

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27596 / S1309

This proposed legislation will revise provisions within the existing elections statutes (Title 34) pertaining to absentee ballots. This is necessary to ensure that the greatest possible opportunity to exercise the right to vote is available to a qualified elector who experiences an emergency situation that requires hospitalization immediately preceding an election.

This proposed legislation includes an emergency clause, as it could be applied to those elections occurring this year prior to June 1, specifically the presidential and/or statewide primaries in March and May respectively, upon passage.

FISCAL NOTE

There is anticipated to be no increase or reduction in revenue to the general fund annually as a result of this legislation. Any minimal costs incurred for implementation of this legislation will be covered within the existing scope of the Idaho Secretary of State's annual budget.

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