

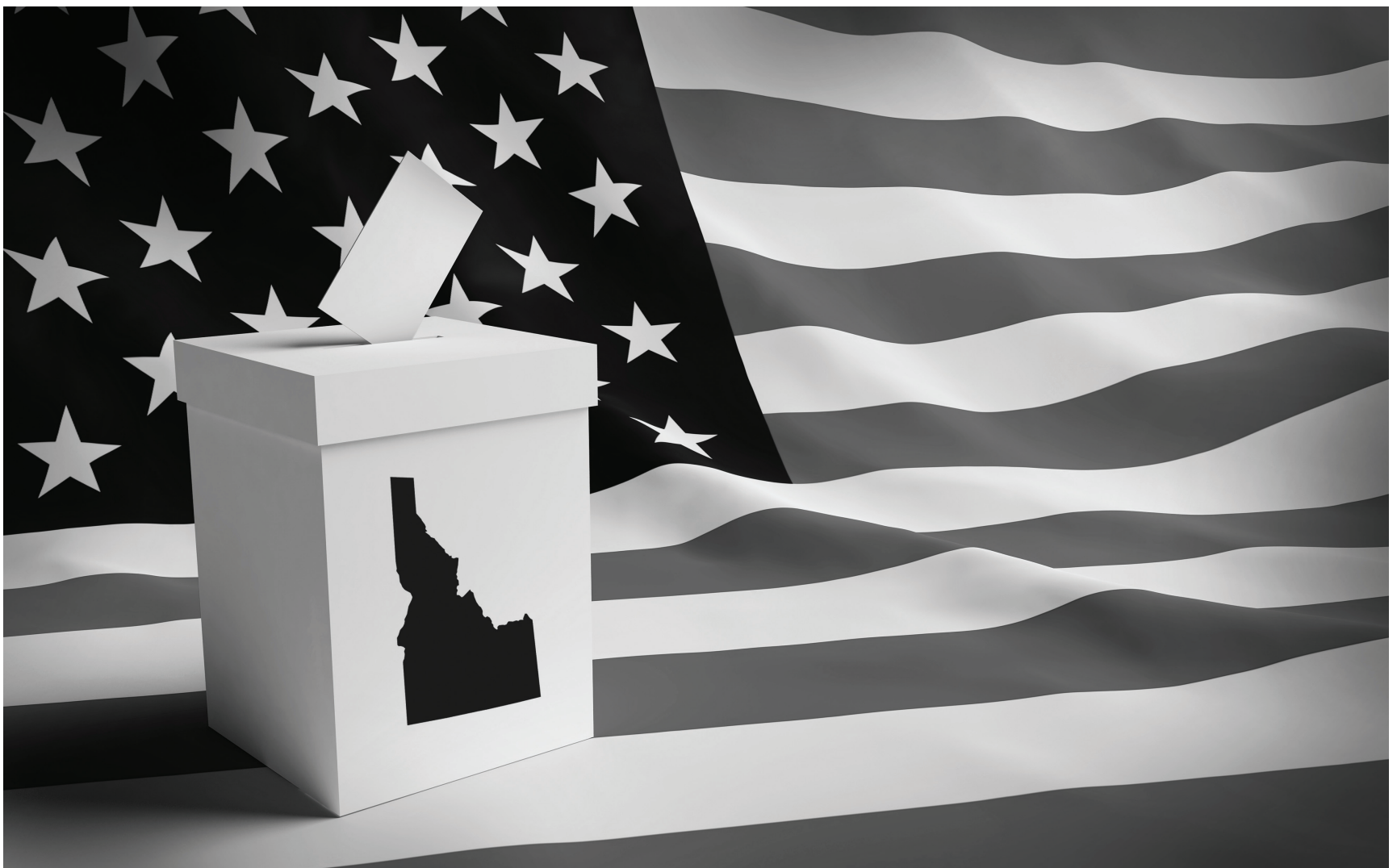
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WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AT YOUR MARCH 6 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS

Attend your local caucus March 6 | To learn where to vote, visit: idgop.org



Four candidates have qualified to participate in the caucus. In order of filing date, they are: Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO PARTICIPATE:

Find where your county caucus will be held.

See the Republican Party website at idgop.org or idaho-republican-caucus.com or contact your local Republican Party office. Most caucuses will be held in centrally located schools or civic buildings.

Make sure you're registered with the party.

You must be registered to vote and your political party designation must be "Republican" before you can participate in the Republican caucus. You can find registration information online at idahovotes.gov, or at the office of any county clerk.

Cast your vote by secret ballot.

Caucuses are held county by county and vary slightly in procedure, but all are designed to yield a single winning candidate. Many will use a token system.

Plan on spending 2–3 hours.

Unlike voting in a typical election or primary, caucus voting takes place in successive rounds, eliminating low-vote getters. This process takes time and participants must stay at the location until the voting is complete.

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.

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.

