

# Idaho Republican Party State Rules



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1 days from receipt of said petition, to issue a call for a special meeting of the Republican State  
2 Central Committee.

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

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22 **Section 5:** The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall have general  
23 administrative supervision over the organization and affairs of the Idaho Republican Party, shall  
24 preside at all meetings, and shall perform all other duties as are incident to his office, subject in

1 all cases, however, to the direction of the Republican State Central Committee. The Chairman of  
2 the Republican State Central Committee shall be elected to serve a two year term by the  
3 Delegates to the State Republican Convention, convening regularly every two years. If the State  
4 Republican Convention fails to elect a successor, the State Central Committee shall convene an  
5 emergency meeting for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman.

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

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

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

1 interim successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall  
2 elect a successor to serve until the next State Convention.

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

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

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

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24 **Section 12:** The Treasurer shall act as the fiscal agent for the Republican State Central

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

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

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

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

1       **A. Rules Committee.** The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the Executive  
2       Committee, a standing Rules Committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, and  
3       two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each region in  
4       consultation with each Region Chairman. The Chairman of the Standing Rules  
5       Committee may appoint a Standing Rules Committee Secretary to insure the business and  
6       minutes of the Rules Committee are orderly and reliable. The Rules Committee shall be  
7       a subcommittee of the Republican State Central Committee and shall meet during each  
8       State Central Committee meeting and as necessary to review the rules under which the  
9       Central Committee operates and may recommend amendments to the Central Committee  
10      for consideration. The Rules Committee may form special advisory subcommittees by  
11      majority vote, and may issue reports, request information, and perform any other such  
12      work relating to the effective administration of party rules.

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14      The Rules Committee shall:

- 15                   1. Receive written Rules from any State Central Committee (SCC) member.  
16                   To be considered by the Rules Committee, rules must first be considered  
17                   and approved by a County, District, or Regional, or State Executive  
18                   Committee or be submitted by the State Party Chairman. Rules shall be  
19                   received by the Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the meeting.  
20                   A copy of the proposed rules shall be sent to all members of the SCC  
21                   thirty (30) days before the meeting, and a digital version shall be available  
22                   to party members at large. Rules not received by the Committee at least  
23                   forty-five (45) days before the State Central Committee meeting shall  
24                   require both a typed and an electronic copy of the proposed rule and a



1 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Rules Committee to consider the rule. If  
2 passed, the proposed rule will be handled the same as a rule received  
3 before the deadline. A SCC Member may only submit up to two (2)  
4 proposed rule changes per SCC Meeting. The Committee will determine  
5 disposition. The Sponsor or appointed representative will be give up to ten  
6 (10) minutes before the Committee to propose the rule. A like time will be  
7 given to any member opposed to the rule. The total time for consideration  
8 shall be twenty (20) minutes after which a majority will prevail. Time may  
9 be extended by prerogative of the Chair or by vote of the committee.

10 2. The Committee will determine that all rules are legible and in presentable  
11 form.

12 3. Any member attending the State Central Committee meeting may attend  
13 the Rules Committee meeting and take part in the discussion but will have  
14 no vote. Any interested party shall be permitted to attend the Rules  
15 Committee meeting as guest of any State Central Committee member. At  
16 the invitation of the Chairman of the Rules Committee, guests may be  
17 allowed to speak.

18 **B. Resolutions Committee.** The Chairman shall appoint, with the review of the  
19 Executive Committee, a standing Resolutions Committee consisting of a chairman, vice  
20 chairman, and two (2) members of the Republican State Central Committee from each  
21 region in consultation with each Region Chairman. The Chairman of the Standing  
22 Resolutions Committee may appoint a Standing Resolutions Committee Secretary to  
23 insure the business and minutes of the Resolutions Committee are orderly and reliable.  
24 The Resolutions Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Republican State Central

1 Committee and shall meet as necessary to consider resolutions proposed by members of  
2 the Central Committee and may recommend resolutions for approval to the Central  
3 Committee.

4 The Resolutions Committee shall:

5 1. Receive written resolutions from any State Central Committee member.

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

14 2. The Committee will determine that all resolutions are legible and in  
15 presentable form.

16 b) The Committee must receive all proposed resolutions no later than  
17 forty-five (45) days prior to the State Central Committee meeting, a  
18 copy of which shall be sent to all members off the State Central  
19 Committee thirty (30) days prior to the State Central Committee  
20 meeting.

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

24 d) No resolution may be presented to the floor of the State Central

1 Committee except through the Resolutions Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

23 7. Resolutions will have an effective lifespan of two years. All resolutions,  
24 and actions taken pursuant to them, shall be published on the Idaho Republican

1 Party website.

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

9 1. The Hall of Fame Award categories will be as follows:

- 10 a) Outstanding Republican Worker
- 11 b) Outstanding Republican Precinct Committeeperson
- 12 c) Outstanding Republican County, Legislative, and Regional  
13 Chairman
- 14 d) Outstanding Republican State Legislator(s)
- 15 e) Outstanding Republican Administrative Official
- 16 f) Outstanding Republican Federal or Statewide Elected Official
- 17 g) Most Valuable Person
- 18 h) Lifetime Achievement Award
  - 19 i. The Lifetime Achievement Award may only be awarded to  
20 an individual who has worked consistently for 25 years or  
21 more in the Idaho Republican Party. The Lifetime  
22 Achievement Award may be awarded to more than one  
23 person in any given year, or it may not be awarded at all, if  
24 no one qualifies for the award in that particular year. The



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  
4 the grantor of the proxy,

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

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

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

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

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
- 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

22 B. Non-voting (ex-officio) members:

- 23 1. The Immediate Past State Chairman
- 24 2. The Executive Director

- 1           3. The chairman or designee of each officially recognized Republican Donor club
- 2           4. The Teenage Republican Representative
- 3           5. The national committeeman and national committeewoman elect.
- 4           6. One representative of each Republican Congressional office.
- 5           7. One representative of each Republican State Constitutional Office or their
- 6           designated representative\

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

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

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

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

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

- 23       A. Region I - Counties of Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone
- 24       B. Region II - Counties of Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater, and Idaho



- 1 C. Region III - Counties of Valley, Adams, Washington, Payette, Canyon, Gem, Elmore,
- 2 Owyhee, and Boise
- 3 D. Region IV - County of Ada
- 4 E. Region V - Counties of Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Lincoln, Cassia, Twin Falls, Camas,
- 5 and Blaine
- 6 F. Region VI - Counties of Bannock, Power, Oneida, Caribou, Bear Lake, Bingham, and
- 7 Franklin
- 8 G. Region VII - Counties of Bonneville, Butte, Madison, Jefferson, Fremont, Clark, Custer,
- 9 Lemhi, and Teton

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11 **Section 2:** A Region Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and such other officers of the Region

12 shall be elected by the County Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, Youth

13 Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen from the counties and Legislative Districts

14 composing a Region. Such elections must be held within fifteen (15) days following the election

15 of county officers, after five (5) days notice. The election of the Regional Officers shall be

16 carried out by secret ballot, except in uncontested races.

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

19 Rules are:

- 20 A. To represent the counties and legislative districts within the region at Executive
- 21 Committee meetings wherein decisions are made concerning policies and programs of the
- 22 State Central Committee.
- 23 B. To keep the State Executive Committee and State Central Committee informed of
- 24 activities and problem areas in the region.

1 C. To interpret actions and decisions of the State Executive Committee and State Central  
2 Committee with particular reference to political and financial plans (including campaign  
3 and fundraising programs) to the counties and legislative districts in the region.

4 D. To coordinate inter-regional activities such as:

5 1. Lincoln Day affairs

6 2. Fundraisers for County, State, and National candidates, and

7 3. Campaign rallies for County, State, and National candidates

8 E. To encourage the counties in the region to fill their county quotas for the State budget.

9 F. To assure that the counties and legislative districts in the region conduct their meeting for  
10 the purposes of:

11 1. Organization, and

12 2. Selection of delegates to the State Convention according to the Election Laws of  
13 the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

14 G. In order to accomplish the responsibilities listed in this section, the Region Chairman  
15 shall attend State Executive Committee meetings and State Central Committee meetings.

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

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

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

5           I. The Region Chairman shall respond to requests from the State Chairman and Executive  
6                           Director with regard to recommendations concerning outstanding Precinct  
7                           Committeemen, outstanding County and Legislative District Chairmen and others who  
8                           deserve special commendation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1       A. County organization,
- 2       B. Selecting delegates to the State Convention, and
- 3       C. Nominating candidates to fill vacancies in county government offices

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

- 7       D. Campaigns
- 8       E. Publicity
- 9       F. Finance
- 10      G. Filling precinct committee vacancies, and
- 11      H. Other topics as required.

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

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

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21       **Section 8:** The County Central Committee shall appoint by election Precinct Committeemen to  
22 fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeemen. Candidates shall be  
23 qualified electors of the precinct. Notices of precinct vacancies shall be announced at least two  
24 weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. All nominations shall be from the floor, and in the

1 event of a contested race, election shall be by secret ballot.

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

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

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15 **Section 11:** If the office of Vice Chairman, secretary or treasurer becomes vacant because of  
16 resignation, death or otherwise, the county chairman shall, within thirty (30) days and after  
17 giving at least seven (7) days notice, call a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of  
18 filling the vacancy.

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20 **Section 12:** Representation and voting by proxies shall be allowed at County Central Committee  
21 meetings except for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State  
22 Convention, and nomination of nominees to fill county vacancies. Proxies shall be honored if  
23 written by the grantor to another voting member and limited to that particular meeting. Fifty-one  
24 percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the county shall constitute a quorum,

1 unless county by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

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

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

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

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

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24 **Section 4:** The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of three (3)

1 nominees within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment is made within fifteen (15) days, the  
2 County Central Committee shall designate one (1) of the three (3) nominees to fill the vacancy.

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

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

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

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23 **Section 3:** The County Chairman shall submit the names of the three (3) nominees to the Board  
24 of County Commissioners within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in



1 order of the number of votes received.

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

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

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

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23 **Section 2:** The Legislative District Chairman shall assure the existence of a set of rules and  
24 by-laws for the legislative district organization. These rules must be compatible with the

1 Election Laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

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

5 A. Legislative district organization

6 B. Selecting delegates to the State Convention, and

7 C. Nominating candidates to fill vacancies in the State Legislature

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

11 A. Campaigns

12 B. Publicity

13 C. Finance, and

14 D. Other topics as requested

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

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

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

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

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

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22 ***ARTICLE VIII: FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES***

23 **Section 1:** In the event a vacancy arises in the Idaho State Legislature, by reason of resignation,  
24 death or otherwise, the Chairman of the Legislative District in which such vacancy exists shall

1 call a meeting of the Legislative District Committee within ten (10) days and after giving  
2 seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose for the meeting which is recommending to the  
3 Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***ARTICLE XI: ELECTRONIC MEETINGS***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 and  
10          alternate delegates to the state convention.
- 11          2. Each delegate/alternate position will be considered one at a time, with nominations  
12          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 secret  
15          ballot.
- 16          5. The newly elected legislative district chair shall appoint no fewer than two people to  
17          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 district  
20          within the state of Idaho can be selected as delegates and alternate delegates to the  
21          Idaho Republican State Convention.

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

1 the May primary election, the Chair of each Legislative District shall submit their rules  
2 under which the election of delegates and alternates to the state convention will be  
3 conducted to the State Party Headquarters. Such rules should answer the following  
4 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 ensure  
14 they provide open, fair access to delegate and alternate positions, and that the results  
15 reflect the judgement of the precinct leaders duly elected without interference or bias  
16 produced inherently by the electoral process. Prior to the 60 day deadline for submittal, a  
17 legislative district may request the Chairman's review to ensure acceptance.

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

21 E. Any person who wishes to be nominated to be a delegate or alternate delegate to the state  
22 convention must complete and sign the Delegate Pledge Form before being nominated as  
23 a delegate or alternate delegate. The Delegate Pledge Form shall be a standard form  
24 provided by the State Party Headquarters and shall include the candidates name, mailing

1 address, phone number, email address, and a statement that the candidate is affiliated  
2 with the Republican Party and is a voter residing in the applicable Idaho county and  
3 legislative district for which he or she would serve as a delegate, and can and has every  
4 intention of attending the state convention as a delegate or alternate delegate.

5 F. Nominations shall remain open until all persons who wish to be nominated have the  
6 opportunity to do so.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **Section 1:** Thirty (30) days prior to the May Primary Election in each Presidential election year,  
22 and prior to May 1, in each non-Presidential election year, each Republican County Chairman  
23 shall prepare and forward to the Republican State Chairman, in care of the GOP State  
24 Headquarters, a notice stating the date, time, and place of meeting to be held within ten (10) days

1 after the primary election, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the GOP State Convention,  
2 who will select Delegates to the Republican National Convention.

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

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

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

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

22 **Section 1:** By the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> day after the May Primary Election, the respective Chairmen of  
23 each County Central Committee or Legislative District shall submit a statement giving the  
24 names, mailing address, phone number, and email address for each Delegate and Alternate

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

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

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18 **Section 3:** Any person aggrieved by the manner of conduct in the proceedings in any Legislative  
19 District or County meeting, or of any Legislative District Chairman or County Chairman, or of  
20 the State Chairman prior to the convening of the State Convention shall specify the reasons  
21 therefore in writing. Appeals may only be undertaken for alleged failures to observe the  
22 provisions of these rules, and Notice of Appeal must be in writing over the names of the persons  
23 aggrieved, and must specify the particulars alleged violate. The State Chairman shall refer such  
24 cases to the Credentials Committee of the Convention who shall make a recommendation to the

1 Convention as a whole. Delegates involved in the case shall not be allowed to vote on the  
2 question.

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4 ***ARTICLE IV: STATE CONVENTION***

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

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

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

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

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

1 also participate in the Republican presidential primary.

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

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

9 **Section 1:**

10 A. No less than fifteen (15) days prior to the presidential primary, a candidate who has  
11 properly filed with the Secretary of State's Office to run in the Republican  
12 presidential primary shall submit to the State Party Chairman:

13 1. A nonrefundable delegate processing fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000)  
14 made payable to the Idaho Republican Party,

15 2. A list of proposed delegates, in order of preference, totaling up to eighty  
16 percent (80%) of the total number of delegates to the Republican National  
17 Convention allocated to Idaho, and

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

21 B. In the event the Secretary of State removes a candidate's name from the ballot for any  
22 reason pursuant to Idaho Code, the candidate whose name is removed from the ballot  
23 shall not be entitled to a refund of the delegate processing fee. A candidate who



1           withdraws from the race, suspends his campaign, or releases delegates without  
2           removing his name from the ballot shall likewise not be entitled to a refund of the  
3           delegate processing fee.

4           C. Any candidate who fails to submit a list of proposed delegates and a list of proposed  
5           alternates to the Republican National Convention in compliance with any provision of  
6           subsection (a) of this section forfeits the ability to designate delegates or alternates to  
7           the Republican National Convention up to the extent of the candidate's  
8           noncompliance.

9           D. Any candidate who fails to pay the delegate processing fee in compliance with  
10          subsection (a)(1) of this section forfeits the ability to designate delegates and  
11          alternates to the Republican National Convention.

12          E. A candidate who forfeits the ability to designate delegates or alternates to the  
13          Republican National Convention in whole or in part shall not be denied the amount of  
14          pledged delegates or alternates as otherwise provided in these rules.

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

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20       **Section 3:**

21          A. Delegates must be apportioned among the candidates on the Republican presidential  
22          primary ballot by determining the proportion of the number of votes cast for each  
23          candidate to the total number of votes cast for all candidates in the Republican  
24          presidential primary. For each delegate apportioned to a candidate, an alternate

1 delegate is also apportioned to that candidate.

2 B. In order for a candidate to qualify for an apportionment of delegates, a candidate must  
3 receive at least twenty percent (20%), before rounding, of the total vote cast for all  
4 candidates in the Republican presidential primary. If a candidate fails to garner  
5 twenty percent (20%) of the total vote, the candidate does not qualify for an  
6 apportionment of delegates, and delegates that would be pledged to such a candidate  
7 will be apportioned proportionally among candidates who clear the twenty percent  
8 (20%) threshold. Provided however, if no candidate clears the twenty percent (20%)  
9 threshold, the provisions of this subsection shall not be in effect, and delegates shall  
10 be apportioned proportionally.

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

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16 **Section 4:**

17 A. If a candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the vote in the Republican  
18 presidential primary, the candidate is entitled to have eighty percent (80%) of all the  
19 delegates and alternates apportioned to Idaho selected from their lists of delegates and  
20 alternates provided to the Chairman. If the candidate's list of delegates or list of  
21 alternates does not include a sufficient number of names to fill each slot allocated to  
22 the candidate, the unfilled delegate or alternate slots will be filled at the State Party  
23 Convention.

24 B. If no candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the vote, each candidate

1           who is apportioned delegates is entitled to have eighty percent (80%) of that  
2           candidate's delegates and alternates selected from their lists provided to the  
3           Chairman. Each candidate's delegate and alternate slots shall be filled in order of  
4           preference from each candidate's list. If any candidate's list of delegates or list of  
5           alternates does not include a sufficient number of names to fill each slot allocated to  
6           the candidate, the unfilled delegate or alternate slots will be filled at the State Party  
7           Convention.

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

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14   **Section 6:** The remaining twenty percent (20%) of delegate and alternate slots shall be  
15   selected as pledged delegates to the Republican National Convention, using the same  
16   proportion as the presidential primary and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of  
17   this Article. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the Nominating Committee of  
18   the Idaho State Republican Convention. If a candidate's list of proposed delegates or  
19   alternates does not include a sufficient number of names to fill all the delegate or alternate  
20   slots otherwise apportioned to the candidate, the unassigned delegate and alternate slots will  
21   be filled by the Nominating Committee in the manner consistent with all other delegates and  
22   alternates selected by that committee, provided however, that delegate slots filled in this  
23   manner must be pledged to the candidate who would have otherwise been able to designate.

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

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8 **Section 8:**

9 A. On the first ballot taken at the Republican National Convention, the delegates and  
10 alternates must vote for the candidate who proposed them on their list or the  
11 candidate to whom they are pledged if selected by the Nominating Committee.

12 B. If a candidate dies, withdraws, or releases delegates or alternates prior to the  
13 commencement of the Idaho State Republican Convention without submitting a list of  
14 proposed delegates to the Chairman or having submitted a list with too few proposed  
15 delegates to fulfill the allocation that would otherwise correspond to such a candidate,  
16 then the Nominating Committee may nominate as many delegates and alternates as  
17 the candidate would have been entitled to serve as uncommitted delegates.

18 C. If a candidate dies, withdraws, or releases delegates and alternates prior to the first  
19 ballot at the Republican National Convention, delegates and alternates committed to  
20 such a candidate shall, thereupon, become uncommitted delegates.

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22 ***ARTICLE VII: FREEDOM OF OPPORTUNITY***

23 **Section 1:** At all stages of the Delegate selection process, the party shall insure that there is no  
24 discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, or age. The

1 unit rule shall not be used in any stage of the Delegate selection process.

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

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

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# RULES OF THE CONVENTION

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

**Section 1:** The Convention shall be called to order by the Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party. 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 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.

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.

E. He shall designate one or more Parliamentarians for the Convention proceedings.

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.

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

1 inability of the Chairman to so act.

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3 **ARTICLE II: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

5 A. The call to order by the State Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party and other opening  
6 ceremonies.

7 B. Designation of one or more Parliamentarians.

8 C. Approval of the Credentials Committee report.

9 D. Roll Call.

10 E. Appointment of Vice Chairman, Attaches, Aides, and Sergeants-at-Arms, subject to  
11 confirmation by the Convention.

12 F. Approval of the Rules Committee report.

13 G. Approval of the Platform Committee report.

14 H. Approval of the Resolutions Committee report.

15 I. Action on the report of the Nominating Committee and selection of presidential electors.

16 J. Election of the officers of the Idaho Republican Party in the following order:

17 1. Chairman

18 2. First Vice Chairman

19 3. Treasurer

20 4. Secretary

21 5. (In presidential election years) National Committeewoman

22 6. (In presidential election years) National Committeeman

23 7. Second Vice Chairman

24 K. Miscellaneous business

1 L. Adjournment - Sine Die

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

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

5 A. Credentials

6 B. Rules

7 C. Platform

8 D. Resolutions

9 E. Nominating in the year of presidential elections.

10 F. Such other and further committees as shall be deemed advisable by the Chairman of the  
11 Convention

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

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22 **Section 3:** Credentials Committee:

23 The Credentials Committee shall:

24 A. Determine and report on the eligibility, qualifications, and priority of all Delegates and



1 Alternates.

2 B. Determine and report on the number of votes to which each county and Legislative  
3 District is entitled.

4 C. Hold hearings and make inquiries into any contested matters of eligibility, qualifications,  
5 and priority of Delegates and Alternates, and shall notify and provide an opportunity to  
6 any aggrieved party to be heard prior to taking final action with reference to such  
7 Delegates or Alternates.

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

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15 **Section 4: The Rules Committee:**

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

1 B. The Rules Committee may draft and propose changes to the rules governing the Idaho  
2 Republican Party. Proposed changes shall then be presented to the floor of the  
3 Convention for consideration and possible acceptance. If accepted by the Convention, the  
4 changes will be forwarded to the Standing Rules Committee at their next regularly  
5 scheduled meeting. If accepted by the Standing Rules Committee the proposed changes  
6 will then be considered by the State Central Committee for their incorporation into the  
7 permanent Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.  
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9 **Section 5:** Platform Committee: The Platform Committee shall:

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

14 B. Prepare and submit to the Convention a proposed Platform.

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

18 No Platform Plank may be presented to the floor of the Convention except through  
19 submission in writing to the Platform Committee. Platform Planks will be presented to  
20 the floor for Convention consideration during the Platform Committee report.  
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22 **Section 6:** Resolutions Committee: The Resolutions Committee shall:

23 A. All suggestions, proposals and ideas are to be submitted to State Party Headquarters, by  
24 or through any Delegate or Alternate and in accordance with the State Party Rules no

1 later than 12 days prior to the State Convention, a copy of which shall be sent to all  
2 delegates no later than 10 days before the meeting. Where two or more proposed  
3 resolutions cover essentially the same topic, the State GOP officials may ask authors/  
4 sponsors to combine them in time to be sent to all delegates three days prior to the State  
5 Convention.

6 B. Prepare and submit to the Convention proposed resolutions.

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,  
16 and the Rules of the National Republican Party, consider and nominate Candidates  
17 for Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Republican Convention. The  
18 Committee shall further nominate Candidates as Presidential Electors.

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

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

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  
19 Region Chairs. Additionally, the State Party Chairman shall appoint five at-large  
20 members.

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22 **Section 8: Committee Rules:**

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

1 Rules of the Convention.

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3 **ARTICLE IV: RULES**

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

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7 **ARTICLE V: NOMINATING**

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

10 Any County or Legislative District may:

11 A. Nominate not more than one (1) Candidate to each office or

12 B. Yield to another County or Legislative District for the purpose of making a nomination.

13 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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23 ***ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS***

24 **Section 1:** All Delegates and Alternates must wear official Convention Delegate badges during

1 Convention sessions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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3 **KEY:**

4 **I, II, III, IV – Articles**

5 **1., 2., 3., 4. – Sections**

6 **A., B., C., D. – Subsection**

7 **1., 2., 3., 4. – Paragraphs**

8 **a), b), c), d). – Subparagraphs**

9 **i., ii., iii., iv. – Subparagraph Sections**