

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 436

BY RUSCHE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CENTRAL
3 COMMITTEES; AMENDING SECTION 34-502, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR COUNTY
4 CENTRAL COMMITTEES TO MEET WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION;
5 AMENDING SECTION 34-503, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE DIS-
6 TRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEES TO MEET WITHIN ELEVEN DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL
7 ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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. The county central committee of each polit-
13 ical party in each county shall consist of the precinct committeemen rep-
14 resenting 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 general
17 election and at the time and date designated by the incumbent county chair-
18 man, and shall organize by electing a chairman, 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 Unless state party rules, adopted as provided in section 34-505, Idaho
23 Code, provide otherwise, when a vacancy exists in the office of county cen-
24 tral committee chairman, it shall be the duty of the state central commit-
25 tee 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 The county clerk shall deliver in writing to the chairman of the county
32 central committee of each political party on or before January 20 of each
33 year in which a general election is to be held, a list of the election
34 precincts in the county and the names and addresses of the precinct com-
35 mitteemen who were elected at the last primary election, or who have since
36 been appointed as precinct committeemen, as such election or appointment is
37 shown on the records of the county clerk. If the county clerk has no record
38 of precinct committeemen, he shall in writing, so inform the chairman of the
39 county central committee.

40 The chairman of the county central committee shall on or before February
41 1 of each year in which a general election is to be held, and at such other

1 times as changes occur, certify to the county clerk the names and addresses
2 of the precinct committeemen of his political party.

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

5 34-503. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEE -- MEMBERSHIP -- OFFI-
6 CERS. The legislative district central committee of each political party in
7 each legislative district shall consist of the precinct committeemen repre-
8 senting the precincts within the legislative district, and the legislative
9 district chairman elected by the precinct committeemen. The precinct com-
10 mitteemen within each legislative district shall meet within the legisla-
11 tive district or at a convenient location in a legislative district contigu-
12 ous to the legislative district, or at a convenient location in a county in
13 which any portion of the legislative district sits, within eleven (11) days
14 after the primary general election, the meeting time and place to be desig-
15 nated by the incumbent legislative district chairman. At this meeting the
16 precinct committeemen shall organize by electing a chairman, vice chairman,
17 a secretary and such other officers as they may desire, who shall hold office
18 at the pleasure of the legislative district central committee or until their
19 successors are elected.

20 Unless state party rules, adopted as provided in section 34-506, Idaho
21 Code, provide otherwise, when a vacancy exists in the office of legislative
22 district central committee chairman, it shall be the duty of the state cen-
23 tral committee chairman to call a meeting of the precinct committeemen of the
24 legislative district, and the precinct committeemen shall proceed to elect
25 a chairman of the legislative district central committee for the balance of
26 the unexpired term.

27 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
28 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
29 passage and approval.