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Proposed Rule Change 2024 - 09

Amendments to the Idaho State Party Rules

Title: Residency Requirements

Submitted by: Nina Beesley

Presented by: Nina Beesley

Proposal Text: It is proposed to make the following additions to Article 18, Section 1 of the Idaho Republican Party Rules.

ARTICLE XVIII: REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS

Section 1: All members, appointed officers, and elected officers in all committees, and subcommittees, or any proxy or other person authorized to act in place of such people, in all state, region, legislative district, and county committees must have a Republican Party affiliation and be a qualified elector in the place that they reside and represent.

Proposed Rule Change 2024 - 10

Amendments to the Idaho State Party Rules

Title: Reorganization Meetings

Submitted by: William Athay

Presented by: William Athay

ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING

Section 1:

(a) Each legislative district shall use the following rules to elect delegates to the state convention:

(1) Any nominee for the legislative district Chair position may appoint a witness to the counting of a secret paper ballot for the legislative district Chair position. The newly elected legislative district Chair shall conduct the election of delegates and alternate delegates to the state convention.

(2) Each delegate/alternate position will be considered one at a time, with nominations from the floor.

(3) Each nominee for each position will be given 2 minutes to speak. A person may only give one such 2-minute speech regardless of the number of times they are nominated for a delegate/alternate position.

(4) After nomination and nomination speeches, each position will be voted on by secret ballot.

(5) The newly elected legislative district chair shall appoint no fewer than two people to count the ballots and report the results. In the event of a tie, the newly elected Legislative District Chair shall cast a tie-breaking vote.

(6) Only voters affiliated with the Republican Party of a county and legislative district within the state of Idaho can be selected as delegates and alternate delegates to the Idaho Republican State Convention.

Rule 2025-1

Title: Proposed Bonner County Changes to Article IV, V, VI, I

Submitted by: Scott Herndon

To be presented by:

Passed by: Bonner County Republican Central Committee October 15, 2024

ARTICLE IV: THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 13: Representation and voting by proxy shall be allowed at County Central Committee meetings except in counties that have established a system of appointing or electing Alternate Precinct Committeemen, in which case proxies shall not be permitted. The use of proxies when no Alternate system is established shall comply with the requirements of Article XXI. Proxies shall not be allowed for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and **nomination selection** of nominees to fill county vacancies. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Precinct Committeemen from within the county shall constitute a quorum, unless county by-laws designate a different quorum percentage.

Article V. Filling Board of County Commissioners Vacancies.

Section 2: At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy on a board of county commissioners, only Precinct Committeemen shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County 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 County district where the vacancy exists. ~~All Precinct Committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.~~

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

ARTICLE VI: FILLING COUNTY VACANCIES OTHER THAN COMMISSIONERS

Section 2: At the meeting of the County Central Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Board of County Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill such vacancy, only the Precinct Committeeman shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. In the event of a tie vote, the County Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman. In such an event then the County Vice Chairman may cast the tiebreaker vote unless the County 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 County or otherwise satisfy any residency requirement under Idaho law. ~~All Precinct 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 of County Commissioners within two (2) days of their selection. Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.

ARTICLE I: LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING

Section 1: (a) Each legislative district shall use the following rules to elect delegates to the state convention:

(1) Any nominee for the legislative district Chair position may appoint a witness to the counting of a secret paper ballot for the legislative district Chair position. The newly elected legislative district Chair shall conduct the election of delegates and alternate delegates to the state convention.

- (2) Each delegate/alternate position will be considered ~~one-at-a-time~~ separately and not as part of a slate, with nominations from the floor.
- (3) Each nominee for each position will be given 2 minutes to speak. A person may only give one such 2-minute speech regardless of the number of times they are nominated for a delegate/alternate position.
- (4) After nomination and nomination speeches, each position will be voted on by secret ballot. A single ballot process may be used to vote on all of the positions.

Rule 2025-5

Title: Bonneville County (LD-35) Proposed Rule Change

Submitted by: Doug Toomer - Legislative District 35 chairman, Mark Fuller - IDGOP 1st Vice Chair, Mike Colson - Bonneville County Republican Central Committee Chairman

To be presented by:

Passed by:

Rational for Rule Changes

Some Legislative Districts are very large, upwards of over 5,000 square miles and with hundreds of miles between cities (i.e. Legislative District 35). This makes it very difficult and burdensome for precinct committeepersons to be able to attend District reorganization meetings, and therefore making it very difficult to attain a quorum to enable reorganization meetings to occur.

The proposed Rule changes resolve this issue by allowing a District reorganization meeting to be held at multiple 'voting locations' simultaneously where communications between the voting locations are held electronically. However, actual voting is performed in-person and secretly at each voting location, like currently occurs. Voting results for each voting location are then reported between voting locations electronically and vote totals are tallied.

Important aspects are: 1) All PCOs have the opportunity to vote however they must be physically present at a voting location to vote, 2) voter anonymity is preserved, and 3) the voting process is easy to understand and execute.

Proposed Rule Changes

Amend Article XI, Section 1 as follows:

Section 1. Any Committee Meeting (State, Region, Legislative, County Central Committees, Judicial Oversight, Special Committee, etc.), except reorganizational meetings held in accordance with Section 10 below, at the Committee Chairman's discretion, may provide members with the option to participate in through electronic means, including, but not limited to, teleconferencing, audio conferencing and video conferencing. Committee meetings may include physical and/or electronic attendees.

Amend Article XI, Section 10 as follows:

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 **at a voting location** 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~~

If a County or Legislative District extends at least 100 miles at its greatest linear length, the chairman of such County or Legislative District may designate more than one voting location for use in a reorganization meeting. Physical presence at such additional voting locations counts towards any quorum requirements for the meeting.

Rule 2025-9
Title: Regions Realignment Rule

Submitted by: Region V

To be presented by: Mark Johnson, Region V Chairman

Passed by: Region V

Article III, Section 1 of the State Party Rules is amended by striking and inserting the text as shown:

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

~~(A) Region I - Counties of Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone~~

~~(B) Region II - Counties of Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater, and Idaho~~

~~(C) Region III - Counties of Valley, Adams, Washington, Payette, Canyon, Gem, Elmore, Owyhee, and Boise~~

~~(D) Region IV - County of Ada~~

~~(E) Region V - Counties of Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Lincoln, Cassia, Twin Falls, Camas, and Blaine~~

~~(F) Region VI - Counties of Bannock, Power, Oneida, Caribou, Bear Lake, Bingham, and Franklin~~

~~(g) Region VII - Counties of Bonneville, Butte, Madison, Jefferson, Fremont, Clark, Custer, Lemhi, and Teton~~

Section 1: The State shall be divided into ten (10) regions for the purpose of administering the Idaho Republican Party. The regions shall be composed as follows:

(A) Region I - Counties of Boundary, Bonner, and Shoshone

(B) Region II - Counties of Kootenai and Benewah

(C) Region III - Counties of Adams, Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce

(D) Region IV - Counties of Canyon, Owyhee, Payette and Washington

(E) Region V - County of Ada

(F) Region VI - Counties of Boise, Custer, Gem, Elmore and Valley

(g) Region VII - Counties of Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Lincoln, and Twin Falls

(h) Region VIII - Counties of Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Power, and Oneida

(i) Region IX - Counties of Butte, Clark, Fremont, Lemhi, Madison, and Teton

(j) Region X - Counties of Bingham, Bonneville, and Jefferson

Article I, Section 15 (C), of the State Party Rules is amended by striking and inserting the text as shown:

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

Article III, Section 7, of the State Party Rules is amended by inserting the text as shown:

Section 7: After the completion of each decennial census, a committee shall be formed to consider the census data and the results of the subsequent redistricting, and shall report to the next occurring State Party meeting. Such report shall include the making of recommendations for any changes in region boundaries, which may include creation of additional regions. Such committees shall consist of one representative from each region, appointed by the Region Chair, and shall also include a Chair to be appointed by the State Party Chairman. The State Party Chairman may also appoint up to five additional members at the Chairman's sole discretion. **Upon the adoption of any recommendations adjusting the boundaries of the Regions or the number of Region Chairmen, the State Party Chairman shall be authorized to modify the State Party Rules and the Rules of the Convention to the extent that such changes reflect only the newly approved number of Region Chairmen and boundaries of each Region.**

Change all references of 7 Regions to 10 Regions in the state party rules.

Rule 2025-10

Title: Article IX: Central Committee Endorsement and Rules Governing the Eligibility to Affiliate with the Idaho Republican Party

Submitted by: Martin Shaw - Latah County Chair

To be presented by:

Passed by: Latah County Republican Central Committee November 12, 2024

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 any position being voted on in that county in the primary and general election. Endorsements may only be made by a majority vote of the voting members casting ballots and available to all eligible candidates for any given office being endorsed. ~~At no time may Precinct Committeemen be endorsed.~~ However, the Central Committee may not endorse any candidate(s) for the office of Precinct Committeeman.

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 in the primary and general election. Endorsements may only be made by a majority vote of the voting members casting ballots and available to all eligible candidates for any given office being endorsed. ~~At no time may Precinct Committeemen be endorsed.~~ However, the Central Committee may not endorse any candidate(s) for the office of Precinct Committeeman.