

# Idaho's Presidential Primary

Title 34, Sections 731-740, Idaho Code

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Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks  
August 20, 2015

## President of the United States

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Idaho gives political parties recognized in Idaho the option of conducting a:

- ▶ Presidential Primary Election
- or*
- ▶ Caucus according to party rules

## Notify the Secretary of State

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Each political party must notify the Secretary of State in writing:

- ▶ By the last Tuesday in November of year preceding Presidential Election — **November 24, 2015**
- ▶ Of their choice to participate in the Presidential Primary

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## Notify the Secretary of State, Cont'd

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Also notify the Secretary of State regarding who can participate in a Presidential Primary and State Primary:

- ▶ Party members only
- ▶ Unaffiliated voters
- ▶ Members of other parties

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## Presidential Primary

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The Presidential Primary is held:

- ▶ On the second Tuesday of March — **March 8, 2016**
- ▶ In conjunction with any school bond and/or levy election

## Candidates

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Declaration of candidacy must be:

- ▶ Filed with the Secretary of State
- ▶ With \$1,000 filing fee
- ▶ 90 days before Presidential Primary — **December 9, 2015**
- ▶ Last day to withdraw is 45 days before Primary — **January 22, 2015**

# Ballot

A separate ballot is needed for each political party:

**OFFICIAL REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL  
PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT**      PRECINCT 1

COUNTY      STATE OF IDAHO      MARCH 8, 2016

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**

To vote, fill in the oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice.

To vote a "Write-in", fill in the oval next to the blank write-in line and write the name of your choice on the blank write-in line.

If you make a mistake, request a new ballot from an election worker.

| CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES OFFICES  | If there is a School Bond/Levy, the language will appear in this column. |
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| <p><b>PRESIDENT</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Candidate A</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Candidate B</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Candidate C</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Candidate D</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Candidate E</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Candidate F</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Candidate G</p> |  |

# Voting

- ▶ Consistent with I.C. 34-904A
- ▶ Eligibility is determined by parties:
  - ▶ Party members only
  - ▶ Unaffiliated voters
  - ▶ Members of other parties
- ▶ Unaffiliated voters can affiliate at the polls
- ▶ Absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters are required to be mailed at least 45 days before the Presidential Primary (January 22, 2016)

## Canvass

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- ▶ Counties — 7 days after primary
- ▶ State — 15 days after primary
- ▶ The Secretary of State certifies canvass results to the State Party Chair.

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## Costs

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“The State of Idaho shall assume all costs related to the Presidential Primary.” (I.C. 34-738)

- ▶ Cost sheets and claim forms are submitted to the Secretary of State
- ▶ The cost of any bond or levy election is to be broken out and paid with County Election Consolidation Funds
- ▶ Reimbursement to Counties

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## Caucus

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- ▶ Conducted according to party rules
- ▶ Candidates file with state party
- ▶ Cost assumed by the party

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## General Election Ballot

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The State Party Chairman certifies names of:

- ▶ President
- ▶ Vice-President
- ▶ Presidential Electors
- ▶ Certification deadline — **September 1, 2016**

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## Questions?

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