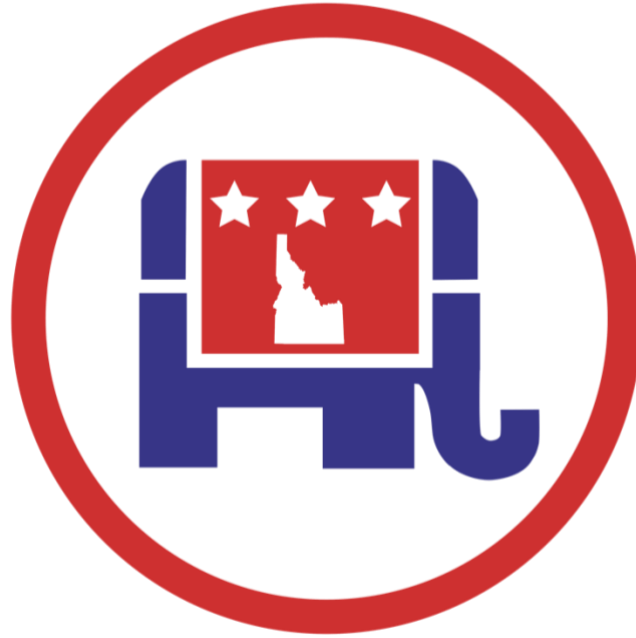


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Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION, Article I: Legislative District Delegate Selection Meeting, Section 1

Submitted by: Ralph Thier – Delegate, Valley County

(4) After nomination and nomination speeches, each position will be voted on by secret ballot unless Legislative District or County rules provide otherwise.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 2

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE CONVENTION, Article II, Order of Business

Submitted by: Ryan Davidson – Delegate, Ada County

There shall be no set time for adjournment of the Republican State Convention.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 3

Proposed Rule Amendment to: **RULES OF THE CONVENTION, Article I, Sections 1 and 2**

Submitted by: Garrett Peterson – Delegate, Canyon County

Revise Article I, Section 1 & 2 as follows:

ARTICLE I: OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION

Section 1: The Convention shall be called to order by the Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party, who shall appoint such Attaches, Aides, and Sergeants at Arms as in his judgment are necessary, all of which appointments shall be subjected to confirmation by the Convention. The Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee shall serve as the Secretary of the Convention.

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

- (a) He shall open each session at the hour specified in the officer's Convention Programs.
- (b) He shall ~~immediately~~ appoint a Convention Vice Chairman, which appointment shall be subject to confirmation of the Convention.
- (c) He shall appoint such Attaches, Aides, and Sergeants-at-Arms as in his judgment are necessary, all of which appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Convention.

Reorder existing text as follows:

- ~~(e)~~ (d) He shall exercise such powers and perform such duties, as are set forth for a presiding officer in the Robert's Rules of Order, and which are not inconsistent with Idaho Law and these rules.
- ~~(d)~~ (e) He shall designate one or more Parliamentarians for the Convention proceedings.

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

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

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

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 4

Proposed Rule Amendment to: **RULES OF THE CONVENTION, Article II, Section 1**

Submitted by: Garrett Peterson – Delegate, Canyon County

ARTICLE II: ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

- (a) The call to order by the State Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party, ~~appointment of the officers of the Convention,~~ and other opening ceremonies.
- (b) ~~Appointment of Vice Chairman, Committees, Attaches, Aides, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Parliamentarian.~~ Designation of one or more Parliamentarians.
- (c) Approval of the Credentials Committee report.
- (d) ~~Approval of the Rules Committee report.~~ Roll Call.
- (e) ~~Approval of the Platform Committee report.~~ Appointment of Vice Chairman, Attaches, Aides, and Sergeant-at-Arms, subject to confirmation by the Convention.

Reorder existing text as follows:

- ~~(d)~~ (f) Approval of the Rules Committee report.
- ~~(e)~~ (g) Approval of the Platform Committee report.
- ~~(f)~~ (h) Approval of the Resolutions Committee report.
- ~~(g)~~ (i) Action on the report of the Nominating Committee and selection of presidential electors.
- ~~(h)~~ (j) Election of the officers of the Idaho Republican Party in the following order:
 - (1) Chairman
 - (2) First Vice Chairman
 - (3) Treasurer
 - (4) Secretary

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(5) (In presidential election years) National Committeewoman

(6) (In presidential election years) National Committeeman

(7) Second Vice Chairman

⊕ (k) Miscellaneous business

⊕ (l) Adjournment - Sine Die

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 5

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE CONVENTION, Article V, Sections 1-3

Submitted by: Garrett Peterson – Delegate, Canyon County

ARTICLE V: NOMINATING

~~Section 1: Counties shall make nominations for all offices of the Party and Convention upon a roll call in alphabetical order, followed by a roll call of Legislative Districts in numerical order. Any County or Legislative District may: Delegates or Alternates serving as Delegates may make nominations for all offices of the Party. In addition, all nominations must receive a second from a Delegate or Alternate serving as a Delegate of a delegation different from that of the nominator.~~

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

~~(b) Yield to another County or Legislative District for the purpose of making a nomination. It shall not, thereafter, nominate a Candidate for that particular office.~~

Section 2: Upon the close of nominations, nominators shall be recognized to deliver a nominating speech of up to two minutes and seconders shall be recognized to deliver a seconding speech of up to one minute. Speeches shall be given alphabetically by candidate last name.

Section 3: After all nominating and seconding speeches cease, candidates may speak for up to three minutes in alphabetical order.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 6

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE CONVENTION, Article VI, Sections 6 and 7

Submitted by: Garrett Peterson – Delegate, Canyon County

ARTICLE VI: VOTING

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

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

Section 3: There shall be no voting proxies.

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

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

Section 6: Each Candidate may name a representative to oversee the counting of ballots. While ballots are being collected and counted, the Chairman of the Convention may open nominations and entertain speeches for subsequent offices so long as no two different secret ballot processes are being conducted simultaneously. Tallied results must be announced immediately but may be temporarily delayed in order to not disrupt candidate speeches of a subsequent contest which in such case must be delivered immediately upon the conclusion thereof.

Section 6 7: When registering, a person serving as Alternate Delegate for both a County and Legislative District must advise the Credentials Committee of his status. On each roll call ballot the Alternate may vote only as a Delegate for the County or Legislative District, but not for both. All delegates and alternate delegates must be registered Republicans.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 7

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE CONVENTION, Article VI, Sections 6 and 7

Submitted by: Tyler Ricks – Delegate, LD 20

Revise Article II, Section 2 Subsection A as Follows:

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

(A) Voting members:

- (1) The State Chairman
- (2) The First Vice Chairman
- (3) The Second Vice Chairman
- (4) The National Committeeman
- (5) The National Committeewoman
- (6) The Secretary of the State Central Committee
- (7) The Treasurer of the State Central Committee
- (8) The Region Chairmen (7)
- (9) The State Finance Chairman
- (10) The Young Republican State Chairman
- (11) The President of the Idaho Republican Women's Federation
- (12) The ~~President~~ Chair of the College ~~Young~~ Republicans

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 8

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE CONVENTION, Article VII, Section 4

Submitted by: Tyler Ricks – Delegate, LD 20

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

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 9

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article XI: Integrity in Affiliation

Submitted by: Mark Fuller – Delegate, Bonneville County; Doyle Beck – Delegate, LD 30; Jared Gifford – Delegate, Bonneville County

Revise the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party to include the following Article:

Article XI: Integrity In Affiliation

Section 1: We, as Idaho Republicans, expect all individuals in government at all levels, including elected officials, to conduct themselves within the highest and strictest standards of personal conduct in carrying out their duties.

Section 2: The people of Idaho demand leaders who will uphold their oath of office and the Constitution and are accountable to the people who elect them. The State Chairman shall to communicate to the party at large information regarding adherence of Republican federal office holders, statewide office holders, and State Legislators to the state party platform and applicable resolutions adopted at our state conventions and party meetings.

- (a) The State Chairman shall prepare a press release with this information on adherence to the state party platform and provide to Legislative District Chairmen at least 60 days prior to the primary elections.
- (b) District Chairman shall send the press release out to all newspapers within their district for publication no later than 10 days prior to the primary election, as set forth below in Section 4.

Section 3: The State Chairman shall prepare and send to each Republican candidate for any federal office, statewide office, and any legislative office a request to sign the following statement within 30 days of mailing:

Candidate Disclosure:

- (1) “I have read the Idaho Republican Party Platform. I support the Idaho Republican Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party.”

Or,

- (2) “I have read the Idaho Republican Party Platform. Except for the provisions specifically noted below, I support the Idaho Republican Party Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder

should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party.”

Section 4: The candidate disclosure statements and any exceptions noted therein shall be posted on the Idaho Republican Party internet site at least 30 days prior to the state primary election and shall be made available to anyone making a request. Should any candidate fail to submit the Disclosure Statement, the State Party Chairman will announce this failure no later than 25 days prior to the primary election. In such case, in such Legislative District the following actions will be taken:

- (a) The State Chairman will prepare a press release stating that the candidate has refused or failed to submit the Candidate Disclosure Statement and that the Idaho Republican Party cannot endorse said candidacy.
- (b) This press release will be provided to the Legislative District Chairman for publication in all newspapers within that District. District Chairman must send this out for publication in all area newspapers within 10 days of receipt.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 10

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article XI: Judicial Committee

Submitted by: Doyle Beck – Delegate, LD 30; Jared Gifford – Delegate, Bonneville County

Revise the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party to include the following Article:

ARTICLE XI: Judicial Committee

Section 1: The State Republican Party shall exercise supervisory and judicial oversight of all Region Executive Committees, Region Central Committees, County Central Committees, Legislative District Central Committees, and any other affiliated clubs or groups denominated in the Rules.

Section 2: The State Republican Party may issue orders to compel performance, prohibit an act from being done, and to otherwise remedy violations of the Idaho Republican Party Rules.

Section 3: The Judicial Power of the State Republican Party shall be exercised in the following ways:

(a) Any party or parties aggrieved by any violation of the State, Region, County, or Legislative District rule(s) or bylaw(s), or by a violation of any Idaho State election law, may file a complaint with the State Chairman.

(b) The State Chairman shall investigate the complaint and give opportunity to the affected parties to be heard.

(c) The State Chairman shall rule on the complaint within sixty (60) days of filing and shall issue an appropriate order, sanction, or remedy. Such shall be in writing.

(d) Any party aggrieved by a decision of the State Chairman may appeal such decision to the Judicial Committee of the State Republican Party with thirty (30) days of issuance of the decision.

Section 4: The Judicial Committee shall be comprised of all voting members of the State Executive Committee, excluding the State Chairman.

Section 5: The Judicial Committee shall create rules and/or procedures to assist in the orderly and timely determination of appeals, but must give all affected parties the opportunity to present their case. Such rules and/or procedures may be amended, repealed, or replaced by the State Central Committee pursuant to Article 1, Section 15 (a).

Section 6: The Judicial Committee shall rule on all appeals within sixty (60) days after filing of the appeal, and shall issue any appropriate order, sanction, or remedy. Such

determinations shall be made by a majority of the serving members of the Judicial Committee.

Section 7: Any aggrieved party may further appeal within thirty (30) days of issuance of a ruling to the full body of the State Central Committee, who may uphold, amend, or overturn the decision of the Judicial Committee.

Section 8: To assist in uniform enforcement of the rules, all decisions and any interpretation of a rule by any Committee shall be posted on the State Party's website and submitted to all Region Chairmen and all County Central Committee Chairmen.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 11

Proposed Rule Amendment to: **RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article I:** **The Republican State Central Committee**

Submitted by: Mark Fuller – Delegate, Bonneville County; Doyle Beck – Delegate, LD 30; Jared Gifford – Delegate, Bonneville County

Revise Article I, Section 15 to include the following Subpart:

Section 15: The Chairman may appoint such special committees as necessary, designate the membership thereof, and define the duties such committees shall perform, and limit or terminate the existence thereof. The State Chairman shall appoint all Committees subject to the review of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall, at a minimum, appoint standing Rules and Resolutions Committees as follows:

(D) Standing Committee on Audit. The designation, jurisdiction, and special tenures of the Standing Committee on Audit are as follows:

(a) The Standing Committee on Audit shall consist of seven members, including the State Party Treasurer, who is a member ex-officio with a vote. Three members of the Standing Committee on Audit shall be State Central Committee members who are not members of the State Executive Committee. Three members of the Standing Committee on Audit, other than the Treasurer, shall be members of the State Executive Committee representing three different Regions. At the next State Executive Committee Meeting held after the Winter Meeting in 2017, and each succeeding odd numbered year, these members shall be appointed to a two-year term. Members of the Standing Committee on Audit, other than the Treasurer, shall be appointed by the State Executive Committee upon recommendation of the State Chairman. The State Chairman shall not be a member of the Standing Committee on Audit. The Standing Committee on Audit, after appointment, shall elect a Chair to serve for a two-year term. All members shall be financially knowledgeable and have no business or personal relationship that may interfere with the exercise of their independence with respect to the State Party and its financial management.

(b) The Standing Committee on Audit shall:

(1) Recommend the selection, retention, and compensation of the State Party's independent auditors for approval by the State Executive Committee;

(2) Assure that the State Party's auditors are independent from the State Executive Committee, and its management, and are ultimately accountable to the State Central Committee;

(3) Review for the State Party and all Regions under generally accepted accounting principles:

(a) The results of the annual external audits of all financial statements and records;

- (b) The reports of independent auditors on the applicable financial statements;
- (c) Any matters required to be communicated to the Standing Committee on Audit by the independent auditors under generally accepted auditing standards and the disclosure requirements of the Independence Standards Board;
- (d) The system of internal financial controls;
- (e) The independent auditors' letter of recommendations; and
- (f) The Executive Committee's responses to the letter of recommendations;
- (4) Establish and review the internal audit function of the State Party, including:
 - (a) The independence and authority of its reporting obligations;
 - (b) The proposed internal audit plan for each fiscal year; and
 - (c) All reports issued by the internal audit department;
- (5) Receive, investigate when necessary, and cause response to be made to inquiries or complaints by any State Central Committee member or employee of the State Party concerning financial operations of the State Party or any Region;
- (6) Post a copy of the annual audit report and Auditor's letter of recommendation on the State Party website, and provide a copy to each member of the State Party Executive Committee and each Region Chair;
- (7) Annually review expenditures of the State Party for appropriateness and make recommendations as needed to the State Party Executive Committee; and
- (8) Review processes for authorizing expenditures by the State Party and make recommendations where needed to align said processes with generally accepted accounting principles.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 12

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article I: The Republican State Central Committee, Section 15, Subsection A

Submitted by: Janice McGeachin – Delegate, Bonneville County

Revise Article I, Section 15(A) as Follows:

(A). Rules Committee. The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the Executive Committee, a standing Rules Committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each region, ~~in consultation with each Region Chairman.~~ The Chairman shall appoint the two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each Region at his discretion unless the Region Chairman submits the names of the two (2) members in which case the Chairman shall appoint the individuals whose names are submitted. The Chairman of the Standing Rules Committee may appoint a Standing Rules Committee Secretary to insure the business and minutes of the Rules Committee are orderly and reliable. The Rules Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State Central Committee and shall meet during each State Central Committee meeting and as necessary to review the rules under which the Central Committee operates and may recommend amendments to the Central Committee for consideration. The Rules Committee may form special advisory subcommittees by majority vote, and may issue reports, request information, and perform any other such work relating to the effective administration of party rules.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 13

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article I: The Republican State Central Committee, Section 15, Subsection B

Submitted by: Janice McGeachin – Delegate, Bonneville County

Revise Article I, Section 15(B) as Follows:

(B) Resolutions Committee. The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the Executive Committee, a standing Resolutions Committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each region. ~~in consultation with each Region Chairman. The Chairman shall appoint the two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each Region at his discretion unless the Region Chairman submits the names of the two (2) members in which case the Chairman shall appoint the individuals whose names are submitted.~~ The Chairman of the Standing Resolutions Committee may appoint a Standing Resolutions Committee Secretary to insure the business and minutes of the Resolutions Committee are orderly and reliable. The Resolutions Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State Central Committee and shall meet as necessary to consider resolutions proposed by members of the Central Committee and may recommend resolutions for approval to the Central Committee.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 14

Proposed Rule Amendment to: **RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article III: Regions of the Executive Committee, Section 2**

Submitted by: Bryan Smith – Delegate, LD 30; Mark Fuller – Delegate, Bonneville County

Revise Article III, Section 2 to include the following subpart:

A Region Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and such other officers of the Region shall be elected by the ~~County Chairman, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, Youth Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen,~~ delegates to the Republican State Convention 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~~ shall be held at the Republican State Convention. The election of the Regional Officers shall be carried out ~~by secret ballot, except in uncontested races pursuant to the process outlined in “Rules of the Convention” Article 6 of these bylaws.~~

AND

Revise Rules of the Convention, Article II, Section 1 to include the following Subpart:

(j) Election of the Regional Officer

~~(j)~~(k) Adjournment – Sine Die

AND

Revise rules of the Convention, Article VII to include the following Subpart:

Section 10: Immediately following the election of the Officers of the Idaho Republican Party and any additional miscellaneous business, the convention body shall dissolve itself by Region in order to conduct the election of Regional Officers.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 15

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article XI: Electronic Meetings

Submitted by: Bryan Smith – Delegate, LD 30; Mark Fuller – Delegate, LD 30

Revise the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party to include the following Article:

Article XI: Electronic Meetings

Section 10: State party bylaws shall not be construed so as to exclude electronic means of casting and collecting votes at County and Legislative District reorganization meetings so long as all persons casting votes are physical present and the method employed maintains voter anonymity. Such means shall be employed at the discretion of the committee as determined by a majority of those present.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 16

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article III: Regions of the Executive Committee

Submitted by: Matthew Jensen – Delegate, LD 17

Section 6: If a current Region Chairman has failed to call for a meeting to elect new Region Officers within the allotted time as per Section 2:

(a) If not already provided for in existing Region Bylaws, the Region Chair will be therefore vacant, and if the State Chairman so chooses, call a Region meeting for the purpose of electing new Region Officers as needed

(b) If for some other reason Article III, Section 2 has not been carried out in a timely manner as required, the State Chairman shall call a Region meeting post haste to resolve the failure and elect new Region Officers as needed.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 17

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article VII: The Legislative District Committee, Section 1

Submitted by: Ralph Their – Delegate, Valley County

Section 1: The Legislative District Committee is composed of Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen elected at the State Primary Election, the Legislative District Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary, and other such officers of the Legislative District that are elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen. The Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall elect all officers of the Legislative at a meeting called by the incumbent Legislative District Chairman to be held upon seven (7) 1 days' notice and within eleven (11) days after each Primary Election at a location within the Legislative District or within an adjacent Legislative District or County. Unless Legislative District rules provide otherwise, the election of the Legislative District Officers shall be carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races. All precinct committeemen of a Legislative District Central Committee or any person acting as an alternate for such member must have a Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore, the act of un-affiliating with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in the Central Committee.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 18

Proposed Rule Amendment to: RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article XI: Electronic Meetings, Section 7

Submitted by: Ralph Thier – Delegate, Valley County

Section 7. In meetings where some or all committee members attend electronically, all votes must be recorded for the minutes by name unless votes are unanimous. No votes requiring a secret ballot may be conducted if some or all committee members are attending electronically unless Legislative District or County rules provide otherwise.

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 19

Proposed Rule Amendment to: **RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article XII: Financing of the State Central Committee**

Submitted by: Britt Raybould – Delegate, Madison County

Section 1: Biennial Budget Creation. To effectively accomplish the goals of the Idaho Republican State Central Committee the Chairman shall, in odd numbered calendar years, craft a budget (hereinafter referred to as the “biennial budget”) which shall cover the next two years’ worth of total projected expenditures of the State Central Committee.

- (a) The total projected expenditures shall be broken down into two classes: (1) Operational and (2) Election Activity. The Operational class shall include all projected general operating expenses of the State Central Committee (e.g., rent, staff salaries, travel expenses, and all similar expenses). The Election Activity class shall include all monies anticipated to be expended in support of Republican candidates for elective office or in opposition to candidates of other parties (e.g., get out the vote activities, independent expenditures, direct contributions, in-kind support, literature distribution, polling, victory plans, and all similar expenses).
- (b) The Executive Committee will have access to detailed information for both classes broken down by category (e.g., rent, salary, independent expenditures, etc.). The Executive Committee must vote on and approve the Chairman’s budget with a 2/3 majority.

Section 2: Presentation of Biennial Budget to State Central Committee. At the annual winter meeting in odd years, the Chairman shall present the approved biennial budget to the State Central Committee with, at minimum, the lump sum figures for each budget class.

- (a) At the annual winter meeting in even years, the Chairman shall present a report of the actual biennial budget versus projected biennial budget by budget class.
- (b) Presentation of the new budget or a report of the current budget must also include the results of the most recent executive summary based on the Audit Committee Report (See Section 3).
- (c) Upon written request to the Chairman, specific details of either budget class shall be disclosed to individual members of the current State Central Committee. Access to this information comes with the expectation of confidentiality and specific details disclosed to a member of the State Central Committee may not be released to the public without the permission of the Executive Committee. A 2/3 majority vote is required for a public release. State Central Committee members who make public the specific details they requested without the permission of the Executive Committee will be blocked from requesting and receiving budget details for two years from the date of disclosure. Disclosing to other State Central Committee members does not qualify as a public release and those members are held to the same confidentiality standards outlined in this section.

Section 3: Budget Audit Committee. Once per calendar year at a date set by the Executive Committee, but at least 120 days before the next winter meeting, an Audit Committee composed of three State Central Committee members will review the status of the budget (actual versus projected), documentation of expenses, and the general financial status of the State Party. The Audit Committee may only review historical information and judge its accuracy based on the approved biennial budget and any supplementation added since the budget approval.

- (a) The Audit Committee will have physical and/or digital access to all financial details from the date of the last audit or the start of the most recent biennial budget, whichever is most recent.
- (b) The Audit Committee will be composed of a rotating list of three State Central Committee members chosen from current County Chairmen and Legislative District Chairmen. The schedule will follow an alphabetical and numerical order and rotate between two county chairmen/one legislative chairman and two legislative chairmen/one county chairman.

Example:

Audit Committee #1: Ada County Chairman, Adams County Chairman, and Legislative District #1 Chairman

Audit Committee #2: Legislative District #2 Chairman, Legislative District #3 Chairman, and Bannock County Chairman

- (c) The Chairman will notify the County and Legislative District Chairmen of their selection to the Audit Committee. If a County or Legislative Chairman can't participate on the committee as scheduled, the Chairman will move to the next member on the respective list of chairmen.
- (d) Meetings of the Audit Committee may happen in person or in accordance with Article XI: Electronic Meetings. Any official business or votes taken by the committee require the participation of all three members.
- (e) The Audit Committee shall complete and present a draft report of its findings to the Chairman and Executive Committee no later than three months after the audit start date and at least six weeks prior to the winter meeting. The report will provide, at minimum, the following status options:
 - a. Pass – Financial activities are documented in full; party expenditures match the approved biennial budget;
 - b. Review Required – Documentation for financial activities is missing; party expenditures do not appear to match the approved biennial budget or supplementation; a list of items needing review and resolution included
- (f) A draft report submitted with a status of “Pass” must be reviewed by the Chairman and the Executive Committee. A 2/3 majority vote by the Executive Committee is required to accept the report. An executive summary of the report will be prepared by the Chairman and presented to the State Central Committee at the next state winter meeting (See Section 1).
- (g) A draft report submitted with a status of “Review Required” will identify issues to be addressed within four weeks by the Chairman, Executive Committee, and staff. An

- explanation for how each issue was resolved must be provided to the Audit Committee at that time.
- (h) The Audit Committee will review the resolution of the issues, and if it determines the issues to be resolved, it can update the report status to “Pass.” The Chairman and Executive Committee will then complete the process described in Section 3 (f).
 - (i) In the event the Audit Committee does not believe all identified issues have been resolved, the report status will remain “Review Required.” The Audit Committee will determine if it wants to provide the Chairman, Executive Committee, and staff with more time to resolve the issues. The schedule and timing for resolving these issues is at the discretion of the Audit Committee but must be completed prior to the next state winter meeting. If the Chairman and Executive Committee decline to work with the Audit Committee the report status will remain “Review Required.”
 - (j) If the status of an audit report remains “Review Required” by the next winter meeting, the Chairman will provide an executive summary to the State Central Committee explaining the outstanding issues and how the Executive Committee plans to resolve those issues.
 - (k) In the event, that an Audit Committee’s report status remains “Review Required,” no new biennial budget can be approved by the Executive Committee and implemented by the Chairman until all identified issues in the audit report are resolved and the Audit Committee changes the report status to “Pass.” The Chairman and Executive Committee will then complete the process described in Section 3(f).
 - (l) Members of the Audit Committee must follow the same requirements for keeping budget details confidential as outlined in Section 2(c).

Section 4: Supplementation to the Biennial Budget. At any point the Chairman may accept and expend additional funds contributed to the State Central Committee between biennial budget proposals, and if desired, reallocate the budget categories to account for these supplementations. Nothing in this Article shall restrict or limit the State Central Committee’s ability to expend funds contributed by the Republican National Committee or funds earmarked for other specific expenditures.

Section 5: Allocation of Budget Responsibilities. Once a biennial budget has been presented, the total amount, consisting of the sum of all classes of the biennial budget, shall be allocated among the various County Central Committees of the Idaho Republican Party and collected in at least annual installments. Each County Central Committee’s biennial budget share (hereinafter referred to as a “Fair Share”) of the budget shall be divided between all forty-four (44) County Central Committees according to the following formula:

$$\underline{((X \div Y) \times Z) = \text{County Central Committee Fair Share}}$$

X = biennial budget

Y = Average Total State Registered Republicans From Idaho Secretary of State’s Office For Prior Five Calendar Years

Z = Average County Registered Republicans From Idaho Secretary of State's Office For Prior Five Calendar Years

The total of all forty-four (44) County Central Committee Fair Shares for each biennial budget shall equal one hundred percent (100%) of the biennial budget.

Section 6: Credit Toward County Fair Share. Each county shall be afforded and provided a credit, which will be counted fully toward its Fair Share, for any directed contributions by any person made specifically for the benefit of an identified County Central Committee Fair Share.

Section 7: Privileges of Contributing Fair Share. Every member of the State Central Committee from a county that has, by the deadline established by the Chairman, fully contributed its annual portion of its Fair Share allocation is qualified to: (1) be considered for the privilege of serving on, or participating in, any committee or subcommittee of the State Central Committee; (2) make, debate, consider and vote on motions that come before the full body of the State Central Committee; and (3) propose resolutions and/or changes to the platform and rules of the State Central Committee. Members from counties who have not fully contributed a county's annual Fair Share amount by the established deadline shall not possess the qualifications to, and therefore may not, engage in the privileges described in this Section. The provisions in the section do not apply to delegates sent to the biennial State Convention.

Section 8: Special Exception Committee. Upon request to the Chairman of the State Central Committee, a county central committee who has not fully contributed its annual portion of its Fair Share allocation (and cannot engage in Section 6 privileges), may be granted for that year, following a hearing, none, some or all the Section Six (6) privileges. A standing committee of the State Central Committee (called the Special Exception Committee (SEC)) may hear (by telephonic hearings) and consider unique financial hardships that may fall upon a county which prevent said county from fully contributing its Fair Share. Following a hearing, the SEC shall decide and provide the requesting county, within one week of the hearing, a written decision of the SEC as to the annual allowance of none, some or all the Section Six (6) privileges. The decision shall be by a majority vote of the SEC. This decision shall be final but may be heard again at the discretion of the Chair of the SEC.

Said committee shall consist of seven (7) members, one from each region of the State Central Committee, plus an additional eighth (8th) member who shall be the Chairman of the State Central Committee. Each Region Chairman shall, when requested, submit the name of a central committee member from a qualifying Section 6 central committee in their Region (qualifying member) for consideration to serve on the committee. At the discretion of the Chairman of the State Central Committee, with the advice of the Executive Committee, the member submitted may be appointed to the committee. If the Chairman does not approve the Region Chairman submission, the Chairman shall request the Regional Chairman submit the name of another qualifying member. The Chairman of the State Central Committee shall serve as the Chair of the SEC and shall have a vote only in the case of a tie vote. The quorum for this committee shall be five (5) members.

Decisions of the SEC will result in a decreased amount being received by the State Central Committee biennial budget set in Section 1 of this Article and allocated in Section 3 of this Article. The same will occur because of any decisions by a county which voluntarily decides to not pay its

fair share allocation. In no event shall these decreased amounts which occur because of the inability to pay or decision not to pay for the biennial budget be reallocated to the remaining counties.

Section 9: Phase-In Period. To phase in the implementation of this financing Article, the initial biennial budget subject to this article shall be presented at the winter meeting to be held in 2019. For the biennium 2019-2020, the initial Fair Share calculated from the full biennial budget shall be reduced by fifty percent (50%).

Thereafter, every county Fair Share amount shall be reduced by the percentage reflected for each following biennial budget period as follows:

2021-2022: reduction of Thirty Three percent (33%)

2023-2024: reduction of Seventeen percent (17%)

2025 thereafter: No reduction

Proposed Rule Change 2018 – 20

Proposed Rule Amendment to: **RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY, Article VIII: Filling Legislative Vacancies**

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Section 1: In the event a vacancy arises in the Idaho State Legislature, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Chairman of the Legislative District or in the absence of the chairman, the District vice-chairman as per Robert’s Rules of Order in which such vacancy exists shall call a meeting of the Legislative District Committee within ~~ten~~ fifteen (~~10~~ 15) days and after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose for the meeting which is recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

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

Section 3: The Legislative District Chairman or in his/her absence the District Vice Chairman shall submit the names of the three (3) nominees to the Governor within ~~two~~ the fifteen (~~2~~ 15) ~~days of their selection~~ day period. Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.

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