

# BYLAWS

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21 REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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# LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21 REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

## ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Legislative District 21 Republican Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as the District Committee.

## ARTICLE II. MISSION

The mission of the Legislative District 21 Republican Central Committee is to promote the Republican philosophy, to build and strengthen the Republican Party from the grassroots up, and elect Republican candidates.

## ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY AND DOCUMENTS

Legislative District 21 Central Committee shall be the governing body of the organization; and these Bylaws and Rules of Order of the District Committee shall be the governing documents of the organization. The Bylaws and Rules shall be in compliance with the Idaho Republican Party Rules and the Election Laws of the State of Idaho.

## ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

The District Committee is composed of Precinct Committeemen of precincts within District 21, elected at the State Primary Election or duly elected at a County Central Committee meeting, the legislative district chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and such other officers of the District as are elected by the qualified electors of the District Committee.

Section 1. Voting - Only duly elected precinct committeemen from precincts within the legislative district may vote at regular and special meetings of the District Committee. Officers who are precinct committeemen shall have one vote.

Section 2. Proxy Voting – shall be allowed with the following exceptions. The exceptions as limited by State Party Rules. No proxy voting when voting for officers, delegates, alternates, nominees for filling legislative vacancies, and bylaw amendments. Proxy votes shall be in writing, signed by the precinct committeeman assigning the proxy, and carried by a voting member of the District Committee.

Section 3. Quorum – Twenty five percent (25%) of the duly elected precinct committeemen and officers who are precinct committeemen shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the District Committee.

Section 4. Alternate Precinct Committeemen may vote only in the absence of a Precinct Committeemen. They may not vote for the election of District Central Committee officers, election of delegates and alternates to the State Convention, and nominations to fill legislative vacancies.

#### ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The District Committee shall meet biennially at the organization meeting for the purpose of election of officers and election of voting delegates and alternates to the Idaho Republican Convention.

a. The organization meeting shall be called by the District Chairman to be held upon seven (7) days notice and within eleven (11) days after each Primary Election at a location within the legislative district.

Section 2. The District Committee shall meet for the purpose of nominating candidates to the fill vacancies in the State Legislature.<sup>1</sup>

a. The Chairman of the Legislative District in which shall vacancy occurs shall call a meeting of the District Committee within ten (10) days of occurrence of the vacancy and after giving forty-eight (48) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.

b. At the meeting of the District Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy in the Legislature, only precinct committeemen shall be entitled to nominate and vote. All nominees must reside within the Legislative District. Precinct committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.

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

d. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Rules of the Idaho Republican Party, Filling Legislative Vacancies.  
Article VII, Sec. 1-4

- Section 3 Regular Meetings - shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the Committee. Notice of meetings shall be given at least four (4) days in advance of the date of the meeting.
- Section 5 Special Meetings – A special meeting may be called at the discretion of the Legislative District Chairman when deemed necessary by the Chairman to consider urgent business concerning the Committee. Notice of special meetings of the District Committee shall be given not less than four (4) days in advance of the meeting.
- Section 6 Petition for Meeting – Upon receipt of a written petition signed by one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the District Committee requesting a special meeting, the Legislative District Chairman shall, within 10 days, and upon not less than four (4) days notice, call a meeting of the District Committee as requested by the petition.

## ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the District Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the Secretary, and such other officers of the District as are elected by the qualified electors of the District Committee.

- Section 1. Election of Officers
- a. All officers of the District Committee shall be elected by the precinct committeemen at an organization meeting called by the incumbent Chairman to be held within eleven (11) days after the Primary Election and upon seven (7) days notice at a location within the legislative district. Only precinct committeemen elected in the May Primary Election may vote.
  - b. Nominations - At the organizational meeting, all nominations for the election of officers shall come from the floor and only precinct committeemen shall be eligible to move such nominations.
  - c. Nominees - Any qualified resident of the District who is a qualified elector of Legislative District 21, is eligible for nomination and election.
  - d. Balloting - When more than one candidate is nominated for an office, election to that office shall be by secret ballot.
- Section 2. Duties of Officers
- a. Chairman – In addition to the duties specifically provided for by the laws of the State of Idaho, the Chairman shall preside at all District Committee meetings, and shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, if any, and serve as ex-officio member of all standing and special committees of the District Committee.

- b. Vice Chairman – In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings of the District Committee, and assume those functions of the Chairman in the conduct of normal business. He shall perform such other duties that may be delegated to him by the Chairman.
- c. Secretary - The Secretary shall maintain a permanent record of all regular, special, and executive meetings of the District Committee; shall take minutes of all District Committee meetings, maintain a permanent record of the minutes, and mail or electronically mail the minutes of District Committee meetings to all members. The Secretary shall perform such other duties that may be delegated to him by the Chairman.

**Section 3. Vacancy in Officer Positions**

- a. Should a vacancy arise in the office of Legislative District Chairman, the Vice Chairman of the District shall call a meeting for the purpose of electing a new District Chairman. This meeting shall be called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the vacancy and upon giving seven (7) days notice.
- b. Should a vacancy arise in the office of Vice Chairman or Secretary or other elected officer position of the District Committee, the Legislative District Chairman shall within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the vacancy and upon giving seven (7) days notice, call a Legislative District meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

**Section 4. Removal of Officers - Officers serve at the pleasure of the Committee. They shall serve until their successors are elected pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho. Any officer deemed unwilling to perform the duties required by these Bylaws and by the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the duly elected Precinct Committeemen present at a regular or special meeting of the District called for the purpose of considering the removal of officer(s). Proxies shall not be allowed for a vote on removal of an officer.**

**No officer shall continue to serve if no longer a resident of the Legislative District.**

## ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

- Section 1. Special and standing committees may be appointed by the Chairman as may be necessary to the administration of the business of the District Committee.
- Section 2. Duties – The duties of all committees shall be designated by the Chairman and subject to the review of said Chairman.

## ARTICLE VIII. PLATFORM, RESOLUTIONS, AND RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

The District Committee may meet to consider or develop proposed Platform planks, Resolutions, and/or Rules for the Idaho Republican Party. The proposed Platform changes/additions, Resolutions, and Rules shall be submitted to the District Committee members at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposals will be voted upon. The Platform, Resolutions, and Rules shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Committee and submitted to the Idaho Republican Party and received by the state party at least ten days prior to convening of the State Convention.

## ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceedings of the District in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, state statute, or State Party Rule.

## ARTICLE X. BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of Legislative District 21 Republican Central Committee may be amended, providing a quorum exists, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the precinct committeemen in attendance at any regular or special meeting of the District Committee, called for the purpose of considering amendments to these Bylaws.

- Section 1. Only qualified and duly elected precinct committeemen may vote on proposed Bylaw amendments.
- Section 2. Notice of Amendment – Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be presented, in writing, to members of the District at least ten days prior to the vote on the amendment(s).
- Section 3. All voting members shall be notified at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s) will be voted upon.

Section 4. Conflicts – Should changes occur in the laws of the State of Idaho or the Rules or Bylaws of the Idaho Republican Party, which changes create conflicts with these Bylaws, the Legislative District Chairman shall call a meeting of the Committee to review those changes and to make appropriate amendments to conform with the laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party. The provisions for amendment of these Bylaws shall apply to the above amending process, except that the notice specified in Article VII, Section 2, shall not be required.

Section 5. Effective Date – All amendments shall become effective immediately upon approval, unless otherwise specified.

Bylaws for Legislative District 21 Republican Central Committee were adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

Legislative District Chairman

Attest:

Vice Chairman

## **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21 CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

### **RULES OF ORDER**

The order of business at duly called meetings of Legislative District 21 Central Committee may include but not be limited to:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum Report
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
5. Financial Report
6. Committee Reports
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

Amendments to the Rules of Order may be made at any regular meeting of the Legislative District 21 Central Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote without notice and a majority vote with notice. All amendments become effective immediately, unless otherwise specified.