

ARTICLE XII Republican Platform Loyalty & Accountability

Section 1: The State Central Committee, which is composed of broadly diverse representatives of the Republican Party, will be the evaluating body that judges, reprimands, and sanctions any Republican legislator who they determine has intentionally or consistently opposed multiple platform principles of the Republican Party in performing the duties of elected office in such a way that significantly undermines the core principles of the Republican Party Platform.

The following steps list the due process that must be followed to bring such a challenge against a sitting legislator, which may ultimately result in the necessity to withdraw Republican endorsement of the legislator.

- A. A challenge must originate from at least 2 elected Precinct Committeemen from each of 8 different counties. Each of the 8 County Central Committees must approve the proposed challenge before the challenge can be officially filed.
- B. The challenge must (1) specify which Republican Platform principle was opposed by the legislator, (2) clearly state the oppositional behavior/s to this platform principle, and (3) must be accompanied by attached evidence and documentation verifying the alleged behavior actually happened. Videos, taped recordings, official voting record, or any performance-of-duty action are examples of acceptable concrete evidences. Hearsay or unverified media reports are not acceptable evidence.
- C. The challenge and accompanying documentation must be submitted to the Chairman of the State Central Committee at least 28 days before a quorum meeting of the State Central Committee.
- D. The Chairman will provide a complete copy of the challenge and all accompanying documentation to the Republican State Central Committee members at least 21 days before the next State Central Committee meeting. At the same time the Chairman will send by certified mail to the legislator being challenged (1) a complete copy of the challenge, (2) a copy of the Article XII Republican Party Rule, and (3) an invitation to appear before the State Central Committee members at the designated time and place with the purpose and opportunity for the legislator to justify or explain his/her actions that opposed the platform.
- E. During the State Central Committee meeting the Chairman will conduct the hearing of the challenge and facilitate the legislator's explanation and testimony. After reviewing all the evidence and testimony, the Committee will immediately proceed to vote by secret ballot. If the majority of members agree that the legislator has inappropriately opposed Republican principles, AND that the accumulated actions significantly undermine the core principles of the Republican platform, a warning will be issued insisting that the Republican platform be respected and represented honorably while in office.
- F. The Chairman will send a certified letter to the legislator within 7 days after the meeting stating the decision of the committee and if appropriate, a warning that if the same oppositional behaviors persist against platform principles, the Republican Party will withdraw Republican endorsement of the legislator.
- G. In the case that an additional challenge is filed regarding continued similar behavior persisting against platform principles and which may or may not include additional issues to the previous challenge, the new challenge must follow the same steps of due

process. However, this time if the committee agrees for the second time that the legislator has in fact continued to oppose the platform, and overall does not represent Republican ideology in job performance, the committee will withdraw endorsement of the Republican Party of said legislator. Thereafter the Party will not recognize the legislator as a Republican.

- H. The Chairman will again have a certified letter delivered to the legislator within 7 days after the meeting stating the decision of the committee.

Suggested form to implement the new rule

Republican Evaluation Form

To be completed by the originator and submitted to the Party Chairman

Elected Republicans are expected to perform by the standards set by the platform.

Idaho citizens can reasonably assume by common sense that all elected Republicans should predominately guide their performance of duty by the Republican Platform, which is a valid reflection of the Republicans throughout the state. The people deserve to be honestly represented by elected officials who respect their clearly stated platform of principles.

Registered Republicans establish Republican Party Principles.

The Idaho State Republican Party relies on the elected Republicans of the Idaho House of Representatives and Senate to support the principles of the Idaho Republican Party Platform which were established by the Republicans of this state. To run and be elected as a Republican is a clear affiliation and responsible commitment to serve Republican values.

Who are the evaluators who must decide Republican loyalty?

The Idaho Republican State Central Committee is the representative body of registered Republicans of the 44 counties of the Idaho. As designated by Article XII section 1 of the Republican Party Rules, a quorum meeting of this representative body will carefully and thoughtfully evaluate the alleged offenses of an elected Republican legislator who has intentionally or consistently opposed multiple Republican platform principles in such a way that significantly undermines the core principles of the Republican Party Platform.

The following 16 Idaho elected Precinct Committeemen challenge the Republican affiliation of the following elected Republican legislator.

Name of elected legislator under evaluation _____

District # _____

Names of 2 precinct committeemen from 8 counties that bring this challenge on behalf of their respective counties

	Name	county	precinct
1.			

- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 15.
- 16.

Republican principles in question:

- I. A. Quote the exact platform principle that has been opposed by this legislator:

Attach if more space is needed.

- B. Describe the oppositional behavior/s to this platform principle and attach evidence and/or documentation:

Attach if more space is needed.

For each additional platform principle and related oppositional behavior/s use the same format as above. II. A and B; III. A and B; etc.