

2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans

Plank #20 – Government War Powers Act

Under Construction

Unrestricted government power corrupts absolutely.

A government emergency power, of any kind, does not supersede our guaranteed constitutional rights and must be limited in scope and time when used without the consent of “We the People.”

We believe:

1. Limiting the governor’s power in time of perceived national, state, or local emergencies to no more than 60 days, at which time the Governor must assemble the people’s elected representatives for a special session of a majority of the representatives able to attend, at which time the authority of the emergency power must be returned to the legislature able to attend and thereby convened to oversee further; on-going funding, executive orders, and duration of the power in use for the declared emergency.
2. Failure of the Governor to call a special session of the legislature to order, and bring control of the declared emergency into the control of the people’s representatives, is sufficient grounds for the legislators to immediately call themselves into order and remove the Governor from office and to prosecute for gross malfeasance.
3. In the event that the legislature regains control of the emergency declarations, but does not end the emergency declaration in a timely manner, we the people are empowered to present to the legislature an “emergency referendum” to end all rules imposed by the declaration in an additional special session which must commence within 60 days of representing the referendum to the legislature with sufficient verified signatures.