

# EXHIBIT F-3

## Rules for the Nomination of Republican Candidates Adopted Sept 24, 2005

### PART ONE (Party Primary)

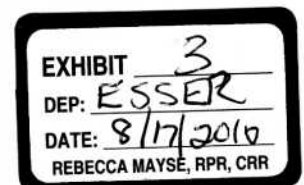
Rule 1: Party Primary Required. Any primary which has the effect of nominating a candidate of the Republican Party shall be conducted by use of a ballot on which only Republican candidates for partisan offices are listed. If the state has established a system of party registration, any voter who is registered as a member of the Republican Party and any voter who has not declared party affiliation may participate in the primary of the Republican Party by affirmatively requesting a Republican Ballot. In the absence of party registration, any voter may participate in the primary of the Republican Party by affirmatively requesting a Republican Ballot. A ballot that contains the names of candidates of other parties will comply with this rule if it provides for a declaration of party identification by the voter and only those declaring themselves to be Republicans shall be tabulated for purposes of determining the Republican nominee for any office. A ballot which segregates candidates by party and only tabulates returns from voter's casting votes for candidates of a single party shall comply with this rule.

Rule 2: Identification of Participants in Republican Primary. If permitted by Washington state law or provided for by court order, as a condition of participating in a Republican primary, a voter consents to the state providing the Republican Party with a list including the voter's name as a voter who participated in the Republican Party primary.

### PART TWO: Qualification for Primary Ballot

Rule 3: Party Registration Required. If the state of Washington shall have established a system of voter registration in which voters may register as a member of the Republican Party, any candidate seeking to qualify for the primary ballot as a Republican must be registered as a Republican at the time the declaration of candidacy is filed.

Rule 4: Significant Support Required. The Republican Party asserts the right to grant permission to use the Republican name and to file seeking the Republican nomination for partisan offices only to candidates who demonstrate significant support within the Republican Party.



Rule 5: Transition Rule. Significant Support for Incumbents. Through 2008, a Republican incumbent seeking reelection to the office held shall be deemed to have demonstrated significant Republican support and shall be certified to the ballot in accordance with Rule 27.

Rule 6: Demonstration of Significant Support: Statewide Office. A candidate for partisan statewide office (including United States Senator) demonstrates significant Republican support by obtaining a vote of 25% or more of the delegates to the Republican state nominating convention held pursuant to the Call of the Republican State Committee and to the rules for caucuses and conventions adopted by the Republican State Committee of Washington, and further complying with these rules.

Rule 7: Demonstration of Significant Support, United States Congress. A candidate for United State Congress demonstrates significant Republican support by obtaining the vote of 25% or more of the delegates to county conventions from precincts within the Congressional District. Votes shall be tallied at each county convention (or, if provided for by the rules of the county, at legislative district caucuses called by the respective county), such nominating conventions or caucuses held in accordance with the rules for caucuses and conventions adopted by the Republican State Committee of Washington. The results from each county shall be reported to the Secretary, the Republican State Committee of Washington, within three days after the convention has adjourned.

Rule 8: Demonstration of Significant Support: County Office. A candidate for any county partisan office demonstrates significant Republican support by obtaining the vote of 25% or more of the delegates to a Republican county nominating convention, such nominating convention to be held in even numbered years in accordance with the rules for caucuses and conventions adopted by the Republican State Committee of Washington.

Rule 9: Demonstration of Significant Support: Legislative Districts. A candidate for Washington state legislature demonstrates significant Republican support by obtaining the vote of 25% or more of the delegates to county conventions from precincts within the Legislative District. Votes shall be tallied at each county convention (or, if provided for by the rules of the county, at legislative district caucuses called by the respective county), such nominating conventions or caucuses held in accordance with the rules for caucuses and conventions adopted by the Republican State Committee of Washington. The results from each county shall be reported to the Secretary, the Republican State Committee of Washington, within three days after the convention has adjourned.

Rule 10: Demonstration of Significant Support: County Districted Offices. A candidate for a county partisan office comprising less than the entire county (County Council and County Commissioners who are nominated by less than the entire county demonstrates significant Republican support by obtaining the vote of 25% or more of the delegates to a Republican county nominating convention from precincts within the district the candidate seeks to represent, such nominating conventions (or district caucus if provided for under the rules of the county) shall be held in accordance with the rules for caucuses and conventions adopted by the Republican State Committee of Washington.

Rule 11: Provision When No Candidate Demonstrates Significant Support. If no candidate demonstrates the requisite support level, then the three candidates receiving the most votes shall be certified to the primary ballot.

Rule 12: Partisan elections in Odd-Numbered Years. Counties holding partisan elections in odd-numbered years shall hold precinct caucuses on a date to be determined by the County Central Committee and shall thereafter hold district and/or county nominating conventions pursuant to the foregoing rules and to the rules of procedure for conducting precinct caucuses and county conventions adopted by the Republican State Committee to govern the preceding even-numbered year.

Rule 13: Special Elections: County or Legislative Offices. In any special election called to complete an unfilled term of office, the Republican nominating convention shall consist of the Precinct Committee Officers elected or appointed at least sixty days before the holding of the convention. The convention shall be held not later than the Sunday before filing for office commences. Candidates demonstrate significant support by obtaining the vote of 25% or more of the delegates to the convention.

Rule 14: Special Elections, Statewide Office. In any special election called to complete an unfilled term of office for any statewide office, if the notice of special election is called more than sixty days prior to the holding of a regularly scheduled state Republican convention, said convention shall serve as the nominating convention. In all other cases, the Republican State Committee shall serve as the Republican nominating convention. Each state committeeman, state committeewoman and county chairman shall be entitled to cast as many votes as the county he or she represents was allocated at the last Republican state convention. Candidates demonstrate significant support by obtaining the vote of 25% or more of the votes cast.

Rule 15: Alternative Demonstration of Support By Petition.

Alternatively, if the state of Washington shall have established a system of voter registration in which voters may register as a member of the Republican Party and shall have provided for a system of validating nominating petitions, in any race where an incumbent has not received more than 66% of the vote in a nominating convention, a candidate may demonstrate significant Republican support by filing, with the declaration of candidacy a Nominating Petition signed by 5% of the Registered Republicans in the constituency that the candidate seeks to represent.

In the absence of a system of party registration and of petition signature validation, a candidate may demonstrate significant Republican support by filing, not less than one week before the close of filing for office, a Nominating Petition signed by 5% of the Republican Vote in the constituency in the last Quadrennial Election. "Republican Vote" shall mean the total vote in the precincts within the constituency for the offices of President, Vice President, Attorney General and the two positions of the State House of Representative, divided by five. The Petition shall be filed with the County Central Committee for all offices where filing for office is with the County Auditor and with the State Committee for all offices where the filing for office is with the Secretary of State. The Nominating Petition shall be in a form prescribed by the State Chairman and shall include a statement that the individual considers him/herself to be a Republican and will not participate in the caucus system nor sign a nominating petition for any other party during the current year, and that the signer understands that the nominating petition shall be filed with the Republican Party and may be publicly inspected. The Party Committee with which the petition is filed shall have the responsibility of validating the signatures and certifying that the candidate has demonstrated significant Republican support.

**PART THREE: Nomination in the Absence of a Valid Primary**

**[NOTE: This set of rules is designed to provide for nomination of Republican candidates in the event that a party primary is not in effect. If the "winnowing election" established by Initiate 872 or something similar is in effect, actions under this rule will determine which Republican would appear on the "qualifying election" ballot in September.]**

Rule 16: Nomination in the Absence of Qualifying Primary. In the absence of a primary election complying with Rule 1, Republican Party nominees will be selected in accordance with this Part Three.



Rule 17: Nominating Convention. For any regularly scheduled election the candidates of the Republican Party shall be nominated by convention convened pursuant to these rules.

Such nominating convention shall select the party's nominee and shall be held not later than the Saturday preceding the first day candidates may file for election.

Delegates eligible to vote in the convention, or as appropriate in the caucus, shall be delegates residing in the district or constituency which the elected official shall represent. In Code Counties, candidates for county commissioner shall be nominated by delegates residing in the district which the commissioner seeks to represent.

Rule 18: Nominating by Precinct Committee Officers for special elections.<sup>1</sup> In the event of any special election in an odd-numbered year as a result of a vacancy due to death or resignation the Republican nominating convention shall consist of the Precinct Committee Officers elected or appointed at least sixty days before the holding of the convention. In any even-numbered year in which the vacancy occurs not later than 15 days before the regularly scheduled county or state convention, the convention shall nominate. If the vacancy occurs subsequent to that date, the nominating convention shall consist of the Precinct Committee Officers elected or appointed at least sixty days before the holding of the convention. Said convention shall be held not later than the Saturday preceding the first day candidates may file for election. Provided, that in the event of a vacancy occurring subsequent to July 15 of any year, the state committee shall serve as the nominating convention, or in the case of offices voted on solely by voters on one county, the county central committee of that county.

Rule 19: Nominating Conventions in Odd-Numbered Years [King and Snohomish]. For nomination for any regularly scheduled office for county commission or county council, other county office or any other partisan office, the chairman of the Republican County Central Committee shall cause a nominating convention to be convened.

The county chairman of the county involved shall convene precinct caucuses to select delegates to the nominating convention. The caucuses shall be conducted, insofar as possible, in accordance with the Rules

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<sup>1</sup> Where the vacancy in office results from the resignation of a Republican elected official two separate actions are required by the Republican Party. Operating under the state constitution and other provisions, the party must submit a list of three names from which the County Commissioners must make the choice of a person to fill the office until the next election. Under these rules, the Party nominates its candidate to run at the next election. While they may be the same individual, they need not be. The two separate actions could be conducted at one meeting, depending on timing.

Governing County Caucuses adopted by the Republican State Committee of Washington to govern in the prior even-numbered year, provided that the date for the precinct caucus shall be set by the county central committee.

Rule 20: Nominating Conventions in even-numbered years. For regularly scheduled elections to be held in any even-numbered year commencing with the year 2006, any nominating convention shall be the county or state convention called pursuant to the Rules for Precinct Caucuses and County Conventions adopted by the Republican State Committee of Washington.

Rule 21: Majority Vote Required. The nominee of the Republican Party shall be the candidate who receives a majority vote. If no candidate receives a majority of the first ballot, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped from each successive ballot until a candidate receives a majority. In the event of a tie in determining which candidate shall be dropped, the candidate shall be chosen by lot.

#### **PART FOUR General Rules**

The following rules shall apply to conventions held under either Part Two or Part Three of these rules.

Rule 22: Rules for Balloting. Each candidate or the candidate's representative shall be entitled to address the caucus or convention for not less than two minutes, or longer if provided for under rules adopted to govern the convention. Each delegate shall vote by ballot for one candidate for each office for which nominations are sought. The results shall be tallied and reported to the chairman of the convention and, within three days after the adjournment of the convention, to the Secretary of the Republican State Committee of Washington. The convention or caucus may dispense with balloting for any office in which a single candidate is seeking nomination.

Rule 23: Weighting votes in Multi-County Districts. The standard minimum allocation of delegates to precincts under existing state rules for precinct caucuses is two delegates per precinct on average (see rules for caucuses and conventions adopted by the Republican State Committee of Washington). Some counties elect to allocate more delegates in order to increase participation at the grass roots level. In order to assure appropriate weighting between delegate votes in multi-county Legislative or Congressional districts, the delegate vote reported under Rules 7 and 9 for multi-county districts shall be adjusted as follows: Multiply by two and

divide by the average number of delegates allocated to each precinct in allocation of delegates.

Example: Smith County and Jones County make up the 50<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and each are identical in population. Smith County has allocated an average of 2 delegates per precinct to its precincts for purposes of the nominating convention. Jones County has allocated an average of 4 delegates per precinct. The vote tally in Smith County is 120 votes for candidate A and 30 for Candidates B. The vote tally in Jones County is 212 votes for Candidate A and 88 votes for Candidate B. While the "raw vote" would give Candidate B 118 votes out of 450, or over 25%, that is a result of the larger allocation of votes in Jones County. Adjusting by the formula, the raw votes in Smith County would remain the same (multiplied by 2 and divided by 2), but the votes in Jones County would be divided in half (multiplied by 2 and divided by 4). The result would be that Candidate A has 226 votes and Candidate B has 74. Since 74 is less than 25% of 300, Candidate B would not be certified for the primary ballot in a convention held under Part Two. (In this example, of course, Candidate A would have a majority and would be the nominee in a convention held under Part Three.)

Rule 24: Provision for Convention Recess. If a convention determines that it is not prepared to nominate or certify a candidate or candidates for one or more offices, the convention may recess to a date certain, not later than the Saturday before the commencement of the period for candidate filing, or may recess to a call of the chair. In the event the convention recesses to the call of the chair, any reconvened convention must be held not later than the Saturday before the commencement of the period for candidate filing and the call of the reconvened notice must be mailed not later than ten days before the date upon which the convention reconvenes.

Rule 25: Provision for Reconvening Convention. In the event of a vacancy on the Republican ballot or a substantial change in the nature of the primary by virtue of the death, disability, or announced withdrawal or resignation of a candidate, the county chairman (in the case of an office wholly within the boundary of a single county) or the state chairman (in the case of a multi county legislative office) may convene the members of the county central committee or committees residing within the relevant jurisdiction, shall convene to serve as the convention. In the event the vacancy involves a Congressional or statewide office, the state Committee



shall serve as the default nominating convention. Each state committeeman, state committeewoman and county chairman shall be entitled to cast as many votes as the county he or she represents was allocated at the last Republican state convention.

Rule 26: Authority to Fill Ballot Vacancies. Should a place on the ticket of the Republican Party be vacant because no person has filed for nomination as the candidate of that major political party, (whether or not a candidate has been certified pursuant to these rules) and if the vacancy is for a state or county office to be voted on solely by the electors of a single county the county central committee may select and certify a candidate to fill the vacancy; if the vacancy is for any other office the state committee may select and certify a candidate to fill the vacancy.

Rule 27: Certification. For offices voted on solely by voters from one county, The chairman of the county central committee shall certify the results to the County Auditor, or other official serving as chief elections officer for the county no later than the first day for filing for office .For offices voted on by voters from more than one county, the chairman of the Republican State Committee of Washington shall certify the results to the Secretary of State no later than the first day for filing for office.

Rule 28: Action in Default of County Convention. In the event that any county shall fail to hold a nominating convention pursuant to these rules, the responsibility for selecting the nominee of the Republican Party shall be that of the Republican State Committee of Washington.

Rule 29: Convention Contests. In the event that the results of any convention held under these rules shall be challenged, the Republican State Committee of Washington shall be the sole judge of such contest and the determination of the Republican State Committee of Washington as to whom the nominee of the Republican Party is shall be final.

Rule 30: Authority to Use Name Republican. Only candidates who shall have been certified or nominated pursuant to these rules shall be entitled to designate themselves as Republican candidates or to appear on the election ballot or in other election documents using the designation "Republican" or other words identifying themselves as Republicans

Rule 31: Declaration of Candidacy. Any candidate shall file written notice of intent to seek certification or nomination as a Republican candidate pursuant to these rules not later than 5 p.m. five days before the convention or district caucus at which they seek to be considered. Notice shall be filed

with the chairman of the appropriate County Central Committee for any office to be voted on solely by the electors of that county. For all other offices, notice shall be filed with the Republican State Committee. Provided, that any convention or caucus may waive this rule by a two-thirds vote.

**PART FIVE: Authority of State Committee and Executive Board**

Rule 32: Authority to Amend Rules. In the event of the rendering of any court decision which affects the conduct of nominations, the state committee shall reserve the right to amend these rules to conform to, or take advantage of, such court decision. In the interval between state committee meetings, such power is held by the Executive Board.