

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho elections are consolidated to two dates. However, the administrative deadlines county clerks must follow leading up to an election vary across the hundreds of Idaho elected offices ranging from cemetery districts to statewide elected officials. The purpose of this legislation is to standardize the dates and deadlines that county clerks follow in preparing and implementing elections. Additionally, this bill would: (1) shorten the primary election filing period from two weeks to one week for legislative, statewide, and federal offices, while keeping it at two weeks for other offices; (2) limit early voting to a maximum of three weeks before Election Day; (3) ensure adequate time for preparation of overseas military and absentee ballots; and (4) provide clearer guidelines for candidate withdrawal.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no increase or decrease in revenue, or additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government; therefore this legislation has no fiscal impact.

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