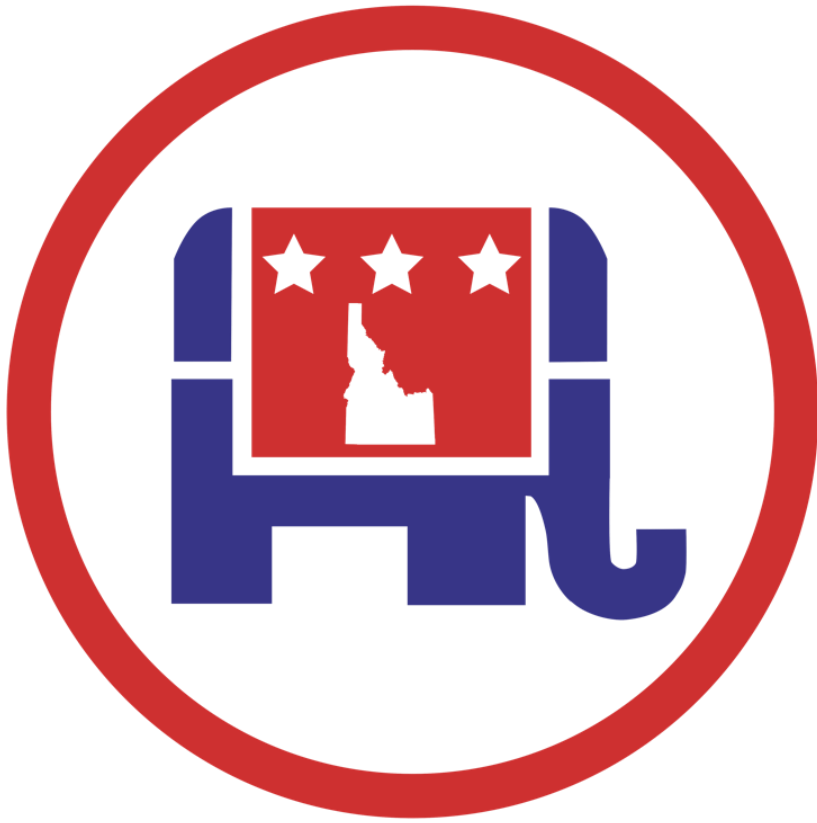


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RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

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ARTICLE I: THE REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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

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

Section 3: Upon written petition of fifteen (15) or more members of the Republican State Central Committee, representing not less than five (5) counties asking for a special meeting of the

1 Republican State Central Committee, it shall be the duty of the State Chairman, within ten (10)
2 days from receipt of said petition, to issue a call for a special meeting of the Republican State
3 Central Committee.

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5 **Section 4:** The voting membership of the Republican State Central Committee shall consist of all
6 voting members of the State Executive Committee, County Chairmen, State Committeemen,
7 State Committeewomen, State Youth Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen. A
8 voting member's proxy from a non-represented county may only be honored if said proxy is
9 carried by the Legislative District Chairman. Should the Legislative District Chairman be unable
10 to attend, the voting member's proxy from a non-represented county may be carried by the
11 Region Chairman. A written proxy from an absent member to a voting member present from the
12 same county, or as described above, shall be honored if filed prior to the commencement of any
13 meeting with the State Central Committee Secretary. The proxy of a Legislative District
14 Chairman shall be given only to a voting member present from a county lying within the
15 legislative district or within which the legislative district lies. The Proxy of a member of the
16 State Central Committee shall be cast only by a voting member present from a region where said
17 member resides. A quorum shall exist if fifty-one percent (51%) of the counties are represented.
18 All voting members of the Republican State Central Committee or any person carrying a proxy
19 for such member must have Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore, the act of un-affiliation
20 with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in the
21 Central Committee.

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23 **Section 5:** The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall have general
24 administrative supervision over the organization and affairs of the Idaho Republican Party, shall

1 preside at all meetings, and shall perform all other duties as are incident to his office, subject in
2 all cases, however, to the direction of the Republican State Central Committee. The Chairman of
3 the Republican State Central Committee shall be elected to serve a two year term by the
4 Delegates to the State Republican Convention, convening regularly every two years. If the State
5 Republican Convention fails to elect a successor, the State Central Committee shall convene an
6 emergency meeting for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman.

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8 **Section 6:** If the office of the Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or
9 otherwise, the First Vice-Chairman shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the State
10 Chairman until the next regularly scheduled Republican State Central Committee meeting elects
11 a new State Chairman to serve until a successor is duly elected by the next Republican State
12 Convention. If no regular Republican State Central Committee meeting is before the next
13 Republican State Convention, then the First Vice-Chairman shall assume all duties and
14 responsibilities of the State Chairman until a successor is duly elected by the next Republican
15 State Convention. There shall be no automatic succession to the office of State Chairman.

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

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22 **Section 8:** The First Vice Chairman and the Second Vice Chairman shall be elected by the
23 delegates to the State Convention which convenes every two years. The Second Vice Chairman
24 shall be from the opposite Congressional District of the First Vice Chairman. In the event of a

1 vacancy in the First or Second Vice Chairman, the State Executive Committee shall appoint an
2 interim successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall
3 elect a successor to serve until the next State Convention.
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5 **Section 9:** The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be elected by the
6 delegates to the Republican State Convention in the same year as presidential elections. The
7 National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall represent the Idaho Republican
8 Party on the National Committee, shall speak for Idaho to the National Committee, shall convey
9 National Party Policy to the State Party, and shall carry out all other duties and responsibilities as
10 they may see fit to properly represent the Idaho Republican Party.
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12 **Section 10:** If the office of the National Committeeman or National Committeewoman becomes
13 vacant, by reason or resignation, death or otherwise, the State Chairman shall, within thirty (30)
14 days of the event, call a Republican State Central Committee meeting for the purpose of making
15 an appointment to fill the vacancy. Such appointee shall serve until a successor is duly chosen at
16 the next presidential year Republican State Convention.
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18 **Section 11:** The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes and state records in
19 conjunction with the State Headquarters office and shall be elected by the delegates to the
20 regular session of the Republican State Convention every 2 years. In the event of a vacancy in
21 the office of Secretary, the Republican State Executive Committee shall appoint an interim
22 successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall elect a
23 successor to serve until the next State Convention.
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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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16 **Section 15:** The Chairman may appoint such special committees as necessary, designate the
17 membership thereof, and define the duties such committees shall perform, and limit or terminate
18 the existence thereof. The State Chairman shall appoint all Committees subject to the review of
19 the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall, at a minimum, appoint standing Rules and
20 Resolutions Committees as follows:

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22 (A) Rules Committee. The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the Executive Committee,
23 a standing Rules Committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and two (2) members
24 of the Republican State Central Committee from each region in consultation with each

1 Region Chairman. The Chairman of the Standing Rules Committee may appoint a Standing
2 Rules Committee Secretary to insure the business and minutes of the Rules Committee are
3 orderly and reliable. The Rules Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State
4 Central Committee and shall meet during each State Central Committee meeting and as
5 necessary to review the rules under which the Central Committee operates and may
6 recommend amendments to the Central Committee for consideration. The Rules Committee
7 may form special advisory subcommittees by majority vote, and may issue reports, request
8 information, and perform any other such work relating to the effective administration of
9 party rules.

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11 The Rules Committee shall:

- 12 (1) Receive written Rules from any State Central Committee (SCC) member. To be
13 considered by the Rules Committee, rules must first be considered and approved by a
14 County, District, or Regional, or State Executive Committee or be submitted by the State
15 Party Chairman. Rules shall be received by the Committee at least forty-five (45) days
16 before the meeting. A copy of the proposed rules shall be sent to all members of the SCC
17 thirty (30) days before the meeting, and a digital version shall be available to party
18 members at large. Rules not received by the Committee at least forty-five (45) days
19 before the State Central Committee meeting shall require both a typed and an electronic
20 copy of the proposed rule and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Rules Committee to consider
21 the rule. If passed, the proposed rule will be handled the same as a rule received before
22 the deadline. A SCC Member may only submit up to two (2) proposed rule changes per
23 SCC Meeting. The Committee will determine disposition. The Sponsor or appointed
24 representative will be give up to ten (10) minutes before the Committee to propose the

1 rule. A like time will be given to any member opposed to the rule. The total time for
2 consideration shall be twenty (20) minutes after which a majority will prevail. Time may
3 be extended by prerogative of the Chair or by vote of the committee.

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

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

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13 (B) Resolutions Committee. The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the Executive
14 Committee, a standing Resolutions Committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and
15 two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each region in
16 consultation with each Region Chairman. The Chairman of the Standing Resolutions
17 Committee may appoint a Standing Resolutions Committee Secretary to insure the business
18 and minutes of the Resolutions Committee are orderly and reliable. The Resolutions
19 Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State Central Committee and shall
20 meet as necessary to consider resolutions proposed by members of the Central Committee
21 and may recommend resolutions for approval to the Central Committee.

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23 The Resolutions Committee shall:

24 (1) Receive written resolutions from any State Central Committee member. To be

1 considered by the Resolutions Committee, resolutions must first be considered and
2 approved by a County, District, or Regional Committee, or State Executive Committee or
3 State Party Chairman. Each Resolution shall name the author/sponsor or appointed
4 representative will present the resolution to the Committee. The Committee will
5 determine disposition. The sponsor will be given up to five (5) minutes before the
6 Committee to propose the resolution. A like time will be given to any member opposed to
7 the resolution. The total time for consideration shall be ten (10) minutes after which a
8 majority vote will prevail.

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10 (2) The Committee will determine that all resolutions are legible and in presentable form.

11 A. The Committee must receive all proposed resolutions no later than forty-five (45) days
12 prior to the State Central Committee meeting, a copy of which shall be sent to all
13 members off the State Central Committee thirty (30) days before the meeting and a
14 digital version shall be made available to party members at large. Where two (2) or more
15 proposed resolutions cover essentially the same topic, State GOP officials may ask
16 authors/sponsors to combine them in time to be sent to all State Central Committee
17 members thirty (30) days prior to the State Central Committee meeting.

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19 B. Where the two (2) resolutions are opposed on the same subject, the Committee may
20 submit either or both to the State Central Committee with a recommendation that either
21 or both pass.

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23 C. No resolution may be presented to the floor of the State Central Committee meeting
24 except through the Resolutions Committee.

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D. Each member of the State Central Committee (SCC) may submit up to two (2) proposed resolutions per SCC meeting.

(3) Resolutions that fail but receive at least one-third (1/3) of the vote of the Resolutions Committee meeting may be presented on the floor by a minority report with each side of the proposition given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the body.

(4) Resolutions not received by the Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the State Central Committee meeting shall require both a typed and an electronic copy of the proposed resolution and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Resolutions Committee to consider the resolution. If passed, the proposed resolution will be handled the same as a resolution received before the deadline.

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

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

1 (7) Resolutions will have an effective lifespan of two years. All resolutions, and actions
2 taken pursuant to them, shall be published on the Idaho Republican Party website.

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

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12 (1) The Hall of Fame Award categories will be as follows:

13 Outstanding Republican Worker

14 Outstanding Republican Precinct Committeeperson

15 Outstanding Republican County, Legislative, and Regional Chairman

16 Outstanding Republican State Legislator(s)

17 Outstanding Republican Administrative Official

18 Outstanding Republican Federal or Statewide Elected Official

19 Most Valuable Person

20 Lifetime Achievement Award

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22 The Lifetime Achievement Award may only be awarded to an individual who has worked
23 consistently for 25 years or more in the Idaho Republican Party. The Lifetime
24 Achievement Award may be awarded to more than one person in any given year, or it

1 may not be awarded at all, if no one qualifies for the award in that particular year. The
2 Lifetime Achievement Award category is effective beginning 12/9/2013.

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4 (2) The Hall of Fame nomination form shall be distributed to all the County, Regional, and
5 Legislative Chairmen by October 15th each year with a deadline to return to the State
6 Party Headquarters by November 15th. The Hall of Fame Committee shall convene
7 before December 10th to select the Hall of Fame recipients.

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9 **Section 16:** The two year term of office of the State Chairman shall begin immediately upon
10 election by the Republican State Convention. The four (4) year term of office of the National
11 Committeewoman and National Committeeman shall commence the day after the close of the
12 Republican National Convention. The two (2) year term of office for the First Vice Chairman,
13 Second Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall commence immediately following the
14 Republican State Convention.

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

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

1 **Section 19:** Proxy Rule. All proxies shall be in writing, shall be signed and dated by the grantor,
2 and shall include the following information:

3 (A) The name, county of residence, and Republican State Central Committee office of the
4 grantor of the proxy,

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

6 (C) The date of the meeting for which the proxy is issued.
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8 **Section 20:** A proxy that is placed before the Credentials Committee and approved as such will
9 be treated for all purposes as a valid proxy.
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11 **Section 21:** Notice of Meetings. Notice of semi-annual meetings of the State Central
12 Committee, shall be emailed to the last email address of each member on file. A state central
13 committee member may request and receive a mailed copy of meeting notices. Notice shall be
14 made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meetings. The notice shall state the time
15 and place of the meeting and may include an agenda of the business intended to be conducted at
16 such meeting, provided that the inclusion of such agenda shall not limit the business to those
17 items mentioned in the notice.
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19 **Section 22:** At no time shall the staff, resources or finances of the Idaho Republican Party be
20 used to promote, solicit, advocate or advertise the candidacy of those seeking election, re-
21 election or appointment to the Executive Board.
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24 **ARTICLE II: THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

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

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9 (A) Voting members:

10 (1) The State Chairman

11 (2) The First Vice Chairman

12 (3) The Second Vice Chairman

13 (4) The National Committeeman

14 (5) The National Committeewoman

15 (6) The Secretary of the State Central Committee

16 (7) The Treasurer of the State Central Committee

17 (8) The Region Chairmen (7)

18 (9) The State Finance Chairman

19 (10) The Young Republican State Chairman

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

21 (12) The President of the College Young Republicans

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23 (B) Non-voting (ex-officio) members:

24 (1) The Immediate Past State Chairman

1 (2) The Executive Director

2 (3) The chairman or designee of each officially recognized Republican Donor club

3 (4) The Teenage Republican Representative

4 (5) The national committeeman and national committeewoman elect.

5 (6) One representative of each Republican Congressional office.

6 (7) One representative of each Republican State Constitutional Office or their designated
7 representative

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9 **Section 3:** The State Chairman shall convene the State Executive Committee quarterly at various
10 cities in the State and shall have the power to call a special Executive Committee Meeting after
11 ten (10) days notice.

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

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

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22 ***ARTICLE III: REGIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

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

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

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

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

(D) Region IV - County of Ada

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

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

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

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

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

(a) To represent the counties and legislative districts within the region at Executive Committee meetings wherein decisions are made concerning policies and programs of the

1 State Central Committee.

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

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

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

11 (1) Lincoln Day affairs

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

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

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

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

19 (1) Organization, and

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

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23 (g) In order to accomplish the responsibilities listed in this section, the Region Chairman
24 shall attend State Executive Committee meetings and State Central Committee meetings. The

1 Region Chairman shall encourage attendance at the State Central Committee meetings. If a
2 member cannot attend, proxies in accord with the Rules shall be solicited.

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

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

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

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

1 (30) days, the State Chairman shall call a Region meeting with seven (7) day notice for the
2 purpose of electing a new Region Chairman.

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4 **Section 5:** The voting membership of region meetings shall be the Region Chairman, County
5 Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, State Youth Committeeperson, and
6 Legislative District Chairmen, who reside in the region. At no time can a legislative district
7 chairman vote in more than one region. Proxies shall be honored at region meetings as provided
8 in Article I, Section 4 for State Central Committee meetings. A quorum shall exist if 51% of the
9 counties and legislative districts within the region are represented.

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

13 **Section 1:** The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen and
14 Precinct Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the County Chairman, Vice
15 Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Youth Committeeperson, and
16 such other officers of the County Central Committee as are elected by the Precinct
17 Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen. All officers of the Central Committee shall be
18 elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen at a meeting called by the
19 incumbent County Chairman to be held within ten (10) days after the Primary Election at the
20 county seat. The election of the County Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in
21 uncontested races. All precinct committeemen of a county central committee or any person
22 acting as an alternate for such member must have a Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore,
23 the act of un-affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any
24 positions held in the County Central Committee.

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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
- (c) Finance
- (d) Filling precinct committee vacancies, and
- (e) Other topics as required.

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

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

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

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

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19 **Section 10:** If the office of State Committeeman, State Committeewoman or State Youth
20 Committeeperson becomes vacant, by reason of death or otherwise, the County Chairman shall,
21 within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days notice call a County Central
22 Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

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24 **Section 11:** If the office of Vice Chairman, secretary or treasurer becomes vacant because of

1 resignation, death or otherwise, the county chairman shall, within thirty (30) days and after
2 giving at least seven (7) days notice, call a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of
3 filling the vacancy.

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

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12 ***ARTICLE V: FILLING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VACANCIES***

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

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19 **Section 2:** At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to
20 the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy on a board of county commissioners, only
21 Precinct Committeemen shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie
22 vote, the County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a
23 Precinct Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the
24 tiebreaker vote unless the County Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a

1 situation should occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie
2 that is agreed upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside
3 within the County district where the vacancy exists. All Precinct Committeemen may vote for
4 three (3) candidates in preferential order.

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

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

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14 ***ARTICLE VI: FILLING COUNTY VACANCIES OTHER THAN COMMISSIONERS***

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

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22 **Section 2:** At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to
23 the Board of County Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill such vacancy, only the Precinct
24 Committeeman shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the

1 County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a Precinct
2 Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote
3 unless the County Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should
4 occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed
5 upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the
6 County or otherwise satisfy any residency requirement under Idaho law. All Precinct
7 Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.

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

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

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

20 **Section 1:** The Legislative District Committee is composed of Precinct Committeemen and
21 Precinct Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the Legislative District
22 Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary, and other such officers of the Legislative District that are
23 elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen. The Precinct
24 Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall elect all officers of the Legislative District

1 at a meeting called by the incumbent Legislative District Chairman to be held upon seven (7)
2 days' notice and within eleven (11) days after each Primary Election at a location within the
3 Legislative District or within an adjacent Legislative District or County. The election of the
4 Legislative District Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. All
5 precinct committeemen of a Legislative District Central Committee or any person acting as an
6 alternate for such member must have a Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore, the act of un-
7 affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in
8 the Central Committee.

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

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

16 (a) Legislative district organization

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

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

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

22 (a) Campaigns

23 (b) Publicity

24 (c) Finance, and

1 (d) Other topics as requested

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

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

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

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

1 **Section 9:** Representation and voting by proxies shall be allowed at legislative district meetings,
2 except for the election of Legislative District Officers, election of delegates to the State
3 Convention, and selection of nominees to fill vacancies in the Idaho State Legislature. Proxies
4 shall be honored if written by the grantor to another voting member from the same legislative
5 district and limited to that particular meeting. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct
6 Committeemen from within the Legislative District shall constitute a quorum, unless Legislative
7 District by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

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10 ***ARTICLE VIII: FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES***

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

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17 **Section 2:** At the meeting of the Legislative District Committee for the purpose of
18 recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy in the Legislature, only
19 Precinct Committeemen from within the Legislative District shall be entitled to nominate
20 candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the Legislative District Chairman may cast the
21 tiebreaker vote unless the Legislative District Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. In
22 such an event then the Legislative District Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the
23 Legislative District Vice Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. If such a situation should
24 occur, then the Committee may proceed with whatever means of breaking the tie that is agreed

1 upon to be acceptable by a majority of the Committee. All nominees must reside within the
2 Legislative District. All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in
3 preferential order.

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

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

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14 **ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND REPUBLICAN PARTY**
15 **REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO VOTE IN A REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION**

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

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

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24 **Section 3:** The State Central Committee may determine the political affiliation of candidates

1 filing or declaring intent to file as Republican Party Candidates for state political offices and
2 U.S. federal offices, and may endorse Republican Party candidates for the various positions.
3 Endorsement of Congressional District Candidates shall be by voting members from the
4 respective Congressional Districts.

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

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9 ***ARTICLE X: PROCEDURE - DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS***

10 **Section 1:** The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised
11 shall govern the Idaho Republican Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which
12 they are not inconsistent with state law, State Party rules, or any special rules of order the Party
13 may adopt.

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

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

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21 **Section 4:** The Rules of the Idaho Republican Party can only be amended or suspended by the
22 Idaho Republican State Central Committee.

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1 **ARTICLE XI: ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**

2 **Section 1.** The State, Region and County Central Committees, at the Committee Chairman's
3 discretion, may provide Central Committee members with the option to participate in state,
4 region, and county meetings through electronic means, including, but not limited to,
5 teleconferencing, audio conferencing and video conferencing. Committee meetings may
6 include physical and/or electronic attendees. The chairman of special committees established
7 by the State Chairman may also offer an electronic option for committee meetings.

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9 **Section 2.** The electronic meeting must allow for all attendees, both physical and electronic,
10 to hear each other at the same time. If video conferencing is used, all attendees must be able
11 to see each other at the same time. The electronic meeting service used by the committee
12 must support verification and reporting of who joins the meeting electronically.

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14 **Section 3.** Committee members participating via electronic means will count towards
15 establishing a quorum.

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17 **Section 4.** If Committee Chairmen offer an electronic meeting option, they must provide
18 committee members with the technical requirements for participation (e.g. phone, computer,
19 webcam) via an official meeting notice. Notices for meetings with an electronic option must
20 be sent 48 hours prior to a meeting and include the date, time, and details for how to join the
21 electronic meeting. These notices may be provided physically or electronically.

1 **Section 5.** In the event an electronic meeting option is provided for a committee meeting,
2 committee members must notify the Committee Chairmen prior to a meeting if they plan to
3 participate via the electronic option. To assist with verifying a quorum of committee
4 members, attendees must also provide prior to the meeting the phone number or email
5 address they'll use to join and participate in the electronic meeting. Attendees using numbers
6 or email addresses not provided prior to the meeting will not count towards a quorum, be
7 recognized, or allowed to participate in the committee meeting.

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9 **Section 6.** The Committee Chairmen must offer members attending electronically the option
10 to be recognized before closing any discussion or debate. Members attending electronically
11 may also make a verbal request for recognition if another committee member does not have
12 the floor.

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14 **Section 7.** In meetings where some or all committee members attend electronically, all votes
15 must be recorded for the minutes by name unless votes are unanimous. No votes requiring a
16 secret ballot may be conducted if some or all committee members are attending
17 electronically.

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19 **Section 8.** Only committee members can use the electronic option to participate in committee
20 meetings.

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22 **Section 9.** Committee Chairmen are not required to offer an electronic meeting option for
23 their committees.

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

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5 **ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING**

6 **Section 1:**

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

9 (1) The newly elected legislative district Chair shall conduct the election of delegates
10 and alternate delegates to the state convention.

11 (2) Each delegate/alternate position will be considered one at a time, with
12 nominations from the floor.

13 (3) Each nominee for each position will be given 2 minutes to speak

14 (4) After nomination and nomination speeches, each position will be voted on by
15 secret ballot.

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

19 (6) Only voters affiliated with the Republican Party of a county and legislative
20 district within the state of Idaho can be selected as delegates and alternate
21 delegates to the Idaho Republican State Convention.

22 (b) A legislative district may create its own delegate nominating rules in their bylaws
23 instead of using Section 1(a) of these rules to select delegates. If so, no later than 60

1 days prior to the May primary election, the Chair of each Legislative District shall
2 submit their rules under which the election of delegates and alternates to the state
3 convention will be conducted to the State Party Headquarters. Such rules should
4 answer the following questions:

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

13 (c) The Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party will review submitted procedures to
14 ensure they provide open, fair access to delegate and alternate positions, and that the
15 results reflect the judgement of the precinct leaders duly elected without interference
16 or bias produced inherently by the electoral process. Prior to the 60 day deadline for
17 submittal, a legislative district may request the Chairman's review to ensure
18 acceptance.

19 (d) No legislative District shall change their rules or bylaws for reorganization and or
20 delegate selection to the state convention within 60 days of the May Primary Election
21 and their reorganization and or delegate selection to the state convention.

22 (e) Any person who wishes to be nominated to be a delegate or alternate delegate to the
23 state convention must complete and sign the Delegate Pledge Form before being
24 nominated as a delegate or alternate delegate. The Delegate Pledge Form shall be a

1 standard form provided by the State Party Headquarters and shall include the
2 candidates name, mailing address, phone number, email address, and a statement that
3 the candidate is affiliated with the Republican Party and is a voter residing in the
4 applicable Idaho county and legislative district for which he or she would serve as a
5 delegate, and can and has every intention of attending the state convention as a
6 delegate or alternate delegate.

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

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10 **Section 2:** Thirty (30) days prior to the May Primary Election in each Presidential election year,
11 and prior to May 1, in each non-presidential election year, the Republican Legislative District
12 Chairman in each Legislative District shall prepare and forward to the Republican State
13 Chairman, in care of the GOP State Headquarters, a notice stating the date, time, and place of
14 meeting to be held within eleven (11) days after the primary election, for the purpose of selecting
15 Delegates to the GOP State Convention, who will select Delegates to the Republican National
16 Convention.

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18 **Section 3:** In cases of vacancy in the office of Legislative District Chairman or the
19 nonperformance of duty, where it is impractical to follow Article VII, Section Seven (7) of the
20 rules of the Idaho Republican Party in filling the office, the Republican State Chairman is
21 empowered to appoint a Precinct Committeeman/woman in the District as acting Chairman for
22 the purpose of calling and conducting the meeting. In the case that no such Precinct
23 Committeeman/Woman exists in the District, the Republican State Chairman is empowered to
24 fill a vacant Precinct Committeeman/Woman position in the District for the purpose of calling

1 and conducting the meeting.

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3 **Section 4:** After notification, the State Chairman shall dispatch press releases to each daily and
4 weekly newspaper in the state, specifying date, time, and place of the Legislative District
5 meetings to be held in the circulation area of the papers. In addition, the Legislative District
6 Chairman shall issue press releases to each paper in his area containing the same information.

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8 **Section 5:** At the appointment time, an open Legislative District meeting shall be held with the
9 Legislative Chairman conducting the meeting. Those people with votes at the meeting shall be
10 those lawfully elected or appointed under Idaho Code as "Delegates to the County Convention"
11 in that particular precinct within that Legislative District.

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

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18 **Section 7:** An individual otherwise qualified by these rules may be selected to be an alternate
19 delegate for both a county and legislative district, but is restricted from voting in both
20 jurisdictions on any given issue.

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

24 **Section 1:** Thirty (30) days prior to the May Primary Election in each Presidential election year,

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

6 **Section 2:** Where applicable and where Article I does not conflict with Article II of these Rules,
7 Each County shall follow the same procedures as a legislative district in selecting delegates in
8 Article I of these rules to the Republican State Convention.

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

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

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

2 **Section 1:** By the end of the 11th day after the May Primary Election, the respective Chairmen of
3 each County Central Committee or Legislative District shall submit a statement giving the
4 names, mailing address, phone number, and email address for each Delegate and Alternate
5 elected at the meeting, each Precinct Committeeman, and other elected officers of the
6 County/Legislative District (State Committeeman/Woman/Youthperson, Vice Chair, Secretary
7 etc.) to the State Party Headquarters. This submittal shall also identify the Chairman of the
8 delegation to the state convention, the delegate(s) to be on convention committee(s), and the
9 Delegate's (Delegates') committee preference. County and Legislative Chairmen are the
10 Certifying Officials for their Delegate Selection. Delegate selection results will be sent
11 electronically and are to be followed up with a signed hardcopy delivered to the Republican State
12 Headquarters. Any delegate or alternate not supplying a valid name, mailing address, phone
13 number, or email address may be denied credentials to the convention per Article III, Section 3
14 of the Rules of the Convention. Failure of one delegate or alternate to supply correct or complete
15 information may not be considered for denying seating of the full delegation.

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

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22 **Section 3:** Any person aggrieved by the manner of conduct in the proceedings in any Legislative
23 District or County meeting, or of any Legislative District Chairman or County Chairman, or of
24 the State Chairman prior to the convening of the State Convention shall specify the reasons

1 therefore in writing. Appeals may only be undertaken for alleged failures to observe the
2 provisions of these rules, and Notice of Appeal must be in writing over the names of the persons
3 aggrieved, and must specify the particulars alleged violate. The State Chairman shall refer such
4 cases to the Credentials Committee of the Convention who shall make a recommendation to the
5 Convention as a whole. Delegates involved in the case shall not be allowed to vote on the
6 question.

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9 **ARTICLE IV: STATE CONVENTION**

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

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

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22 **ARTICLE V: THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

23 **Section 1:** The Idaho Republican Party shall participate in the presidential primary, held in
24 the month of March of a presidential election year, as established and defined in Idaho Code.

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Section 2: On or before the last Monday in September in the year preceding a presidential primary, the State Party Chairman shall notify the Idaho Secretary of State’s Office that the Idaho Republican Party opts to participate in the presidential primary. The Chairman shall further notify the Secretary of State’s Office that any Idaho voter otherwise permitted to participate in a Republican primary election in the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party may also participate in the Republican presidential primary.

Section 3: The results used for the allocation of delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention must be based on the results certified by the Secretary of State to the Chairman after the state canvass.

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

Section 1: (a) No less than fifteen (15) days prior to the presidential primary, a candidate who has properly filed with the Secretary of State’s Office to run in the Republican presidential primary shall submit to the State Party Chairman:

- (1) A nonrefundable delegate processing fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) made payable to the Idaho Republican Party,
- (2) A list of proposed delegates, in order of preference, totaling up to eighty percent (80%) of the total number of delegates to the Republican National Convention

1 allocated to Idaho, and

2 (3) A list of proposed alternates, in order of preference, totaling up to eighty percent
3 (80%) of the total number of alternates to the Republican National Convention
4 allocated to Idaho.

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6 (b) In the event the Secretary of State removes a candidate's name from the ballot for any
7 reason pursuant to Idaho Code, the candidate whose name is removed from the ballot shall
8 not be entitled to a refund of the delegate processing fee. A candidate who withdraws from
9 the race, suspends his campaign, or releases delegates without removing his name from the
10 ballot shall likewise not be entitled to a refund of the delegate processing fee.

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12 (c) Any candidate who fails to submit a list of proposed delegates and a list of proposed
13 alternates to the Republican National Convention in compliance with any provision of
14 subsection (a) of this section forfeits the ability to designate delegates or alternates to the
15 Republican National Convention up to the extent of the candidate's noncompliance.

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17 (d) Any candidate who fails to pay the delegate processing fee in compliance with subsection
18 (a)(1) of this section forfeits the ability to designate delegates and alternates to the
19 Republican National Convention.

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21 (e) A candidate who forfeits the ability to designate delegates or alternates to the Republican
22 National Convention in whole or in part shall not be denied the amount of pledged delegates
23 or alternates as otherwise provided in these rules.

1 **Section 2:** No later than thirty (30) days after the Secretary of State certifies the results of
2 the presidential primary to the Chairman, the Chairman shall appoint a special committee to
3 calculate delegate apportionment pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

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5 **Section 3:** (a) Delegates must be apportioned among the candidates on the Republican
6 presidential primary ballot by determining the proportion of the number of votes cast for each
7 candidate to the total number of votes cast for all candidates in the Republican presidential
8 primary. For each delegate apportioned to a candidate, an alternate delegate is also
9 apportioned to that candidate.

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11 (b) In order for a candidate to qualify for an apportionment of delegates, a candidate must
12 receive at least twenty percent (20%), before rounding, of the total vote cast for all
13 candidates in the Republican presidential primary. If a candidate fails to garner twenty
14 percent (20%) of the total vote, the candidate does not qualify for an apportionment of
15 delegates, and delegates that would be pledged to such a candidate will be apportioned
16 proportionally among candidates who clear the twenty percent (20%) threshold. Provided
17 however, if no candidate clears the twenty percent (20%) threshold, the provisions of this
18 subsection shall not be in effect, and delegates shall be apportioned proportionally.

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20 (c) If any candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the total vote cast for all
21 candidates in the Republican presidential primary, all delegates available to Idaho under the
22 Rules of the Republican National Committee shall be apportioned to that candidate.

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24 **Section 4:** (a) If a candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the vote in the

1 Republican presidential primary, the candidate is entitled to have eighty percent (80%) of all
2 the delegates and alternates apportioned to Idaho selected from their lists of delegates and
3 alternates provided to the Chairman. If the candidate's list of delegates or list of alternates
4 does not include a sufficient number of names to fill each slot allocated to the candidate, the
5 unfilled delegate or alternate slots will be filled at the State Party Convention.

6 (b) If no candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the vote, each candidate who is
7 apportioned delegates is entitled to have eighty percent (80%) of that candidate's delegates
8 and alternates selected from their lists provided to the Chairman. Each candidate's delegate
9 and alternate slots shall be filled in order of preference from each candidate's list. If any
10 candidate's list of delegates or list of alternates does not include a sufficient number of
11 names to fill each slot allocated to the candidate, the unfilled delegate or alternate slots will
12 be filled at the State Party Convention.

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14 **Section 5:** If a delegate or alternate from a candidate's lists dies, resigns or is otherwise
15 unable to attend the Republican National Convention, the candidate or his representative will
16 communicate such inability to the Chairman and a suggested replacement. The Chairman, in
17 consultation with the candidate or representative, will fill the vacancy.

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19 **Section 6:** The remaining twenty percent (20%) of delegate and alternate slots shall be
20 selected as pledged delegates to the Republican National Convention, using the same
21 proportion as the presidential primary and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of
22 this Article. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the Nominating Committee of
23 the Idaho State Republican Convention. If a candidate's list of proposed delegates or
24 alternates does not include a sufficient number of names to fill all the delegate or alternate

1 slots otherwise apportioned to the candidate, the unassigned delegate and alternate slots will
2 be filled by the Nominating Committee in the manner consistent with all other delegates and
3 alternates selected by that committee, provided however, that delegate slots filled in this
4 manner must be pledged to the candidate who would have otherwise been able to designate.

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6 **Section 7:** The Chairman’s special committee on delegate allocation will certify in a written
7 report to the Nominating Committee of Idaho State Republican Convention the total number
8 of delegates and alternates apportioned to each candidate. The written report must also
9 include the names of the delegates and alternates apportioned to candidates and the
10 remaining delegates and alternate slots to be filled by the Nominating Committee consistent
11 with the provisions of this Article and the Rules of the State Convention.

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13 **Section 8:** (a) On the first ballot taken at the Republican National Convention, the delegates
14 and alternates must vote for the candidate who proposed them on their list or the candidate to
15 whom they are pledged if selected by the Nominating Committee.

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17 (b) If a candidate dies, withdraws, or releases delegates or alternates prior to the
18 commencement of the Idaho State Republican Convention without submitting a list of
19 proposed delegates to the Chairman or having submitted a list with too few proposed
20 delegates to fulfill the allocation that would otherwise correspond to such a candidate, then
21 the Nominating Committee may nominate as many delegates and alternates as the candidate
22 would have been entitled to serve as uncommitted delegates.

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24 (c) If a candidate dies, withdraws, or releases delegates and alternates prior to the first ballot

1 at the Republican National Convention, delegates and alternates committed to such a
2 candidate shall, thereupon, become uncommitted delegates.

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5 **ARTICLE VII: FREEDOM OF OPPORTUNITY**

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

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

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

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1 **RULES OF THE CONVENTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 **ARTICLE II: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

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

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

7 (c) Approval of the Credentials Committee report.

8 (d) Approval of the Rules Committee report.

9 (e) Approval of the Platform Committee report.

10 (f) Approval of the Resolutions Committee report.

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

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

13 (1) Chairman

14 (2) First Vice Chairman

15 (3) Treasurer

16 (4) Secretary

17 (5) (In presidential election years) National Committeewoman

18 (6) (In presidential election years) National Committeeman

19 (7) Second Vice Chairman

20 (i) Miscellaneous business

21 (j) Adjournment - Sine Die

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24 **ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE RULES**

1 **Section 1:** The Convention shall have the following committees:

2 (a) Credentials

3 (b) Rules

4 (c) Platform

5 (d) Resolutions

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

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

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

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19 **Section 3:** Credentials Committee:

20 The Credentials Committee shall:

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

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

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.

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

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12 **Section 4:** The Rules Committee:

13 (a) Shall draft and propose a set of permanent rules for the duration of the convention. Such
14 rules must be adopted by majority vote of the convention and once adopted may only be
15 amended or suspended while the Convention is in session by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of
16 the convention. All suggestions, proposals and ideas must be submitted to State Party
17 Headquarters, by or through any Delegate or Alternate Delegate and in accordance with
18 the State Party Rules no later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which
19 shall be sent to all members of the Rules Committee no later than 10 days before the
20 meeting.

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22 (b) The Rules Committee may draft and propose changes to the rules governing the Idaho
23 Republican Party. Proposed changes shall then be presented to the floor of the
24 Convention for consideration and possible acceptance. If accepted by the Convention, the

1 changes will be forwarded to the Standing Rules Committee at their next regularly
2 scheduled meeting. If accepted by the Standing Rules Committee the proposed changes
3 will then be considered by the State Central Committee for their incorporation into the
4 permanent Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

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

7 (a) All suggestions, proposals and ideas are to be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by
8 or through and Delegate or Alternate Delegate and in accordance with the State Party Rules
9 no later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which shall be sent to all
10 members of the Platform Committee no later than 10 days before the meeting.

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

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

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

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

22 (a) All suggestions, proposals and ideas are to be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by
23 or through any Delegate or Alternate and in accordance with the State Party Rules no
24 later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which shall be sent to all

1 delegates no later than 10 days before the meeting. Where two or more proposed
2 resolutions cover essentially the same topic, the State GOP officials may ask authors/
3 sponsors to combine them in time to be sent to all delegates three days prior to the State
4 Convention.

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

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

10 No resolutions may be presented to the floor of the Convention except through
11 submission in writing to the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions will be presented to the
12 floor for Convention consideration during the Resolutions Committee Report.

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14 **Section 7: Nominating Committee:**

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

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20 (b) To assist the Nominating Committee, each State Campaign Chairman for a Presidential
21 Candidate shall recommend to the Nominating Committee a slate of Delegates and Alternates
22 selected from the respective lists of names as filed with the Secretary of State, being
23 consistent with the number to which each Candidate is entitled as a result of the Idaho
24 Republican Presidential Primary. They shall also submit a brief resume of each individual on

1 their respective lists.

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

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

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21 **Section 8:** Committee Rules:

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.

1 **ARTICLE IV: RULES**

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

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6 **ARTICLE V: NOMINATING**

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

9 Any County or Legislative District may:

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

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

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

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15 **ARTICLE VI: VOTING**

16 **Section 1:** In all substantive matters before the Convention and on all elections of Convention
17 officers and State Republican Party officers, a majority of the votes cast on the proposition or
18 Candidate shall be required, except as may be otherwise provided in these Rules or by Idaho
19 Law. The Election of State Republican Party officers shall be carried out by secret ballot except
20 in uncontested races.

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22 **Section 2:** On each roll call ballot, the Chairman of each Delegation shall cast his Delegation's
23 vote as directed by the members of his Delegation. When such vote is cast, all acting Delegates
24 present shall stand in their proper places, and the vote shall not be recorded unless the number

1 standing is the same as the number of votes cast by the Chairman. Any member of the
2 Delegation voting, whether Delegate or Alternate, may immediately demand a poll of the
3 Delegation, in which event each Delegate or said Delegate shall be called upon to cast his vote.

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

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

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

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18 **Section 6:** When registering, a person serving as Alternate Delegate for both a County and
19 Legislative District must advise the Credentials Committee of his status. On each roll call ballot
20 the Alternate may vote only as a Delegate for the County or Legislative District, but not for both.
21 All delegates and alternate delegates must be registered Republicans.

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1 **ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS**

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

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

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

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

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

1 Convention hall to the left of the Chairman's podium.

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3 **Section 6:** If a committee report is reduced to writing with one copy thereof delivered to the
4 Chairman of each Delegation prior to its scheduled presentation, the reading of the report in its
5 entirety may be dispensed with by reading of the subtitles thereof, provided, however, that any
6 Delegate may demand that the whole or any subdivision of such report be read by the
7 Committee. Minority reports must have the approval of at least one-fourth (1/4) members of the
8 committee to be considered by the Convention, unless otherwise herein provided.

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

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

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

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21 ***ARTICLE VIII: PREPARATIONS FOR STATE CONVENTION***

22 **Section 1:** State conventions shall be held no sooner than 30 days after the Primary Election,
23 except if necessary to follow RNC rules during a presidential year.

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1 **Section 2:** Locations for state conventions shall be rotated among regions such that no region
2 hosts a convention more than once in four years, or more than once in five years if the region
3 also is host to a June state central committee meeting during that time.

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6 **KEY:**

7 I, II, III, IV – Articles

8 1., 2., 3., 4. – Sections

9 (a), (b), (c), (d) – Subsection

10 (1), (2), (3), (4) – Paragraphs

11 A., B., C., D. – Subparagraphs

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