

1 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 547

3 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO BALLOTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 23, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-  
3 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-2324, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN BALLOT  
4 COLLECTION ACTIVITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

6 SECTION 1. That Chapter 23, Title 18, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
8 ignated as Section 18-2324, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 18-2324. BALLOT COLLECTION PROHIBITED -- EXCEPTIONS. (1) Except as  
10 provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person may not knowingly col-  
11 lect or convey another voter's voted or unvoted ballot.

12 (2) This section does not apply to:

13 (a) An election official;

14 (b) A United States postal service worker or other individual specif-  
15 ically authorized by law to transmit United States mail in the perfor-  
16 mance of his official duties;

17 (c) An employee or contractor of a parcel delivery business that re-  
18 ceives and delivers parcels in all states within the United States in  
19 the performance of his official duties;

20 (d) An individual related to the voter, whether by adoption, marriage,  
21 or blood, within the third degree of consanguinity; or

22 (e) An individual who is a member of the voter's household.

23 (3) An individual authorized to collect and convey a voter's ballot  
24 pursuant to subsection (2) (d) of this section may not collect or convey more  
25 than six (6) such ballots at a time.

26 (4) A violation of the provisions of this section constitutes a felony  
27 if the person was paid by anyone other than the voter to collect or convey the  
28 ballot or if the cumulative number of ballots collected or conveyed in vio-  
29 lation of the provisions in this section is greater than ten (10). Any other  
30 violation of the provisions of this section constitutes a misdemeanor.

31 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
32 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its  
33 passage and approval.