

# Idaho Republican State Central Committee

## Proposed Rule Changes

Summer State Central Committee Meeting

June 15, 2013



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## Proposed Rule Change 2013 – P06

### Proposed Rule Amendment to Article I Section 15 A

Submitted by Elaine King Madison County

REASON for Rule Addition: Whereas it is written in The Resolution Committee that they shall:

Article I, Section 15 B (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.

Therefore it is proposed that the Rules Committee follow the same rule as the Resolutions Committee.

The Addition of Subsection (3) to Article I Section 15 A as follows:

(3) Rules that fail but receive at least one-third (1/3) of the vote of the Rules 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.

## Proposed Rule Change 2013 – P07

### Proposed Rule Change to Article IX Section 4

Submitted by Boundary County Republican Central Committee

Proposed deletion of Article IX Section 4, reason being to eliminate the need for voters to publicly choose which party they wish to vote for thereby hopefully bringing more people to the polls.

### **ARTICLE IX: CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT AND REPUBLICAN PARTY REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO VOTE IN A REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION**

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

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

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

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

## Proposed Rule Change 2013 – P08

### Proposed Rule Amendment to Article X

Submitted by Rod Beck, Region 4 Chair

Addition of a “Section 5” to ARTICLE X: INTEGRITY IN GOVERNMENT as states:

Section 5: Any Candidate seeking the Republican Nomination for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction & Controller shall first request an endorsement for such office from the Governing body of the Idaho Republican Party. The Chairman of the Idaho Republican party shall provide a certified letter to the Idaho Secretary of State no later than the filling deadline, as provided by law, of all candidates who properly requested and received the endorsement of the Idaho Republican Party. The Idaho Republican Party may provide an endorsement for multiple candidates for the same office. The Idaho Secretary of State shall only publish names of candidates on the Idaho Republican Primary Ballot that are contained on the certified letter from the Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party.

Section 6: Any Candidate seeking the Republican Nomination for United States Senate or the United States House of Representatives shall first request an endorsement for such office from the Governing body of the Idaho Republican Party. The Chairman of the Idaho Republican party shall provide a certified letter to the Idaho Secretary of State no later than the filling deadline, as provided by law, of all candidates who properly requested and received the endorsement of the Idaho Republican Party. The Idaho Republican Party may provide an endorsement for multiple candidates for the same office. Only Members of the Governing body that are registered to vote in the Congressional District applicable shall vote for the endorsement. The Idaho Secretary of State shall only publish names of candidates on the Idaho Republican Primary Ballot that are contained on the certified letter from the Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party.

Section 7: Any Candidate seeking the Republican Nomination for the Idaho legislature shall first request an endorsement for such office from the Governing body of the Idaho Republican Party. The Legislative District Chairman shall provide a certified letter to the Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party no later than 5 days prior to the filing deadline, as provided by law. The Chairman of the Idaho Republican party shall provide a certified letter to the Idaho Secretary of State no later than the final filling deadline, as provided by law, of all candidates in each legislative district who properly requested and received the endorsement of the Idaho Republican Party Legislative District Committee. The Idaho Republican Party Legislative District committee may provide an endorsement for multiple candidates for the same office. Only Members of the Governing body that are registered to vote in the Legislative District applicable shall vote for the endorsement. The Idaho Secretary of State shall only publish names of candidates on the Idaho Republican Primary Ballot that are contained on the certified letter from the Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party.

Section 8: Any Candidate seeking the Republican Nomination for County Commissioner, Clerk Auditor, Sherriff, Treasurer, Coroner & Assessor shall first request an endorsement for such office from the Governing body of the Idaho Republican Party in the County of the office the candidate is seeking. The Republican County Chairman of each County in Idaho shall provide a certified letter to the Clerk/ Auditor in that County no later than the filling deadline, as provided by law, of all candidates in the County who properly requested and received the endorsement of the County Republican Party Governing Body. The County Republican Party may provide an endorsement for multiple candidates for the same office. Only Members of the Republican County Governing body shall vote for the endorsement. The County Clerk/ Auditor shall only publish names of candidates on the Idaho Republican Primary Ballot that are contained on the certified letter from the Republican County Chairman of that County.

## Proposed Rule Change 2013 – P09

### Proposed Rule Amendment Article X Section 2, Section 3, and Section 4 and adding a Section 5 Submitted by Sandy Skinner, State Committeewoman, Payette County

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. We call upon the State Chairman to communicate to the party at large information regarding adherence by Republican federal office holders, statewide office holders, and State Legislators adherence to the state party platform and applicable resolutions adopted at our state conventions and party meetings.

- (a) The State Chairman shall prepare a press release with this information on adherence to the state party platform and provide to District Chairman at least 60 days prior to the primary election.
- (b) District Chairman shall send the press release out to all newspapers within their district for publication no later than 30 days prior to the primary election.

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

Candidate Disclosure:

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

Or,

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

~~Section 3:~~ Section 4: The candidate disclosure statements and any exceptions noted therein shall be posted on the Idaho Republican Party internet site at least 30 days prior to the state primary election and shall be made available to anyone making a request. Should any candidate fail to submit the Disclosure Statement, the Party Chairman will announce this failure no later than 40 days prior to the primary election. In this case the following actions will be taken:

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

~~Section 4:~~ Section 5: We ask that all candidates certify they are not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party.

## Proposed Rule Change 2013 – P10

### Proposed Rule Amendment to Article X

Submitted by Ron Nate

#### Proposed addition of Section 5 to Article X

Section 5: If a republican legislator votes on legislation in contradiction to a specific Resolution of the Idaho Republican Party directed at that legislation, then the State Central Committee at its subsequent meeting shall enumerate the reasons why the particular vote contradicts the Republican ideals and shall hold a vote whether to support—either financially or in-kind—the legislator in his/her subsequent re-election campaign.

## Proposed Rule Change 2013 – P11

### Proposed Rule Amendment to Article III, Section 5

Submitted by Region VII

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

## Proposed Rule Change 2013 – P12

### Proposed Rule Amendment to Article I, Section 2

Submitted by Colleen Erikson

Article I, Section 2: Following the last sentence

Reorder Section 2 first Paragraph with Level “A”, and then add to the bottom section “B”

B. Regular meetings shall be held at least twice annually. The Winter Meeting of the State Central Committee shall be held in Boise at a time set by the Chairman, in consultation with the Executive Committee. The location of the Summer Meeting shall rotate each year between northern and southern Idaho and shall be held in a location which will allow a majority of the voting members of the State Central Committee to attend without causing undue hardship due to excessive travel time and costs.

A County Chairman who desires to host the Summer Meeting may contact any member of the Executive Committee with a proposal not less than two weeks prior to the Winter Meeting. Members of the Executive Committee may also contact county chairs to determine an appropriate location. Time and place of the Summer Meeting will then be determined by the Executive Committee at its Winter Meeting.

## Proposed Rule Change 2013 – P13

### Proposed Rule Amendment to Article I, Section 15

Submitted by Colleen Erikson

Section 15: (B) Resolutions Committee

(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~~ each resolution to the body and move for its adoption. Debate on each resolution shall be no more than five (5) minutes per side.

## Proposed Rule Change 2013 – P14

### Proposed Rule Amendment to Article I, Section 15

Submitted by Harmony Rice Legislative District 12 Chair

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

Section 8: The County Central Committee shall appoint by election Precinct Committeemen to fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeemen, except when multiple districts are contained in the county. In counties with multiple districts, the District Central Committee shall appoint by election Precinct Committeemen to fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the offices of Precinct Committeemen. Candidates shall be qualified electors of the precinct. Notices of precinct vacancies shall be announced at least two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. All nominations shall be from the floor, and in the event of a contested race, election shall be by secret ballot.

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

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

- (a) Legislative district organization,
- (b) Filling Precinct Committeemen vacancies where applicable (See ARTICLE IV: Section 8),
- (c) Selecting delegates to the State Convention, and
- (d) Nominating candidates to fill vacancies in the State Legislature

## Proposed Rule Change 2013 – P15

**Proposed Rule Amendments to Article V, Sections 1, 6, 7, 10 & 11 and Article VI, Section 4 & 5**  
Submitted by John Cross Region 1 Chair and Tony Wisniewski, Kootenai County Vice Chair

### Article V: IDAHO REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION CAUCUS

**Section 6:** All registered Republicans of the county...The Chair or designate shall also allow for each candidate on the ballot, or a representative of their campaign, to offer some brief remarks to the assembly. ~~And at the start of each successive round, should such rounds be provided for.~~

**Section 7:** Voting takes place in successive one rounds. ~~After each round, the candidate receiving the fewest votes and any candidate(s) receiving fewer than 15% of the Caucus vote are removed from the ballot. Voting continues until a single candidate receives greater than 50% of the vote, or until a final vote is taken for the final two candidates.~~

**Section 10:** At the end of ~~each round of the~~ voting, the County Chairman shall announce the results. ~~Voting continues until a single candidate receives greater than 50% of the vote or until a final vote is taken for two remaining candidates. After the final round of voting, the~~ The County Chairman shall phone the ~~final~~ results to the Idaho Republican Party Chairman.

**Section 11:** Once all county results have been phoned in, the Idaho GOP Chairman will ~~declare a preliminary winner of~~ announce the preliminary number of votes cast for each candidate in the Idaho Republican Presidential Nomination Caucus. After voting totals have been counted and called in, the committee-certified report of the ~~final round~~ voting totals must be placed in a sealed envelope and sent via certified mail or private overnight service to Idaho GOP headquarters. The Idaho GOP Chairman will appoint a committee to verify that the total of all the votes cast for each candidate matches the reported county totals. After the verification of all voting totals, the Idaho GOP Chairman will ~~formally declare the official Caucus winner.~~ announce the number of votes cast for each candidate.

### ARTICLE VI: APPORTIONMENT AND SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

**Section 4:** ~~Any candidate winning greater than 50% of a county's vote will be awarded that entire county's share of National Delegates. When neither candidate win greater than 50%, the~~ The candidates will split the county's share of National Delegates, in proportion to the candidates' county vote totals.

**Section 5:** The sum of all the Counties' shares for each candidate, rounding the sum to the nearest whole delegate, will be that candidate's share of the Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention, ~~with the proviso that, if one candidate wins more than 50% of the Idaho allotment of delegates, that candidate shall receive the entire 100% of the allotment of Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention.~~ If the computation results in an unallocated Delegate, the Delegate shall be assigned to the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the Idaho Caucus. If the computation results in the allocation of more Delegates than are available for allocation, the Delegate assignment to the candidate receiving the least number of Caucus votes shall be reduced accordingly.