

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 150

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1012, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A
2 TIME PERIOD BEFORE THE ELECTION DURING WHICH EARLY VOTING SHALL BEGIN
3 AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 34-1012, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 34-1012. ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING -- EARLY VOT-
9 ING. (1) Those counties that utilize absentee voting facilities that have
10 access to the Idaho statewide voter registration system and count ballots at
11 a central location or utilize a polling location-based tabulation system may
12 elect to conduct "early voting" according to the provisions of this section.
13 For those counties that elect to do "early voting," early voting shall begin
14 ~~on or before the third~~ no earlier than the fourth Monday before election day
15 and no later than the second Monday before the election and end at 5:00 p.m.
16 on the Friday before the election. Primary election ballots shall be issued
17 pursuant to section 34-1002(2), Idaho Code.

18 (2) A voter who appears at an "early voting" station to vote shall state
19 his or her name and address to the election official and present the voter's
20 identification as required by sections 34-1113 and 34-1114, Idaho Code.

21 (3) The election official shall examine the records to ascertain
22 whether or not such applicant is registered and lawfully entitled to vote
23 as requested. The provisions of section 34-408A, Idaho Code, authorizing
24 election day registration shall also apply in determining the applicant's
25 qualifications to vote.

26 (4) Before receiving a ballot, each elector shall sign his or her name
27 in the election register and poll book provided for early voting.

28 (5) The elector shall then be given the appropriate ballots contain-
29 ing the official election ballot identification pursuant to section 34-901,
30 Idaho Code, and shall be given folding instructions for such ballots, if ap-
31 propriate.

32 (6) Upon receipt of the ballots, the elector shall retire to a vacant
33 voting booth and mark the ballots according to the instructions provided.

34 (7) After marking the ballot, the elector shall present himself or her-
35 self to the election official at the ballot box and state his or her name and
36 address. The elector shall then deposit the ballot in the ballot box or hand
37 it to the election official, who shall deposit it. The election official
38 shall then record that the elector has voted and proclaim the same in an audi-
39 ble voice.

40 (8) Voters requiring assistance shall be provided with such assistance
41 in accordance with section 34-1108, Idaho Code.

1 (9) Electioneering is prohibited at an early voting polling place as
2 provided in section 18-2318, Idaho Code.