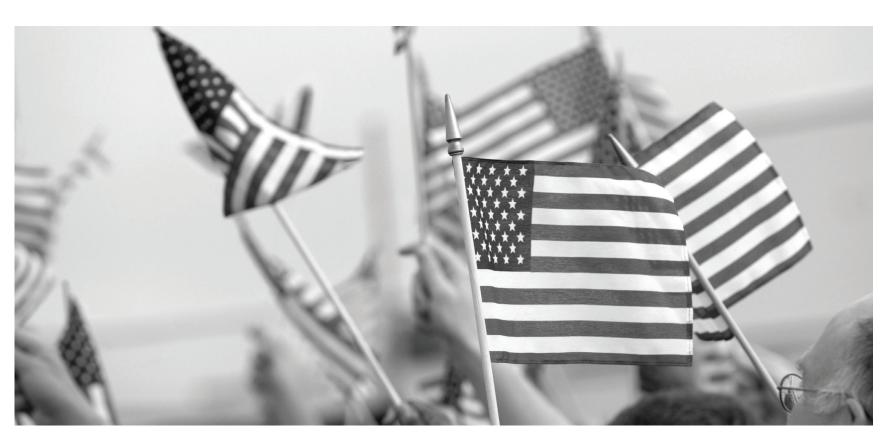


# CAUCUS MEANS BIG CHANGES IN VOTING PROCEDURES FOR IDAHO REPUBLICANS

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# IF YOU WANT A VOICE IN WHO IS NOMINATED AS THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE IN THIS YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL RACE, HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- 1. The Republican candidate for the presidency will be determined in late August at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL.
- **2.** Each state sends a representative number of delegates to the Convention to vote for their candidate; Idaho will send 32 (a total of 2,422 delegates will cast their votes).
- **3.** Idaho Republicans will determine which candidate will be their nominee in a statewide caucus held on "Super Tuesday" March 6.
- **4.** Caucuses are held county by county and vary slightly in procedure, but all are designed to yield a single winning candidate.
- **5.** Residents of the county are encouraged to attend the caucus location and cast their vote by secret ballot.
- **6.** Only registered members of the Republican party may participate, but residents may register as members of the Republican party at the caucus site.
- **7.** Unlike voting in a typical election, voting takes place in successive rounds, eliminating low-vote getters (this may take up to 2–3 hours).
- **8.** Voting ends when either a) one candidate receives a simple majority of at least 50% of the vote, or b) only two final candidates remain on the ballot and the final vote is taken.
- **9.** Idaho's delegates will be apportioned candidates based on the voting totals from the county caucuses.
- **10.** In the event that one candidate receives more than 50% of the statewide county caucus total, that candidate will be awarded all 32 Idaho delegates for the Republican National Convention.



## A change from previous election years.

In the past, Idaho did not follow a caucus system. Instead, candidates were selected through a primary vote held in May. The winner of that vote "won" soft-pledges from 24 of Idaho's 32 delegates. The remaining 8 delegates were allowed to determine their vote at the National Convention.

Though the caucus process may require a little more time commitment from citizens wishing to vote, it ensures Idaho's voice is more unified and makes a bigger impact on the race, much earlier in the process.

### Where will your county caucus be held?

To find out exactly where the caucus in your county will be held—see the Republican Party website at **idgop.org** or **idaho-republican-caucus.com** or contact your local Republican Party office. Most will be held in centrally located schools or civic buildings.

### A few more things to know about the upcoming caucuses.

- You must personally attend the caucus to vote for the Republican presidential nominee of your choice. Be sure to bring a photo ID.
- You must be registered to vote and your political party designation must be "Republican" before you can participate in the Republican caucus. Democrats hold their own election.
- You can find registration information online at www.idahovotes.gov, or at the office of any county clerk.
- You may also submit your voter registration and party affiliation at the caucus before the meeting begins, but lines could be long.
- The caucus is for the presidential election only. Nominations for all other local, state and federal positions will be conducted as usual in late May.

### Caucuses only work when you do your part.

This move will, for the first time ever, give Idaho's Republicans a real voice in the presidential nominations. You should expect to see more presidential campaign activity occurring in Idaho as a result. The caucus tends to take on an old-time neighborhood-meeting atmosphere. Come prepared to cast your vote and have fun in the process.

Since Idaho is a battleground race, your vote matters more than ever! Attend your local caucus March 6. To learn where to vote, visit: idgop.org.