

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 13

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-627, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE THE  
OFFICIAL DATE OF A POLITICAL PARTY CHANGE BY AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 34-627, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

34-627. HOLDERS OF PARTISAN ELECTIVE OFFICE CHANGING POLITICAL PARTIES. Whenever any holder of a partisan elective office desires to change political parties, the change shall only be effective if the holder files a declaration of intent to change political parties with the election official with whom the holder of the partisan elective office has filed his declaration of candidacy for the office that the holder of the partisan elective office currently holds. ~~The party change shall be official five (5) calendar days after receipt of the declaration of intent provided in this section by the election official.~~ After receiving the declaration of intent, the election official shall send a copy of the declaration to the affected political party central committees of both the political party, if any, that the holder of the partisan elective office desires to leave and the political party, if any, that the holder of the partisan elective office desires to join. A holder of a partisan elective office cannot change political parties between the date the holder of partisan elective office files for the primary election through three (3) months after the general election in which the partisan elective office was on the ballot. A holder of a partisan elective office only may change political parties pursuant to this section once per term. The election official shall be authorized to charge a holder of a partisan elective office desiring to change his political party a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee to defray the election official's expenses in administering the provisions of this section.