

Resolution Regarding Voting only by Absentee Ballot

WHEREAS our State Constitution states at Article I, section 1, “All men are by nature free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing and protecting property; pursuing happiness and securing safety.”

WHEREAS our State Constitution states at Article I, section 2, “All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal protection and benefit, and they have the right to alter, reform or abolish the same whenever they may deem it necessary...”

WHEREAS our State Constitution states at Article I, section 19, “No power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere with or prevent the free and lawful exercise of the right of suffrage.”

WHEREAS from time immemorial, voting in an election constituted visiting the designated polling place and casting a vote by way of a secret ballot.

WHEREAS the Secretary of State has restricted voting in the 2020 Primary Election to absentee voting based only on Governor Little’s Emergency Proclamation. This action by the Secretary of State requires every voter in Idaho to request an absentee ballot and constitutes an addition requirement to vote unauthorized by the Legislature or the State Constitution.

WHEREAS nation-wide actual deaths from the Covid-19 virus are only about ten percent of initial projections by so-called experts.

WHEREAS within the context of other historical pandemics, the Covid-19 virus is proving to have an impact approximately equal to the common cold or the average seasonal flu.

WHEREAS there has yet to be any body of scientific data that justifies elevating the spread of the Covid-19 virus to that of an extreme emergency as required by Idaho Code 46-601.

Therefore we, the Republican Party Central Committee of Shoshone County, demand that:

1. Governor Little either (a.) Provide scientific data that proves the Covid-19 virus event is in fact a serious pandemic and an extreme emergency that endangers the lives of all Idahoans, or (b.) That he end the State of Emergency immediately.
2. That absent any supporting scientific data proving that an extreme emergency exists, that the Secretary of State direct county election departments to, at a minimum, allow election day voting at all 44 county courthouses on May 19th and post notices at all precinct polling places that ballots may be cast on election day at county courthouses.
3. Reject all attempts to require any Citizen to be vaccinated as an additional qualification required to cast a ballot in an election.