

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 169

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FEDERALISM; AMENDING TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A  
NEW CHAPTER 93, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMITTEE ON  
FEDERALISM; AND PROVIDING A SUNSET DATE.

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

SECTION 1. That Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended  
by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-  
ter 93, Title 67, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 93  
COMMITTEE ON FEDERALISM

67-9301. COMMITTEE ON FEDERALISM -- APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS -- ORGAN-  
IZATION -- POWERS AND DUTIES. (1) There is hereby created the committee on  
federalism, which shall consist of eight (8) members, with four (4) members  
from the senate as appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, one  
(1) of whom shall be a member of the minority party and one (1) of whom shall  
be cochair of the committee, and four (4) members from the house of represen-  
tatives as appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one (1)  
of whom shall be a member of the minority party and one (1) of whom shall be  
cochair of the committee. Members shall be appointed based on knowledge of  
and experience with the United States and Idaho constitutions. The commit-  
tee is authorized to receive input, advice, and assistance from interested  
and affected parties who are not members of the legislature.

(2) The committee shall monitor and review federal acts, laws, and reg-  
ulations that may impact the jurisdiction, governance, and sovereignty of  
the state of Idaho. The committee shall evaluate whether said federal acts,  
laws, and regulations are authorized by the United States constitution or if  
they violate the principles of federalism. The committee shall from time to  
time advise the legislature of its findings and recommendations.

(3) The committee shall meet at least twice a year and may be called  
for special meetings by the cochairs of the committee. Five (5) members  
shall constitute a quorum. Members of the committee shall be compensated as  
provided by the citizens' committee on legislative compensation in the same  
manner as interim legislative meetings, which compensation shall be paid  
from the legislative account.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
committee, acting through the cochairs, may hire legal counsel or other con-  
sultants to assist the committee with its powers and duties and may utilize  
staff and resources within state government.

SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this act shall be null, void,  
and of no force and effect on and after July 1, 2021.