

# **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20 IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Legislative District 20 of the Idaho Republican Party, hereinafter referred to as the District.

## **ARTICLE II. MISSION**

The mission of Legislative District 20 is to promote the Republican philosophy, to build and strengthen the Republican Party from the grassroots up, and to elect Republican candidates.

## **ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY AND DOCUMENTS**

Legislative District 20 shall be the governing body of the organization; and these Bylaws and Rules of Order of the District 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 is composed of Precinct Committeemen of precincts within District 20, 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.

- Section 1. Voting - Only duly elected precinct committeemen from precincts within the legislative district may vote at regular and special meetings of the District. Officers who are precinct committeemen shall have one vote.
- Section 2. Proxy Voting – shall be allowed except as limited by State Party Rules, and 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.
- Section 3. Quorum - Fifty-five percent (55%) of the duly elected precinct committeemen and officers who are precinct committeemen shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the District.

Section 4. Alternate Precinct Committeemen may vote only in the absence of the Precinct Committeemen, except for the election of District Central Committee officers, election of delegates and alternates to the State Convention, and nominations to fill legislative vacancies and vacancies on the ballot.

## ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Organization Meeting - The District 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.

b. Only precinct committeemen may nominate, second, and vote for officers, delegates, and alternates. Officers, delegates, and alternates must be qualified electors of Legislative District 20. They are not required to be precinct committeemen.

Section 2. Vacancy in Legislature - The District shall meet with a quorum present for the purpose of nominating candidates to the governor to fill vacancies in the State Legislature. The requirements and procedures for the meeting are listed on the attached "Rules for Vacancy in Legislature."

Section 3. Vacancy on Ballot - The District shall meet with a quorum present for the purpose of electing legislative candidates if vacancy on ballot occurs prior to or ten days after the Primary Election. The requirements and procedures for the meeting are listed on the attached "Rules for Vacancy on Ballot."

Section 4. Regular Meetings - shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the District. 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 District. Notice of special meetings of the District 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 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 as requested by the petition.

## ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the District 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.

### Section 1. Election of Officers

- a. All officers of the District 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 20, and who is a bona-fide and recognized member of the Republican Party 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 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.
- b. Vice Chairman – In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings of the District, 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; shall take

minutes of all District meetings, maintain a permanent record of the minutes, and mail or electronically mail the minutes of District meetings to all members and attendees of the meetings. 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, 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.**

**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 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 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 20 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, called for the purpose of considering amendments to these Bylaws.

- Section 1. Only qualified and duly elected precinct committeemen, or alternates in the Committeeman's absence, 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.

# **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20**

## **RULES OF ORDER**

The order of business at duly called meetings of Legislative District 20 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 Legislative District 20 by a two-thirds (2/3) vote without notice and a majority vote with notice. All amendments become effective immediately, unless otherwise specified.

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20

### RULES FOR VACANCY IN THE LEGISLATURE

The District shall meet with a quorum present for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill District vacancies in the State Legislature.

1. The Chairman of the Legislative District shall call a meeting of the District within ten (10) days of occurrence of the vacancy and after giving at least forty-eight (48) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy.
2. Only precinct committeemen shall be entitled to nominate and second nominations for candidates and to vote. Proxy voting is not allowed and precinct alternates are not allowed to nominate, second, or vote.
3. Qualifications for Nominees: must have resided within the Legislative District and have been qualified electors for at least the past one (1) year; must be at least 21 years of age, and a citizen of the United States. Nominees must sign a copy of the attached certification of qualifications for candidacy.
4. Precinct committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.
  - a. Nominating and seconding speeches shall be limited to one (1) minute.
  - b. Nominations from the floor will be asked for. If none, the Chairman will accept a motion to close nominations.
  - c. Nominees will be allowed three (3) minutes to discuss their qualifications and philosophy. There will be no questions asked of the candidates.
  - d. Voting will be by secret ballot.
  - i. First Round Voting: Precinct Committeemen will vote for one (1) candidate. The candidate with the highest percentage of votes over 50% will be the first choice nominee. That person's name will be removed from the list.
  - ii. Second Round Voting: Precinct Committeemen will vote for one (1) candidate. The candidate receiving 50% of votes will be the second choice nominee. That person's name will be removed from the list. In the case of a tie, one re-vote will be allowed. If that does not break the tie, section iv. may apply.
  - iii. Third Round Voting: The Precinct Committeemen will vote for one (1) candidate. The candidate receiving 50 % of the vote will be the third choice nominee. In the case of a tie, one re-vote will be allowed. If that does not break the tie, section iv. may apply.
  - iv. Should no one receive 50% of the vote, the individual with the lowest vote percentage will be dropped from the list.
5. 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. Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.
6. 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 shall designate one (1) of the three nominees to fill the vacancy.

# LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20

## RULES FOR FILLING VACANCY ON BALLOT

The District shall meet with a quorum present for the purpose of filling vacancies on the ballot that occur during the ten (10) day period before a primary election, or after the primary election but at least ten (10) days before the general election in the state of District 20 Republican candidates for the state legislature.

1. The Chairman of the Legislative District shall call a meeting of the District to fill the vacancy within fifteen (15) days from the date the vacancy occurred and after having given at least forty-eight (48) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is selecting a nominee to fill the legislative vacancy on the general election ballot.
2. Only precinct committeemen shall be entitled to nominate and second nominations for candidates and to vote. Proxy voting is not allowed and precinct alternates are not allowed to nominate, second, or vote.
3. Qualifications for Nominees: must have resided within the Legislative District and have been qualified electors for at least one (1) year by the time of the general election; shall have attained the age of 21 years at the time of the general election, and must be a citizen of the United States. Nominees must sign a copy of the attached certification of qualifications for candidacy.
4. Precinct committeemen may vote for one (1) candidate.
  - a. Nominating and seconding speeches shall be limited to one (1) minute.
  - b. Nominations from the floor will be asked for. If none, the Chairman will accept a motion to close nominations.
  - c. Nominees will be allowed three (3) minutes to discuss their qualifications and philosophy.
  - d. Voting will be by secret ballot if there is more than one candidate.
  - e. The nominee receiving the highest percentage of votes over 50% will be the candidate to fill the vacancy on the ballot.
  - f. Should no one receive 50% of the vote, the individual with the lowest vote percentage will be dropped from the list if there are five or fewer nominees. If there are six or more nominees, the three individuals with the lowest vote percentages will be dropped from the list.
5. The District Chairman shall within twenty-four 24 hours submit the name of the candidate selected to the Secretary of State.
6. The candidate selected must, in order to have his name on the general ballot, file a declaration of candidacy and pay the required filing fee.



**CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS  
FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am seeking the Legislative District 20 nomination as a  
(print name)  
Republican candidate for appointment to the Idaho State \_\_\_\_\_  
(Senate, House, Seat A or B)

I certify that I have resided in District 20 for at least the past one (1) year; that I am at least 21 years of age; that I am a qualified elector of District 20; and that I am a citizen of the United States of America.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS  
FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE *on the ballot***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am seeking the Legislative District 20 appointment as a  
(print name)  
Republican candidate on the General Election Ballot for the Idaho State

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Senate, House, Seat A or B)

I certify that I will have resided in District 20 for at least the past one (1) year at the time of the General Election; that I am or will be at least 21 years of age at the time of the General Election; and that I am a citizen of the United States of America.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

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Date