

Resolution

Title: Prohibiting Candidate Withdrawals After Primary Election

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WHEREAS the people of the State of Idaho place the highest value on the integrity of our elections, and;

WHEREAS the Democratic Party has increasingly engaged in the practice of withdrawing candidates after the primary election and appointing someone new to gain an advantage against Republican primary winners, and;

WHEREAS the practice of swapping candidates after the primary undermines that integrity by devaluing the primary election, and;

WHEREAS in July of 2022, the Idaho Democratic Party replaced its candidate for Attorney General in response to the outcome of the Republican primary, and;

WHEREAS in June of 2024, the District 11 Democratic Central Committee attempted to interfere in the legislative election process by swapping its candidates for House and Senate, contrary to state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican Party condemns the practice of candidates withdrawing from local and statewide elections after winning their primaries, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican Party calls upon the State Legislature to introduce and adopt legislation amending Idaho Code to prohibit candidate withdrawals following the primary election for any reason short of said candidate's death or moving out of the electoral jurisdiction in question, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican Party calls upon the Governor to sign such legislation.