

Proposed Rule Change

Passed by Bonneville County Central Committee

Amend Article VIII: Filling Legislative Vacancies as follows:

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 of the meeting, which is recommending to the Governor ~~three (3)~~ one (1) nominee to fill said vacancy.

Section 2: At the meeting of the Legislative District Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor ~~three (3)~~ one (1) nominee to fill 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, 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 of the three (3)~~ name of the nominee to the Governor within two (2) days of its 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)~~ of the nominee within fifteen (15) days. In the event no appointment has been made within fifteen (15) days, the nominee designated by the Legislative District Committee shall ~~designate one (1) of the three nominees~~ to fill the vacancy.

Adopted by the Bonneville County Republican Central Committee September 12, 2019

Resolution Supporting the Electoral College

WHEREAS the Electoral College exemplifies the considerable genius of our Founding Fathers in drafting the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS the framers of the Constitution rejected a national popular vote for President and instead wisely created a balanced representative democracy retaining majority rule with protections as established by the Electoral College from tyranny of the majority; and

WHEREAS the Electoral College was designed to ensure the fair distribution of representation in selecting a President without the predominance of one region and to assure that each state's electoral votes are based on how that state's citizens vote; and

WHEREAS the Electoral College provides an efficient and peaceful transfer of power by protecting rural and regional interests; and

WHEREAS the so-called National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) is a threat to our Constitutional Republic, since the NPVIC allows the popular vote in as few as two heavily populated communities to determine a Presidential Election; and

WHEREAS the NPVIC attempts a short cut to circumvent the Constitutional requirement of 38 states to amend the Constitution, which short cut may be unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS the NPVIC forces electors to vote against the votes cast by the constituents of their own state, creates the potential for nationwide recounts, and opens the door to a federal takeover of election administration; and

WHEREAS circumventing the intent of the Electoral College would encourage presidential candidates to champion the cause of a very small geographic area, effectively ignoring most of the states; and

WHEREAS circumventing the intent of the Electoral College would amplify the effects of voter fraud in a very small geographic area; and

WHEREAS the Electoral College provides for a broad representation of all of the United States;
NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Idaho supports the Electoral College and opposes the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and urges the Idaho Legislature to reject such an interstate compact and to defend the Electoral College as created in the U.S. Constitution.

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