

2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans

Plank #15 – Election Integrity

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Free, fair and transparent elections are fundamental to our free society and Republic form of government, in order to ensure the highest level of accountability and integrity in our election system.

We support;

1. Declaring a National Holiday for Presidential elections.
2. All legal voter's registration must be renewed, like any other permit, at least every five years.
3. Elections be open to public scrutiny without the need for a FOIA request, so that any questions about accuracy and fairness are properly assessed.
4. Polling locations open in as many local precincts as possible for the convenience of the voters and maximizing voter turnout.
5. Same day voting, in person, with government issued photo identification, and signature verification.
6. The use of hand counted paper ballots on watermarked security paper.
7. Limited and strictly controlled absentee ballots that must be applied for annually.
8. Increasing the severity of criminal penalties for anyone convicted of;
 - Failing to notify the county auditor within 90 days of moving where they previously are registered that they are leaving their address
 - Voting more than once, or creating and/or conspiring in the delivery of ballots for illegal immigrants or anyone else besides a consenting and legally registered voter.
9. Enhanced criminal penalties for election interference convictions, with mandatory jail time if performed and/or aided in any way by a poll worker or public official.

We oppose;

1. The use of electronic tabulators and/or other election counting and signature verification equipment that has any potential of being hacked and/or re-programmed while in use without audit and re-certification each time it is serviced.
2. Contracting to buy, or use, any election equipment that has the potential to be illegally accessed through connection to the internet or wireless cellular networks, if the manufacturer and supplier do not also provide open-source documentation on how the equipment is designed to work and disclosing all variable settings that can be altered; manually, remotely, preprogramming, or through software updates.