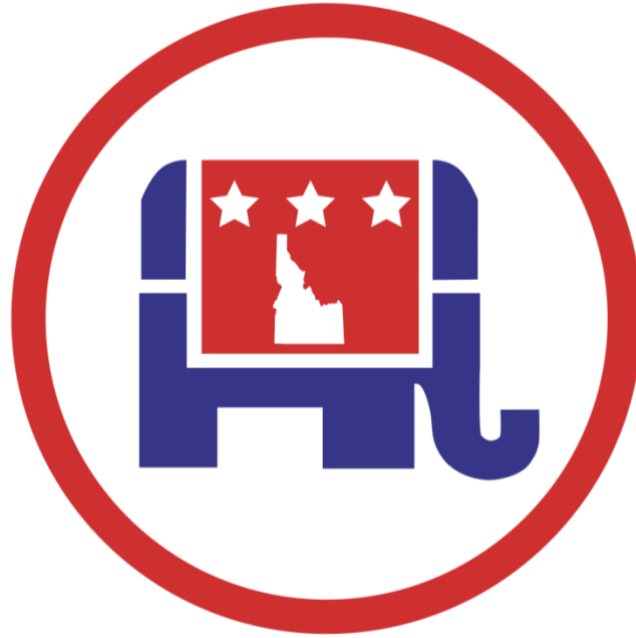


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## Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P1

### Passed by: Bonneville County Central Committee

Submitted by: Mark R. Fuller, Bonneville County Central Committee Chairman; Doyle Beck, Legislative District 30 Chairman; Kirk Larson, Legislative District 33 Chairman; Jared Gifford, Bonneville County Youth Committeeman; Karie Caldwell, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; and Tony Potts, Bonneville County State Committeeman.

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

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

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

(a) The Standing Committee on Audit shall consist of seven members, including the State Party Treasurer, who is a member ex-officio with a vote. Three members of the Standing Committee on Audit shall be State Central Committee members who are not members of the State Executive Committee. Three members of the Standing Committee on Audit, other than the Treasurer, shall be members of the State Executive Committee representing three different Regions. At the next State Executive Committee Meeting held after the Winter Meeting in 2018-19, and each succeeding odd numbered year, these members shall be appointed to a two year term. Members of the Standing Committee on Audit, other than the Treasurer, shall be appointed by the State Executive Committee upon recommendation of the State Chairman. The State Chairman shall not be a member of the Standing Committee on Audit. The Standing Committee on Audit, after appointment, shall elect a Chair to serve for a two year term. All members shall be financially knowledgeable and have no business or personal relationship that may interfere with the exercise of their independence with respect to the State Party and its financial management.

(b) The Standing Committee on Audit shall:

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

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

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

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

(b) The reports of independent auditors on the applicable financial statements;

(c) Any matters required to be communicated to the Standing Committee on Audit by the independent auditors under generally accepted auditing standards and the disclosure requirements of the Independence Standards Board;

(d) The system of internal financial controls;

(e) The independent auditors' letter of recommendations; and

(f) The Executive Committee's responses to the letter of recommendations;

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

## Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P2

### Passed by: Bonneville County Central Committee

Submitted by: Mark R. Fuller, Bonneville County Central Committee Chairman; Doyle Beck, Legislative District 30 Chairman; Kirk Larson, Legislative District 33 Chairman; Jared Gifford, Bonneville County Youth Committeeman; Karie Caldwell, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; and Tony Potts, Bonneville County State Committeeman.

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

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

The Rules Committee shall:

- (1) Receive written Rules from any State Central Committee (SCC) member. To be considered by the Rules Committee, rules must first be considered and approved by a County, District, or Regional, or State Executive Committee or be submitted by the State Party Chairman. Rules shall be received by the Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the meeting. A copy of the proposed rules shall be sent to all members of the SCC thirty (30) days before the meeting, and a digital version shall be available to party members at large. Rules not received by the Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the State Central Committee meeting shall require both a typed and an electronic copy of the proposed rule and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Rules Committee to consider the rule. If passed, the proposed rule will be handled the same as a rule received before the deadline. A SCC Member may only submit up to two (2) proposed rule changes per SCC Meeting. The Committee will determine disposition. The Sponsor or appointed representative will be give up to ten (10) minutes before the Committee to propose the rule. A like time will be given to any member opposed to the rule. The total time for consideration shall be twenty (20) minutes after which a majority will prevail. Time may be extended by prerogative of the Chair or by vote of the committee.
- (2) The Committee will determine that all rules are legible and in presentable form.

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

## Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P3

### Passed by: Bonneville County Central Committee

Submitted by: Mark R. Fuller, Bonneville County Central Committee Chairman; Doyle Beck, Legislative District 30 Chairman; Kirk Larson, Legislative District 33 Chairman; Jared Gifford, Bonneville County Youth Committeeman; Karie Caldwell, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; and Tony Potts, Bonneville County State Committeeman.

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

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

The Resolutions Committee shall:

- (1) Receive written resolutions from any State Central Committee member. To be considered by the Resolutions Committee, resolutions must first be considered and approved by a County, District, or Regional Committee, or State Executive Committee or State Party Chairman. Each Resolution shall name the author/sponsor or appointed representative will present the resolution to the Committee. The Committee will determine disposition. The sponsor will be given up to five (5) minutes before the Committee to propose the resolution. A like time will be given to any member opposed to the resolution. The total time for consideration shall be ten (10) minutes after which a majority vote will prevail.
- (2) The Committee will determine that all resolutions are legible and in presentable form.
  - A. The Committee must receive all proposed resolutions no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the State Central Committee meeting, a copy of which shall be sent to all members off the State Central Committee thirty (30) days before the meeting and a digital version shall be made available to party members at large. Where two (2) or more proposed resolutions cover essentially the same topic, State GOP officials may ask authors/sponsors to combine them in time to be sent to all State Central Committee members thirty (30) days prior to the State Central Committee meeting.
  - B. Where the two (2) resolutions are opposed on the same subject, the Committee may submit either or both to the State Central Committee with a recommendation that either or both pass.
  - C. No resolution may be presented to the floor of the State Central Committee meeting except through the Resolutions Committee.



- D. Each member of the State Central Committee (SCC) may submit up to two (2) proposed resolutions per SCC meeting.
- (3) Resolutions that fail but receive at least one-third (1/3) of the vote of the Resolutions Committee meeting may be presented on the floor by a minority report with each side of the proposition given three (3) minutes to present its arguments to the body.
  - (4) Resolutions not received by the Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the State Central Committee meeting shall require both a typed and an electronic copy of the proposed resolution and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Resolutions Committee to consider the resolution. If passed, the proposed resolution will be handled the same as a resolution received before the deadline.
  - (5) Any member attending the State Central Committee meeting may attend the Resolutions Committee meeting and take part in the discussion but will have no vote. Any interested party shall be permitted to attend the Resolutions Committee meeting as guest of any State Central Committee member. At the invitation of the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, guests may be allowed to speak.
  - (6) Upon receiving the Report of the Standing Resolutions Committee, the State Chairman shall recognize a designated member of the Resolutions Committee to read the resolution to the body, and move for its adoption. Debate on each resolution shall be no more than five (5) minutes per side.
  - (7) Resolutions will have an effective lifespan of two years. All resolutions, and actions taken pursuant to them, shall be published on the Idaho Republican Party website.

## **Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P4**

### **Passed by: Bonneville County Central Committee**

Submitted by: Mark R. Fuller, Bonneville County Central Committee Chairman; Doyle Beck, Legislative District 30 Chairman; Kirk Larson, Legislative District 33 Chairman; Jared Gifford, Bonneville County Youth Committeeman; Karie Caldwell, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; and Tony Potts, Bonneville County State Committeeman.

### **Revise Article III, Section 2 to include the following Subpart:**

A Region Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and such other officers of the Region shall be elected by the ~~County Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, Youth 16 Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen~~ delegates to the Republican State Convention from the counties and ~~Legislative Districts~~ composing a Region. Such elections ~~must be held within fifteen (15) days following the election of county officers, after five (5) days notice~~ shall be held at the Republican State Convention. The elected Region officers shall serve until the next Republican State Convention. The election of the Regional Officers shall be carried out ~~by secret ballot, except in uncontested races~~ pursuant to the process outlined in “Rules of the Convention,” Article 6 of these bylaws.

**AND**

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

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(j) Election of the Regional Officers.

~~(j)~~ (k) Adjournment – Sine Die

**AND**

### **Revise Rules of the Convention, Article VII to include the following Subpart:**

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

## **Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P5**

**Passed by: Bonneville County Central Committee**

Submitted by: Mark R. Fuller, Bonneville County Central Committee Chairman; Doyle Beck, Legislative District 30 Chairman; Kirk Larson, Legislative District 33 Chairman; Jared Gifford, Bonneville County Youth Committeeman; Karie Caldwell, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; and Tony Potts, Bonneville County State Committeeman.

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

#### **Article XI: Electronic Meetings**

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

## **Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P6**

### **Passed by: Bonneville County Central Committee**

Submitted by: Mark R. Fuller, Bonneville County Central Committee Chairman; Doyle Beck, Legislative District 30 Chairman; Kirk Larson, Legislative District 33 Chairman; Jared Gifford, Bonneville County Youth Committeeman; Karie Caldwell, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; and Tony Potts, Bonneville County State Committeeman.

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

#### **ARTICLE \_\_\_\_: Judicial Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P7**

### **Passed by: Bonneville County Central Committee**

Submitted by: Mark R. Fuller, Bonneville County Central Committee Chairman; Doyle Beck, Legislative District 30 Chairman; Kirk Larson, Legislative District 33 Chairman; Jared Gifford, Bonneville County Youth Committeeman; Karie Caldwell, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; and Tony Potts, Bonneville County State Committeeman.

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

#### **Article \_\_\_: Integrity In Affiliation**

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

Section 2: The people of Idaho demand leaders who will uphold their oath of office and the Constitution and are accountable to the people who elect them.

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

#### Candidate Disclosure:

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

Or,

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

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

- (a) The Legislative District Chairman may issue a press release stating that the candidate has refused or failed to submit the Candidate Disclosure Statement and that the Idaho Republican Party cannot endorse said candidacy.
- (b) This press release may be provided by the Legislative District Chairman for publication in all newspapers within that District within 10 days of receipt, at no cost to the Party or Legislative District.

## **Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P8**

**Passed by: Benewah County Central Committee, Bonner County Central Committee**

Submitted by: Hari Heath, Benewah County State Committeeman, Victoria Zeischegg, Bonner County Chair

### **Amend Article II Section 2 as follows:**

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

(A) Voting members:

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

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

- (1) The Immediate Past State Chairman
- (2) The Executive Director
- (3) The Chairman or designee of each officially recognized Republican Donor club
- (4) The Teenage Republican Representative
- (5) The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman elect
- (6) One representative of each Republican Congressional office
- (7) One representative of each Republican State Constitutional Office or their designated representative
- (8) The Young Republican State Chairman
- (9) The President of the Idaho Republican Women's Federation
- (10) The President of the College Young Republicans



## Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P9

Passed by: Benewah County Central Committee

Submitted by: Hari Heath, Benewah County State Committeeman

### Amend Article VIII, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 as follows:

#### ARTICLE VIII: FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES

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

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

**Section 3:** The Legislative District Chairman shall submit the ~~names~~ name of the ~~three (3) nominees selected replacement legislator~~ to the Lt. Governor, in the case of a Senate Member replacement or the Speaker of the House, in the case of a House Member replacement within two (2) days of their selection. ~~Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.~~

**Section 4:** ~~The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of three (3) nominees within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment has been made within fifteen (15) days, the Legislative District Committee shall designate one (1) of the three nominees to fill the vacancy. The legislative vacancy shall be deemed filled upon notice of the selection of a replacement legislator to the Lt. Governor or the Speaker of the House, respectively.~~

## **Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P10**

**Passed by: Idaho County Central Committee**

Submitted by: Marilyn Giddings, Idaho County Chair

### **Revise the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party to include the following Article, Platform Loyalty and Accountability:**

#### ARTICLE XII Republican Platform Loyalty & Accountability

Section 1: The State Central Committee, which is composed of broadly diverse representatives of the Republican Party, will be the evaluating body that judges, reprimands, and sanctions any Republican legislator who they determine has intentionally or consistently opposed multiple platform principles of the Republican Party in performing the duties of elected office in such a way that significantly undermines the core principles of the Republican Party Platform.

The following steps list the due process that must be followed to bring such a challenge against a sitting legislator, which may ultimately result in the necessity to withdraw Republican endorsement of the legislator.

- A. A challenge must originate from at least 2 elected Precinct Committeemen from each of 8 different counties. Each of the 8 County Central Committees must approve the proposed challenge before the challenge can be officially filed.
- B. The challenge must (1) specify which Republican Platform principle was opposed by the legislator, (2) clearly state the oppositional behavior/s to this platform principle, and (3) must be accompanied by attached evidence and documentation verifying the alleged behavior actually happened. Videos, taped recordings, official voting record, or any performance-of-duty action are examples of acceptable concrete evidences. Hearsay or unverified media reports are not acceptable evidence.
- C. The challenge and accompanying documentation must be submitted to the Chairman of the State Central Committee at least 28 days before a quorum meeting of the State Central Committee.
- D. The Chairman will provide a complete copy of the challenge and all accompanying documentation to the Republican State Central Committee members at least 21 days before the next State Central Committee meeting. At the same time the Chairman will send by certified mail to the legislator being challenged (1) a complete copy of the challenge, (2) a copy of the Article XII Republican Party Rule, and (3) an invitation to appear before the State Central Committee members at the designated time and place with the purpose and opportunity for the legislator to justify or explain his/her actions that opposed the platform.
- E. During the State Central Committee meeting the Chairman will conduct the hearing of the challenge and facilitate the legislator's explanation and testimony. After reviewing all the evidence and testimony, the Committee will immediately proceed to vote by secret ballot. If the majority of members agree that the legislator has inappropriately opposed Republican principles, AND that the accumulated actions significantly undermine the core principles of the Republican platform, a warning will be issued insisting that the Republican platform be respected and represented honorably while in office.

- F. The Chairman will send a certified letter to the legislator within 7 days after the meeting stating the decision of the committee and if appropriate, a warning that if the same oppositional behaviors persist against platform principles, the Republican Party will withdraw Republican endorsement of the legislator.
- G. In the case that an additional challenge is filed regarding continued similar behavior persisting against platform principles and which may or may not include additional issues to the previous challenge, the new challenge must follow the same steps of due process. However, this time if the committee agrees for the second time that the legislator has in fact continued to oppose the platform, and overall does not represent Republican ideology in job performance, the committee will withdraw endorsement of the Republican Party of said legislator. Thereafter the Party will not recognize the legislator as a Republican.
- H. The Chairman will again have a certified letter delivered to the legislator within 7 days after the meeting stating the decision of the committee.

*Suggested form to implement the new rule*

**Republican Evaluation Form**  
**To be completed by the originator and submitted to the Party Chairman**

**Elected Republicans are expected to perform by the standards set by the platform.**

Idaho citizens can reasonably assume by common sense that all elected Republicans should predominately guide their performance of duty by the Republican Platform, which is a valid reflection of the Republicans throughout the state. The people deserve to be honestly represented by elected officials who respect their clearly stated platform of principles.

**Registered Republicans establish Republican Party Principles.**

The Idaho State Republican Party relies on the elected Republicans of the Idaho House of Representatives and Senate to support the principles of the Idaho Republican Party Platform which were established by the Republicans of this state. To run and be elected as a Republican is a clear affiliation and responsible commitment to serve Republican values.

**Who are the evaluators who must decide Republican loyalty?**

The Idaho Republican State Central Committee is the representative body of registered Republicans of the 44 counties of the Idaho. As designated by Article XII section 1 of the Republican Party Rules, a quorum meeting of this representative body will carefully and thoughtfully evaluate the alleged offenses of an elected Republican legislator who has intentionally or consistently opposed multiple Republican platform principles in such a way that significantly undermines the core principles of the Republican Party Platform.

**The following 16 Idaho elected Precinct Committeemen challenge the Republican affiliation of the following elected Republican legislator.**

**Name of elected legislator under evaluation** \_\_\_\_\_  
**District #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of 2 precinct committeemen from 8 counties that bring this challenge on behalf of their respective counties**

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**Republican principles in question:**

I. A. Quote the exact platform principle that has been opposed by this legislator:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Attach if more space is needed.

B. Describe the oppositional behavior/s to this platform principle and attach evidence and/or documentation:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Attach if more space is needed.

For each additional platform principle and related oppositional behavior/s use the same format as above. II. A and B; III. A and B; etc.

## **Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P11**

**Passed by: Jefferson County Republican Central Committee**

Submitted by: Rachel Hatton, Fremont County Republican Youth Committeeperson

### **Amend Article I, Section IV as follows:**

**Section 4:** The voting membership of the Republican State Central Committee shall consist of all voting members of the State Executive Committee, County Chairmen, State Committeemen, State Committeewomen, State Youth Committeeperson, and Legislative District Chairmen. A duly elected Vice-Chairman of a Legislative District or County may vote in the absence of the Chairman.

A voting member's proxy from a non-represented county may only be honored if said proxy is carried by the Legislative District Chairman or Vice-Chairman. Should the Legislative District Chairman be unable to attend, the voting member's proxy from a non-represented county may be carried by the Region Chairman. A written proxy from an absent member to a voting member present from the same county, or as described above, shall be honored if filed prior to the commencement of any meeting with the State Central Committee Secretary. The proxy of a Legislative District Chairman in the absence of the Legislative District Vice-Chairman shall be given only to a voting member present from a county lying within the legislative district or within which the legislative district lies. The Proxy of a member of the State Central Committee shall be cast only by a voting member present from a region where said member resides. A quorum shall exist if fifty-one percent (51%) of the counties are represented. All voting members of the Republican State Central Committee or any person carrying a proxy for such member must have Republican Party affiliation. Furthermore, the act of un-affiliation with the Republican Party shall be considered as a resignation of any positions held in the Central Committee.

***\*\*\*A Vice-Chairman should have the authority to vote in the absence of the Chair. The Vice-Chairman has been duly elected of the county and legislative district by the elected precinct committeemen/women in the county and legislative district. This is the reason for my proposed changes.***

***Thank you for your time,***

***Rachel Hatton, Fremont County precinct officer, Fremont County Youth  
Committee Chair***

## Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P12

Passed by: Madison County Central Committee

Submitted by: Britt Raybould, Madison County State Committee Youth Chair

### Amend Article I, Sections 2, 5, 8, 11, 12, and 16 as follows:

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

**Section 5:** The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall have general administrative supervision over the organization and affairs of the Idaho Republican Party, shall preside at all meetings, and shall perform all other duties as are incident to his office, subject in all cases, however, to the direction of the Republican State Central Committee. The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall be elected to serve a two-year term by the ~~Delegates to the State Republican~~ Central Committee at the annual Winter Meeting in the odd year following a national election beginning in 2021 and every two years afterwards. TO bridge the gap between implantation of annual winter meeting elections and the prior Convention election schedule, the current terms for state party officers elected in 2018 (Chairman, Vice-Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer) will extend to the annual winter meeting in 2021. Convention, convening regularly every two years. ~~If the State Republican Convention fails to elect a successor, the State Central Committee shall convene an emergency meeting for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman.~~

**Section 8:** The First Vice Chairman and the Second Vice Chairman shall be elected by the ~~delegates to the State Convention which convenes~~ State Central Committee at the annual winter meeting in the odd year following a national election every two years. The Second Vice Chairman shall be from the opposite Congressional District of the First Vice Chairman. In the event of a vacancy in the First or Second Vice Chairman, the State Executive Committee shall appoint an interim successor to serve until the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall elect a successor to serve until the next winter meeting following a national election year ~~State Convention.~~

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

meeting of the State Central Committee, which shall elect a successor to serve until the next annual winter meeting following a national election year. ~~State Convention.~~

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

**Section 16:** The two year term of office of the State Chairman shall begin immediately upon election by the ~~Republican State Convention~~ State Central Committee. The four (4) year term of office of the National Committeewoman and National Committeeman shall commence the day after the close of the Republican ~~National State Convention.~~ The two (2) year term of office for the First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall commence immediately following the ~~Republican State Convention~~ annual winter meeting held after a national election year.

## **Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P13**

**Passed by: Madison County Central Committee**

Submitted by: Britt Raybould, Madison County State Committee Youth Chair

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

#### XX. Financial Review Committee

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

**Section 1:** The FRC will have physical and/or digital access to all financial details from the date of the last review or the start of the most recent biennial budget up, whichever is most recent, and up to the date the committee convenes.

**Section 2:** The FRC will be composed of a rotating list of three State Central Committee members chosen from current County Chairmen and Legislative District Chairmen. The schedule will follow an alphabetical and numerical order and rotate between two county chairmen/one legislative chairman and two legislative chairmen/one county chairman.

#### Example:

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

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

**Section 3:** The Party Chairman will notify the County and Legislative District Chairmen of their selection to the FRC. If a County or Legislative Chairman can't participate on the committee as scheduled, the Party Chairman will move to the next member on the respective list of chairmen.

**Section 4:** Meetings of the FRC may happen in person or in accordance with Article XI: Electronic Meetings. Any official business or votes taken by the committee require the participation of all three members.

**Section 5:** The FRC shall complete and present a draft report of its findings to the Party Chairman and Executive Committee no later than three months after the review start date and at least six weeks prior to the annual winter meeting. The report will provide include one of the following status options:



(1) Pass – Financial activities are documented in full; party expenditures match the approved biennial budget and any existing supplementation;

(2) Review Required – Documentation for financial activities is missing; party expenditures do not appear to match the approved biennial budget or supplementation; a list of items needing review and resolution included

**Section 6:** A draft report submitted with a status of “Pass” must be reviewed by the Party Chairman and the Executive Committee prior to the annual winter meeting. A 2/3 majority vote by the Executive Committee is required to accept the report. An executive summary of the report will be prepared by the Party Chairman and presented to the State Central Committee at the next annual winter meeting.

**Section 7:** A draft report submitted with a status of “Review Required” will identify issues to be addressed by the Party Chairman, Executive Committee, and/or staff with a deadline of four (4) weeks after receipt. On that date, an explanation for how each identified issue in the report was resolved must be provided to the FRC.

**Section 8:** The FRC will review the resolution of the issues, and if it determines the issues to be resolved, it can update the report status to “Pass.” The Party Chairman and Executive Committee will then complete the process described in section (f) with the provision that the report may happen at the annual summer meeting if issues are resolved after the annual winter meeting and prior to the annual summer meeting.

**Section 9:** In the event the FRC does not believe all identified issues have been resolved, the report status will remain “Review Required.” The FRC will determine how much additional time to provide the Party Chairman, Executive Committee, and/or staff to resolve the issues. The schedule and timing for resolving these issues is at the discretion of the FRC but must be completed prior to the next annual meeting (winter or summer). If the Party Chairman and Executive Committee decline to work with the FRC the report status will remain “Review Required.”

**Section 10:** If the status of a report remains “Review Required” by the next winter or summer meeting, the Party Chairman will provide an executive summary to the State Central Committee explaining the outstanding issues and how the Executive Committee plans to resolve those issues.

**Section 11:** In the event, that a FRC’s report status remains “Review Required,” no new biennial budget can be approved by the Executive Committee and implemented by the Party Chairman until all identified issues in the report are resolved and the FRC updates the report status to “Pass.” The Party Chairman and Executive Committee will then complete the process described in section (f).

**Section 12:** Access to this financial information comes with the expectation of confidentiality and specific details disclosed to a member of the FRC may not be released to the public without the permission of the Executive Committee. A 2/3 majority vote is required for a public release. FRC members who make public specific financial details without the permission of the Executive Committee will be blocked from participating on the FRC for two years from the date of disclosure. Disclosing to other State Central Committee members does not qualify as a public release and those members are held to the same confidentiality standards outlined in this section.

## **Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P14**

**Passed by: LD17 Central Committee**

Submitted by: David DeHaas, LD17 Chair, Matthew Jensen

### **Revise Article III to include the following Article:**

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

1. (a) If such a situation is not already provided for in existing Region Bylaws, the Region Chair will be therefore vacant, and the State Chairman must call for a region meeting, and either chair that Region meeting personally for the purpose of electing new Region Officers as needed, or appoint a registered Republican resident of said region for the specific purpose of electing new Region Officers as appropriate .
2. (b) If all applicable rules and bylaws have been followed and still for some reason Article III, Section 2 has not been carried out in a timely manner as required, the State Chairman, or whoever is duly-authorized to act as such, shall call a Region meeting post haste to resolve or address the failure as best as possible and elect new Region Officers as needed

## Proposed Rule Change 2019 – P15

Passed by: LD17 Central Committee

Submitted by: David DeHaas, LD17 Chair, Matthew Jensen

### **Amend Article V, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4; Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4; Article VIII, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 as follows:**

#### ARTICLE V: FILLING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VACANCIES

Section 1: In the event a vacancy arises on a board of County Commissioners, by reason of 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.

Section 2: At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of ~~recommending to 11 the Governor three (3)~~ selecting a 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.~~

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

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

#### ARTICLE VI: FILLING COUNTY VACANCIES OTHER THAN COMMISSIONERS:

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.

Section 2: At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of ~~recommending to 13 the Board of County Commissioners three (3)~~ selecting 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 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.~~

Section 3: The County Chairman shall submit the names of the ~~three (3)~~ nominees to the ~~Board 24 of County Commissioners~~ County Clerk within two (2) days of their selection. ~~Said nominees shall be listed in order of the number of votes received.~~

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 vacancy.~~

#### ARTICLE VIII: FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES:

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 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) selecting nominees to fill said vacancy.

Section 2: At the meeting of the Legislative District Committee for the purpose of ~~recommending to the Governor~~ three (3) selecting a 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.~~

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

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.~~