualified by these rules may be selected to be an alternate
2 delegate for both a county and legislative district, but is restricted from voting in both
3 jurisdictions on any given issue.

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6 ***ARTICLE II: COUNTY DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING***

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

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14 **Section 2:** Each County shall follow the same procedures as a legislative district in holding an
15 open meeting for the selection of Delegates to the Republican State Convention.

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1 **Section 3:** Each County shall select three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates to the
2 Republican State Convention. In addition, each County shall select one (1) Delegate and one (1)
3 Alternate for each one thousand (1,000) votes cast for the Republican Congressional Candidate
4 in the previous general election, or major fraction thereof, in that county. Republican State
5 Headquarters will advise each County Chairman of the number of Delegates his county is
6 entitled to elect. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the Alternates selected. Any
7 person qualified to vote in the county may be elected a Delegate or Alternate to the GOP State
8 Convention. Each County Delegation to the State Convention shall select one Delegate as
9 Chairman of the Delegation.

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

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16 **ARTICLE III: PREPARATIONS FOR STATE CONVENTION**

17 **Section 1:** Within two (2) days of the adjournment of the Legislative District and County Central
18 Committee meetings, the respective Chairmen shall send a statement giving the names and
19 addresses of each Delegate and Alternate elected at the meeting to the State Chairman in care of
20 the Republican State Headquarters.

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1 **Section 2:** The State Chairman shall be charged with issuing the roll of the State Convention,
2 based upon the Legislative District and County elections, preferably three days but no later than
3 one day prior to the Convention and having certified its accuracy, according to the Statement of
4 the respective Chairmen.

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6 **Section 3:** Any person aggrieved by the manner of conduct in the proceedings in any Legislative
7 District or County meeting, or of any Legislative District Chairman or County Chairman, or of
8 the State Chairman prior to the convening of the State Convention shall specify the reasons
9 therefore in writing. Appeals may only be undertaken for alleged failures to observe the
10 provisions of these rules, and Notice of Appeal must be in writing over the names of the persons
11 aggrieved, and must specify the particulars alleged violate. The State Chairman shall refer such
12 cases to the Credentials Committee of the Convention who shall make a recommendation to the
13 Convention as a whole. Delegates involved in the case shall not be allowed to vote on the
14 question.

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16 **ARTICLE IV: STATE CONVENTION**

17 **Section 1:** Delegates to the State Convention elected at the Legislative District and County
18 meetings shall have the right of full participation in all Convention matters. All Republican State
19 Conventions shall be open, and attendance shall be invited from all members of the Party, but
20 only Duly Certified Delegates or Alternates serving in their stead shall be entitled to vote on
21 matters before the Convention or before committees of the Convention.

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1 **Section 2:** The Rules of the Convention shall be the rules adopted by the previous Republican
2 State Convention until such time as the State Convention adopts new rules, which shall become
3 effective immediately. Such rules, however, shall not be inconsistent with the rules for Delegate
4 selection as adopted by the State Central Committee.

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6 **ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL**
7 **CONVENTION**

8 **Section 1:** The State Chairman, in accordance with the agenda of the Idaho Republican State
9 Convention, shall devote one (1) portion of the meeting to the selection of Delegates to the
10 Republican National Convention in Presidential election years.

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12 **Section 2:** Eighty percent (80%) of the Idaho Delegates/Alternates to the Republican National
13 Convention shall be assigned to the Presidential Candidate or uncommitted choice in proportion
14 to the results of the Presidential Primary vote, which proportion shall be determined and
15 announced by the State Chairman prior to the selection of such Delegate/Alternate by the State
16 Convention from the list of Delegates/Alternates provided by the Presidential Candidate. The
17 State Chairman will secure such lists from the Secretary of State prior to the call of the
18 Convention. When eighty percent (80%) of the total Delegation results in a fraction, that
19 fraction shall be counted as a whole Delegate/Alternate above the actual eighty percent (80%).

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21 **Section 3:** Should the prorating of primary election results arrive at a fraction of a Delegate out
22 of the eighty percent (80%), and the fraction is one-half (1/2) or more for a given candidate that
23 candidate's number of Delegates shall be increased by one (1).

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1 **Section 4:** If the computation results in an unallocated Delegate, the Delegate shall be assigned
2 to the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the primary election. If the
3 computation results in the allocation of more Delegates than are available for allocation, the
4 Delegate assignment to the candidate receiving the least number of primary election votes shall
5 be reduced accordingly.

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7 **Section 5:** The Delegates and Alternates elected shall be obliged on the first ballot taken at the
8 Republican National Convention to vote for the candidate who nominated them, provided any
9 Delegates selected as representing the "uncommitted" choice shall be free to cast their vote for
10 any candidate whose name has been placed in nomination before the Republican National
11 Convention.

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13 **Section 6:** In the event of death or withdrawal of a candidate or release of Delegates by a
14 candidate prior to the first ballot at the National Convention, Delegates committed to such a
15 candidate shall, thereupon, become uncommitted delegates.

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17 **Section 7:** In the event of the failure of a candidate to file a list of proposed Delegates/Alternates
18 with the Secretary of State as prescribed by the Idaho Code, the State Convention may select and
19 specify any persons preferring or identified with said candidate to serve as Delegates/Alternates
20 to the National Convention in such numbers as the candidate is entitled. If a candidate who fails
21 to file the required list also dies, withdraws, or releases Delegates prior to the official
22 commencement of the State Convention, then the State Convention may select uncommitted
23 Delegates/Alternates in such numbers as the candidates would have been entitled.

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1 **Section 8:** In the event that any candidate is entitled to the selection of a number of
2 Delegates/Alternates greater than the number of those persons whose names were filed with the
3 Secretary of State by the candidate, or in the event a person on the list indicates an inability to
4 serve as a Delegate/Alternate, the State Convention shall select and specify persons to fill those
5 Delegates/Alternates vacancies from a supplemental list filed by the candidate's designated
6 representative with the State Chairman and the Secretary of State.

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8 ***ARTICLE VI: FREEDOM OF OPPORTUNITY***

9 **Section 1:** At all stages of the Delegate selection process, the party shall insure that there is no
10 discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, or age. The
11 unit rule shall not be used in any stage of the Delegate selection process.

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13 **Section 2:** In the conduct of all proceedings, which are not specified for the existing Rules of the
14 Idaho Republican Party, the National Party, or the Laws of Idaho, Robert's Rules of Order shall
15 be followed.

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RULES OF THE CONVENTION

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20 ***ARTICLE I: OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION***

21 **Section 1:** The Convention shall be called to order by the Chairman of the Idaho Republican
22 Party who shall appoint such Attaches, Aides, and Sergeants-at-Arms as in his judgment are
23 necessary, all of which appointments shall be subjected to confirmation by the Convention.

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1 **Section 2:** The Convention Chairman shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

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3 (a) He shall open each session at the hour specified in the officer's Convention Programs.

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5 (b) He shall immediately appoint a Convention Vice Chairman, which appointment shall be
6 subject to confirmation of the Convention.

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8 (c) He shall exercise such powers and perform such duties, as are set forth for a presiding
9 officer in the Robert's Rules of Order, and which are not inconsistent with Idaho Law and
10 these rules.

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12 (d) He shall designate one or more Parliamentarians for the Convention proceedings.

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14 (e) The Convention Chairman shall have authority to interrupt the order of business, except
15 roll call balloting, for the purpose of making announcements, introducing distinguished
16 guests, and allowing such guests to speak to the Convention.

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18 (f) The Chairman shall supervise the conduct of all roll calls and designate the parties to
19 conduct the roll call.

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21 **Section 3:** The Convention Vice Chairman shall act as the presiding officer in the event of the
22 inability of the Chairman to so act.

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1 **ARTICLE II: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

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4 (a) The call to order by the State Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party, appointment of the
5 officers of the Convention, and other opening ceremonies.

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7 (b) Appointment of Vice Chairman, Committees, Attaches, Aides, Sergeant-at-Arms, and
8 Parliamentarian.

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10 (c) Approval of the Credentials Committee report.

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12 (d) Approval of the Rules Committee report.

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14 (e) Approval of the Platform Committee report.

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16 (f) Approval of the Resolutions Committee report.

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18 (g) Action on the report of the Nominating Committee and selection of presidential electors.

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20 (h) Election of the officers of the Idaho Republican Party in the following order:

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22 (1) Chairman

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24 (2) First Vice Chairman

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(3) Treasurer

(4) Secretary

(5) (In presidential election years) National Committeewoman

(6) (In presidential election years) National Committeeman

(7) Second Vice Chairman

(i) Miscellaneous business

(j) Adjournment - Sine Die

ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE RULES

Section 1: The Convention shall have the following committees:

(a) Credentials

(b) Rules

(c) Platform

1 (d) Resolutions

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3 (e) Nominating in the year of presidential elections.

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

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8 **Section 2:** One-third (1/3) of the Delegates from each county and each Legislative District shall
9 serve on Convention committees. Each Delegation shall select its own representatives. Subject
10 to the foregoing, the State Party Chairman shall appoint each Delegate to the committee of his or
11 her first or second choice as submitted by the Delegate prior to the Convention. In the event of
12 disproportionate committee membership request, the Chairman may use his or her best discretion
13 to make assignments to other committees.

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15 **Section 3:** Credentials Committee:

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17 The Credentials Committee shall:

18 (a) Determine and report on the eligibility, qualifications, and priority of all Delegates and
19 Alternates.

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21 (b) Determine and report on the number of votes to which each county and Legislative
22 District is entitled.

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1 (c) Hold hearings and make inquiries into any contested matters of eligibility, qualifications,
2 and priority of Delegates and Alternates, and shall notify and provide an opportunity to any
3 aggrieved party to be heard prior to taking final action with reference to such Delegates or
4 Alternates.

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

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13 **Section 4: Rules Committee:**

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15 (a) Shall draft and propose a set of permanent rules for the convention. Such rules must be
16 adopted by majority vote of the convention and once adopted may only be amended or
17 suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the convention.

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19 (b) May draft and propose changes to the rules governing the Idaho Republican Party.
20 Proposed rule changes shall be voted upon at the next Republican State Central Committee
21 meeting.

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23 **Section 5: Platform Committee: The Platform Committee shall:**

1 (a) Receive and consider all suggestions, proposals, and ideas offered by or through any
2 Delegate or Alternate.

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4 (b) Prepare and submit to the Convention a proposed Platform.

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6 If at least one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the committee oppose a committee decision, such
7 minority members may submit a minority report in which event each side of the proposition shall
8 be given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the Convention.

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10 No Platform Plank may be presented to the floor of the Convention except through submission in
11 writing to the Platform Committee. Platform Planks will be presented to the floor for
12 Convention consideration during the Platform Committee report.

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14 **Section 6:** Resolutions Committee: The Resolutions Committee shall:

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16 (a) All suggestions, proposals, and ideas are to be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by
17 or through any Delegate or Alternate, and in accordance with the State Party Rules within 15
18 days following the primary election or prior to the State Chairman issuing the roll of the State
19 Convention, whichever is earlier.

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21 (b) Prepare and submit to the Convention proposed resolutions.

1 If at least one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the committee oppose a committee decision, such
2 minority members may submit a minority report, in which event each side of the proposition
3 shall be given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the Convention. No resolutions may
4 be presented to the floor of the Convention except through submission in writing to the
5 Resolutions Committee. Resolutions will be presented to the floor for Convention consideration
6 during the Resolutions Committee Report.

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8 **Section 7: Nominating Committee:**

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10 (a) The Nominating Committee shall, pursuant to Sections 34-707 (3) of the Idaho Code, and
11 the Rules of the National Republican Party, consider and nominate Candidates for Delegates
12 and Alternate Delegates to the National Republican Convention. The Committee shall
13 further nominate Candidates as Presidential Electors.

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15 (b) To assist the Nominating Committee, each State Campaign Chairman for a Presidential
16 Candidate shall recommend to the Nominating Committee a slate of Delegates and Alternates
17 selected from the respective lists of names as filed with the Secretary of State, being
18 consistent with the number to which each Candidate is entitled as a result of the Presidential
19 Preference Primary Election. They shall also submit a brief resume of each individual on
20 their respective lists.

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1 (c) The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination the Nominating
2 Committee's recommendation of a full slate of Delegates and Alternates, consistent with the
3 number to which each Delegation is entitled as a result of Presidential Preference Primary
4 Election, for (1) each Presidential Candidate's Delegation, (2) the uncommitted Delegation,
5 and (3) the Delegation at large, the Convention Chairman shall open the floor for additional
6 nominations for that Delegation, which also must be submitted in the form of a full slate
7 consistent with the number to which each Delegation is entitled. Each member of the
8 Candidate's Delegation shall be selected from his list of names as recorded in the Secretary of
9 State's office. Regions shall make nominations for all slates of Delegates and Alternates
10 upon a roll call in numerical order. Each region may (1) pass; (2) yield to another region; (3)
11 nominate one slate of Delegates and Alternates for each Presidential Candidate's delegation,
12 uncommitted Delegation and at large Delegation. At the close of the nominating, all
13 Counties and Legislative Districts shall be polled. Voting shall continue until such time as
14 one slate of nominees, for each Delegation, receives a majority of votes of the Convention.

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

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20 **Section 8: Committee Rules:**

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

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ARTICLE IV: RULES

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the rules of procedure at the Convention in all cases not provided for by the temporary or permanent Rules of the Convention or by Idaho Law.

ARTICLE V: NOMINATING

Section 1: Counties shall make nominations for all offices of the Party and Convention upon a roll call in alphabetical order, followed by a roll call of Legislative Districts in numerical order.

Any County or Legislative District may:

(a) Nominate not more than one (1) Candidate to each office or

(b) Yield to another County or Legislative District for the purpose of making a nomination.

It shall not, thereafter, nominate a Candidate for that particular office.

ARTICLE VI: VOTING

Section 1: In all substantive matters before the Convention and on all elections of Convention officers and State Republican Party officers, a majority of the votes cast on the proposition or Candidate shall be required, except as may be otherwise provided in these Rules or by Idaho Law.

1 **Section 2:** On each roll call ballot, the Chairman of each Delegation shall cast his Delegation's
2 vote as directed by the members of his Delegation. When such vote is cast, all acting Delegates
3 present shall stand in their proper places, and the vote shall not be recorded unless the number
4 standing is the same as the number of votes cast by the Chairman. Any member of the
5 Delegation voting, whether Delegate or Alternate, may immediately demand a poll of the
6 Delegation, in which event each Delegate or said Delegate shall be called upon to cast his vote.

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8 **Section 3:** There shall be no voting proxies.

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10 **Section 4:** After the completion of a roll call on any ballot, the Chairman shall direct a roll call of
11 any Delegation, which may have passed and shall then allow a reasonable time to permit any
12 Delegation to change its vote before announcing the result. A Delegation may change its vote
13 only one time per roll call.

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15 **Section 5:** In the balloting, a Candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast before he shall
16 be deemed elected. If no Candidate received a majority on the first ballot, the Candidate
17 receiving the least number of votes on said ballot shall be dropped from the subsequent ballot;
18 this procedure and the balloting shall continue until a Candidate shall have a majority of the
19 votes cast for such office at which time balloting for such office shall cease.

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21 **Section 6:** When registering, a person serving as Alternate Delegate for both a County and
22 Legislative District must advise the Credentials Committee of his status. On each roll call ballot
23 the Alternate may vote only as a Delegate for the County or Legislative District, but not for both.

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ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: All Delegates and Alternates must wear official Convention Delegate badges during Convention sessions.

Section 2: Any Delegate wishing to speak upon the Convention floor shall rise, address the Chair, and, if recognized, state his name, County or Legislative District.

Section 3: Each Delegate shall be limited to five (5) minutes of debate upon any motion and three (3) minutes of rebuttal debate. No Delegate shall speak more than twice upon any motion. The proponent of a motion shall open and close the debate.

Section 4: Only official Delegates, Alternates, and Attaches shall be permitted upon the portion of the Convention floor designated for official Delegates, provided any lawful Candidate may designate not more than two (2) persons to act as floor managers on the floor of the Convention if such persons are reported to and approved by the Convention Chairman. Further, provided that College Youth Representatives, with two Alternates, selected by the State College Republican League, shall be seated on the Convention floor with all privileges of Delegates, but without the right to vote or nominate, or originate motions.

1 **Section 5:** The Chairman of the State Executive Committee shall determine the seating of the
2 Delegates to the Convention. Insofar as possible, County Delegations shall be seated in
3 alphabetical order, with Counties and Legislative Districts within the First Congressional District
4 seated to the side of the Convention hall to the right of the Chairman's podium, and the Counties
5 and Legislative Districts within the Second Congressional District seated to the side of the
6 Convention hall to the left of the Chairman's podium.

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8 **Section 6:** If a committee report is reduced to writing with one copy thereof delivered to the
9 Chairman of each Delegation prior to its scheduled presentation, the reading of the report in its
10 entirety may be dispensed with by reading of the subtitles thereof, provided, however, that any
11 Delegate may demand that the whole or any subdivision of such report be read by the
12 Committee. Minority reports must be made by a member of the committee and must have the
13 approval of at least three (3) members of the committee to be considered by the Convention,
14 unless otherwise herein provided.

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16 **Section 7:** Committee reports to the Convention shall be read at length, unless two-thirds (2/3) of
17 those members present and voting shall consent that the reading be dispensed with and the
18 transcript records show that the report has been read at length.

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20 **Section 8:** Any Delegate may demand a roll call vote if supported by a majority of the delegates.

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22 **Section 9:** Rules for the State Convention, as set forth in the Idaho Code (Section 34-707), Rules
23 of the Convention, and Rules of the State Central Committee shall be printed and made available
24 by the State Central Committee in one cover.

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2 **KEY:**

3 I, II, III, IV – Articles

4 1., 2., 3., 4. – Sections

5 (a), (b), (c), (d) – Subsection

6 (1), (2), (3), (4) – Paragraphs

7 A., B., C., D. – Subparagraphs

8 i., ii., iii., iv. – Subparagraph Sections