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34-507. SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION. The delegates to the state convention of each political party shall be selected in the manner prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated and adopted by the state central committee.

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34-606. ELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. (1) At the general election, 1972, and every four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected such a number of electors of president and vice president of the United States as the state may be entitled to in the electoral college.

(2) No person shall be elected to this position unless he has attained the age of twenty-one (21) years at the time of the election, is a citizen of the United States and shall have resided within the state two (2) years next preceding his election.

(3) Such electors shall be certified to the secretary of state as provided for by law.

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34-707. PARTY CONVENTIONS. A state convention shall be held by each political party in each election year at a time and place determined by the state central committee. The state central committee chairman shall preside and cause notice to be given to each legislative district central committee and each county central committee at the earliest possible date.

Each state convention shall write and adopt rules and regulations governing the conduct of their respective conventions.

At their convention each political party may:

(1) Adopt and write a party platform.

(2) Elect any desired officers not otherwise provided for by law.

(3) In the year of presidential elections (a) elect delegates to the national convention in the manner prescribed by national party rules; (b) elect a national committeeman and a national committeewoman; and (c) select presidential electors.

(4) Adopt rules, regulations and directives regarding party policies, practices and procedures.

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34-711.

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. The state chairman of each political party shall certify the names of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates and presidential electors to the secretary of state on or before September 1, unless a five (5) day extension is granted by the secretary of state, in order for them to appear on the general election ballot. The secretary of state shall certify such candidates to the county clerks at the same time as certification of political party candidates nominated for state and federal offices by the voters in the primary election.

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34-711A. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. Independent candidates who have qualified for ballot status pursuant to section [34-708A](#), Idaho Code, shall certify the names of presidential electors to the secretary of state on or before September 1, in order for them to appear on the general election ballot. The secretary of state shall certify the independent presidential electors, and the independent candidates for president and vice-president, to the county clerks on or before September 7.

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34-713. PREPARATION OF PRIMARY BALLOTS. Upon receipt of the sample ballot and instructions from the secretary of state, each county clerk shall print and prepare the official primary ballots for the forthcoming election. The printing of the ballots shall be a county expense and paid out of the county treasury except presidential primary ballots, which shall be paid for as provided in section [34-738](#), Idaho Code.

Each county clerk shall cause to be published on the earliest date possible the names of all the political party candidates who shall appear on the primary or presidential primary ballot. The names shall be listed alphabetically under each particular office title.

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34-731. PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. (1) In years in which a president of the United States is to be nominated and elected, a presidential primary shall be held at which voters may express their choice of candidate for nomination by a political party for president. The presidential primary shall be held on the second Tuesday in March in each presidential election year.

(2) Participation in a presidential primary by a political party shall be optional, and nothing in this chapter shall be construed as mandating a party's participation in a presidential primary. Any party that intends to participate in a presidential primary shall notify the secretary of state's office no later than the last Tuesday in the November prior to the presidential primary.

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34-732. CANDIDATES. The name of any candidate for a political party nomination for president of the United States shall be printed on the ballots only if the candidate files with the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy accompanied by a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) filing fee not less than ninety (90) days prior to the presidential primary.

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34-733. REMOVAL FROM BALLOT. In the event the secretary of state is informed of a candidate's death, incapacity or withdrawal from candidacy, the secretary of state may remove the name of such candidate from the ballot, provided however, that no candidate's name shall be removed within the forty-five (45) days preceding the presidential primary.

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34-734. VOTING. At a presidential primary, qualified electors may vote for one (1) candidate from among the candidates of one (1) political party only in a manner consistent with the provisions of section [34-904A](#), Idaho Code.

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34-736. DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. Upon receiving the results of the presidential primary pursuant to section [34-735](#), Idaho Code, each party participating in the presidential primary shall select, according to national and state party rules, as many delegates and alternates to the national party convention as are allotted to it by the national committee of that party.

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34-737. CONDUCT OF ELECTION. Insofar as practicable, and where the provisions of this chapter do not specifically indicate otherwise, the presidential primary shall be conducted and canvassed in the manner provided by law for the conduct and canvassing of state primary elections.

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34-738. COSTS OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. (1) Whenever a presidential primary is held as provided by this chapter, the state of Idaho shall assume all costs related to the presidential primary, including publication of legal notice and ballot preparation. The county clerk shall determine the costs and file a certified claim, which shall be examined, allowed and paid as other claims against the state are paid.

(2) The costs of any other election held simultaneous to the presidential primary shall be covered in the manner elsewhere prescribed by law.

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34-1501. CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION. The secretary of state shall prepare lists of the names of the electors of president and vice-president of the United States, elected at any election, procure thereto the signature of the governor, affix the seal of the state to the same, and deliver one (1) of such certificates thus signed to each of said electors on or before the second Wednesday in December next after such election.

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34-1502. ELECTION FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. There shall be an election held in this state for the election of such electors, at the times appointed by any law of the Congress or the Constitution of the United States for such election, and when such election shall be special, the same shall be called and held, and the votes polled and canvassed, in all respects as at a general election, and the duties of the electors so elected shall be the same as prescribed by law for electors elected at a general election.

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34-1503. MEETING OF ELECTORS. The electors chosen to elect a president and vice-president of the United States shall, at twelve (12) o'clock noon on the day which is or may be directed by the Congress of the United States, meet at the seat of government of this state, and then and there perform the duties enjoined upon them by the Constitution and laws of the United States. TITLE 34

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34-1504. NOTICE TO GOVERNOR -- VACANCIES, HOW FILLED. Each elector of president and vice-president of the United States shall, before the hour of twelve (12) o'clock on the day next preceding the day fixed by the law of Congress to elect a president and vice-president, give notice to the governor that he is at the seat of government and ready at the proper time to perform the duties of an elector; and the governor shall forthwith deliver to the electors present a certificate of all the names of the electors; and if any elector named therein fails to appear before nine (9) o'clock on the morning of the day of election of president and vice-president as aforesaid, the electors then present shall immediately proceed to elect, by ballot, in the presence of the governor, persons to fill such vacancies.

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34-1505. FILLING VACANCIES -- TIE VOTE. If more than the number of persons required to fill the vacancies, as aforesaid, have the highest and an equal number of votes, then the governor, in the presence of the electors attending, shall decide by lot which of said persons shall be elected; otherwise they, to the number required, having the greatest number of votes, shall be considered elected to fill such vacancies.

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34-1506. NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY. Immediately after such choice is made the names of the persons so chosen shall forthwith be certified to the governor by the electors making such choice; and the governor shall cause immediate notice to be given in writing to the electors chosen to fill such vacancies; and the said persons so chosen shall be electors, and shall meet the other electors at the same time and place, and then and there discharge all and singular the duties enjoined on them as electors aforesaid by the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this state.

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34-1507. COMPENSATION AND MILEAGE OF ELECTORS. Every elector of this state for the election of president and vice president of the United States, hereafter elected, who shall attend and give his vote for those offices at the time and place appointed by law, shall be compensated as provided by section [59-509](#)(d), Idaho Code.