

REA-I Board Meeting, August 17, 2023, Boise, Idaho
BE READY - VOTING RIGHTS

Someone will be approaching you with a clipboard asking you to sign a petition for a ballot initiative. These people are from Idahoans for Open Primaries and Reclaim Idaho. If enough signatures are obtained the initiative will be on the November, 2024 general election ballot and if approved by a majority of Idaho voters, the ballot initiative will make changes to our state's primary and general elections. The ballot initiative would replace Idaho's closed party primary elections with a single open primary election that all candidates could run in and all voters could vote in, regardless of party affiliation. The top four candidates from the primary election would advance to the general election. Next the ballot initiative would provide a runoff of a ranked choice system for voting. Voters would choose their first choice candidate and rank order their next three choices. If no candidate gets a majority of the votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and their votes are transferred to their second choice candidate. The process continues until one candidate has a majority of the votes to become the winner.

To put this initiative on the ballot, 63,000 signatures from registered voters in at least 18 of 35 districts, must be collected by April, 2024 to make it part of the November, 2024 election.

A BALLOT INITIATIVE is your right to vote. Do not give it up. It is the voters' way to let the Legislators know the voters' ideas for legislation. You may not agree with the ballot initiative but you can vote your conscience on November, 2024. Do let the voters have their right to vote on a ballot initiative.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

The Idaho Freedom Foundation proudly states its goal is to get government out of educating our children. They helped elect school board members to the West Bonner County School District in Priest River. The Board then voted to hire an unqualified candidate as Superintendent, according to the Idaho State Board of Education.

We as retired educators and Idaho voters need to review the credentials of candidates running to control local school boards. Share with others what you have learned. This will ensure that candidates who are dedicated to making our schools and kids successful. Become a candidate yourself. You know more about education than most candidates. School board elections are held on November 7, 2023. Don't let our school boards be stacked with people not interested in government public schools.

INTERESTING INFORMATION

Did you know that Idaho has an interim committee, The Committee On Federalism, that meets in the off season to discuss and listen to presenters that offer an early look at policy debates and legislation that later comes up during the legislative session. Do you wonder who the presenters are and who do they represent? Are these lobbyists or individual citizens? Ask your legislators how these presentations are balanced with each side being represented.

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