

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 15, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
2 STATE OF IDAHO, RELATING TO BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE; TO PROVIDE THAT
3 TITLES TO BILLS MUST BE READ THREE TIMES AND, UPON FINAL PASSAGE OF A
4 BILL, THE TITLE SHALL BE READ AT LENGTH IN EACH HOUSE WITH AN EXCEPTION;
5 STATING THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE
6 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DI-
7 RECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS
8 REQUIRED BY LAW.
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10 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

11 SECTION 1. That Section 15, Article III, of the Constitution of the
12 State of Idaho be amended to read as follows:

13 SECTION 15. MANNER OF PASSING BILLS. No law shall be passed
14 except by bill, nor shall any bill be put upon its final passage un-
15 til the same, with the amendments thereto, shall have been printed
16 for the use of the members; nor shall any bill become a law unless
17 the ~~same title~~ shall have been read ~~on three several days times~~
18 in each house previous to the final vote thereon: provided, in case
19 of urgency, two-thirds of the house where such bill may be pending
20 may, upon a vote of the yeas and nays, dispense with this provision.
21 On the final passage of all bills, ~~they~~ the titles shall be read at
22 length, ~~section by section,~~ and the vote shall be by yeas and nays
23 upon each bill separately, and shall be entered upon the journal;
24 and no bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a majority
25 of the members present.

26 SECTION 2. The question to be submitted to the electors of the State of
27 Idaho at the next general election shall be as follows:

28 "Shall Section 15, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of
29 Idaho be amended to provide that titles to bills must be read three times in
30 each house of the Legislature and, upon final passage of a bill, the title
31 shall be read at length with an exception?"

32 SECTION 3. The Legislative Council is directed to prepare the state-
33 ments required by Section 67-453, Idaho Code, and file the same.

34 SECTION 4. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to publish this
35 proposed constitutional amendment and arguments as required by law.