

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 191

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD; AMENDING SECTION 42-1732, IDAHO
2 CODE, TO PROVIDE TERM LIMITS FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL
3 CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
4 DATE.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 42-1732, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 42-1732. IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD. Pursuant to the provisions of
10 article 15, section 7, of the constitution of the state of Idaho, there is
11 hereby established as the constitutional water agency within the department
12 of water resources the Idaho water resource board which shall consist of
13 eight (8) appointed members. The eight (8) appointed members shall be quali-
14 fied electors of the state, no more than four (4) of whom shall be members of
15 the same political party. Appointment of board members shall be made solely
16 upon consideration of their knowledge, interest, and active participation
17 in the field of reclamation, water use, or conservation and no member shall
18 be appointed a member of the board unless he shall be well informed ~~upon~~ on,
19 interested in, and engaged actively in the field of reclamation, water use or
20 conservation of water. Four (4) of these members shall be appointed at large
21 and no more than three (3) of the eight (8) members shall be residents of a
22 single district. To insure representation of water users of all geographic
23 locations of the state, one (1) member shall be appointed from each of the
24 following districts:

25 District No. 1 which shall consist of the counties of Boundary, Bonner,
26 Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho;

27 District No. 2 which shall consist of the counties of Adams, Valley,
28 Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore and Owyhee;

29 District No. 3 which shall consist of the counties of Camas, Gooding,
30 Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, Blaine, Lincoln, Minidoka, Lemhi, Custer and
31 Butte;

32 District No. 4 which shall consist of the counties of Clark, Fremont,
33 Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Power, Bannock, Caribou,
34 Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake.

35 All appointments shall be made by the governor with the advice and con-
36 sent of the senate. As soon as practicable after passage of this act, the
37 governor shall appoint all eight (8) members; four (4) members shall be ap-
38 pointed to terms ~~which that~~ which that will expire on January 1, 1967, four (4) members
39 shall be appointed to terms ~~which that~~ which that will expire on January 1, 1969, and
40 thereafter all appointments shall be to four (4) year terms with a limit of
41 two (2) terms. Any vacancy caused by death, removal, disqualification, or
42 resignation, shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired term caused by

1 the vacancy. The appointed members shall be compensated as provided by sec-
2 tion 59-509(h), Idaho Code.

3 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
5 July 1, 2025.