

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 289

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN; AMENDING SECTION 34-502, IDAHO CODE, TO  
2 REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PRECINCT  
3 COMMITTEEMAN AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION  
4 34-503, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING FILLING A VACANCY  
5 IN THE OFFICE OF PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORREC-  
6 TIONS.  
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Section 34-502, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 34-502. COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE -- MEMBERS -- OFFICERS -- DUTIES OF  
12 CHAIRMAN -- NOTICE TO CHAIRMAN. (1) The county central committee of each po-  
13 litical party in each county shall consist of the precinct committeemen rep-  
14 representing the precincts within the county and the county chairman elected  
15 by the precinct committeemen. The precinct committeemen within each county  
16 shall meet at the county seat within ten (10) days after the primary elec-  
17 tion and at the time and date designated by the incumbent county chairman,  
18 and shall organize by electing a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, a  
19 state committeeman, a state committeewoman, and such other officers as they  
20 may desire who shall hold office at the pleasure of the county central com-  
21 mittee or until their successors are elected.

22 (2) Unless state party rules, adopted as provided in section 34-505,  
23 Idaho Code, provide otherwise, when a vacancy exists in the office of county  
24 central committee chairman, it shall be the duty of the state central com-  
25 mittee chairman to call a meeting of the precinct committeemen of the county,  
26 and the precinct committeemen shall proceed to elect a chairman of the county  
27 central committee for the balance of the unexpired term.

28 ~~The county central committee shall fill by appointment all vacancies~~  
29 ~~that occur or exist in the office of precinct committeeman who shall be a~~  
30 ~~qualified elector of the precinct.~~

31 (3) When a vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeman, a  
32 qualified elector of the precinct shall be appointed to the office. The  
33 precinct committeeman shall be appointed by:

34 (a) The legislative district central committee, if the precinct lies  
35 within a legislative district situated entirely within a single county;

36 or

37 (b) The county central committee, if the precinct lies within a leg-  
38 islative district situated in more than one (1) county.

39 (4) The county clerk shall deliver in writing to the chairman of the  
40 county central committee of each political party, on or before January 20  
41 of each year in which a general election is to be held, a list of the elec-  
42 tion precincts in the county and the names and addresses of the precinct com-

1 mitteemen who were elected at the last primary election, or who have since  
2 been appointed as precinct committeemen, as such election or appointment is  
3 shown on the records of the county clerk. If the county clerk has no record  
4 of precinct committeemen, he shall in writing, so inform the chairman of the  
5 county central committee.

6 (5) The chairman of the county central committee shall on or before Feb-  
7 ruary 1 of each year in which a general election is to be held, and at such  
8 other times as changes occur, certify to the county clerk the names and ad-  
9 dresses of the precinct committeemen of his political party.

10 SECTION 2. That Section 34-503, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 34-503. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEE -- MEMBERSHIP -- OF-  
13 FICERS. (1) The legislative district central committee of each political  
14 party in each legislative district shall consist of the precinct commit-  
15 teemen representing the precincts within the legislative district, and the  
16 legislative district chairman elected by the precinct committeemen. The  
17 precinct committeemen within each legislative district shall meet within  
18 the legislative district or at a convenient location in a legislative dis-  
19 trict contiguous to the legislative district, or at a convenient location  
20 in a county in which any portion of the legislative district sits, within  
21 eleven (11) days after the primary election, the meeting time and place to  
22 be designated by the incumbent legislative district chairman. At this meet-  
23 ing, the precinct committeemen shall organize by electing a chairman, a vice  
24 chairman, a secretary, and such other officers as they may desire, who shall  
25 hold office at the pleasure of the legislative district central committee or  
26 until their successors are elected.

27 (2) Unless state party rules, adopted as provided in section 34-506,  
28 Idaho Code, provide otherwise, when a vacancy exists in the office of leg-  
29 islative district central committee chairman, it shall be the duty of the  
30 state central committee chairman to call a meeting of the precinct commit-  
31 teemen of the legislative district, and the precinct committeemen shall pro-  
32 ceed to elect a chairman of the legislative district central committee for  
33 the balance of the unexpired term.

34 (3) A vacancy in the office of precinct committeeman shall be filled by  
35 appointment of the legislative district central committee if the precinct  
36 is located within a legislative district situated entirely within a single  
37 county, as provided in section 34-502, Idaho Code.