

2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans

Plank #22 – Every Other Year Elections

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The goal of the Democrats to make elections every other year, is actually a camouflaged “Red Flag Scheme” to make it almost impossible to organize and collect all the signatures required by the Referendum and Initiative process before the issue is forgotten by the voters two years later.

We believe;

1. The legislative process of Referendums and Initiatives is essential to providing a legislative voice for all the citizens of Washington.
2. The Washington Constitution provides, “The first power reserved by the peoples the Initiative,” and, “The second power reserved by the people is the Referendum.”
3. Legislative abuse of emergency clauses to circumvent the people’s power of Initiatives and Referendums should be prohibited.
4. Initiatives and Referendums should have a protected moratorium period of no less than five (5) years after being passed and written into law, before they can be amended or attempted to be overturned, unless there is a ruling by the Washington State Supreme Court of any, or all parts as being unconstitutional.

We strongly reject;

Any legislation or WAC declarations to control our right to use Initiatives and Referendums to redress our grievances with government, as guaranteed in our Washington Constitution.