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GENERAL ELECTION  
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## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

### S. J. R. No. 105

"SHALL SECTION 2, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE APPOINTMENT, PROVIDE POWERS AND DUTIES, AND SPECIFY LIMITATIONS ON MEMBERS OF A COMMISSION FOR REAPPORTIONMENT TO APPORTION THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO PROVIDE FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS WHENEVER NECESSARY; AND SHALL SECTION 9, ARTICLE V, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPREME COURT SHALL HAVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION IN APPEALS OF THE LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT PLAN OF THE COMMISSION FOR REAPPORTIONMENT?"

YES →

NO →

### H. J. R. No. 17

"SHALL ARTICLE XVIII, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 12, ARTICLE XVIII, TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR OPTIONAL FORMS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, AND TO ALLOW THE ELECTORS OF ANY COUNTY TO RETAIN THEIR PRESENT FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT OR SELECT AN OPTIONAL FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THAT COUNTY'S ELECTORS VOTING THEREON?"

YES →

NO →

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The purpose of the proposed amendment to Section 2, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, is to create a commission for reapportionment. The Commission will develop new legislative and congressional districts with equal population after the federal census every ten years, a task that the state Legislature currently does. In addition, the amendment to Section 9, Article V, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, provides that the Idaho Supreme Court would exercise original jurisdiction for challenges to reapportionment. The purpose of this provision is to reduce the time for resolving any challenge to apportionment because the case goes directly to the Supreme Court and is not heard first in lower courts.

EFFECT OF ADOPTION

This amendment directs the Legislature to establish a commission for reapportionment. The Commission, composed of six members appointed as provided in the amendment, would reapportion the state Legislature and redistrict Congressional seats. If the amendment is approved, the state Legislature would no longer have a role in the reapportionment process. In addition, the amendment provides that the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in reapportionment issues. This means that challenges would be heard immediately in the highest court, and final results would be expedited.

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The purpose of the proposed amendment to Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, is to allow the Legislature to provide optional forms of county government which could be adopted by a majority vote of the electors of the county voting on the question. Currently, the form of county government, consisting of a three member board of county commissioners, and an elected sheriff, county assessor, clerk of the district court, county coroner, county treasurer and prosecuting attorney, is specified in the Constitution. No county may deviate from this mandated form. With the adoption of this amendment, the Legislature could provide alternative forms. The electors of a county could choose to adopt any of the alternatives. If an alternative form were adopted, the electors could later choose to return to the original form.

EFFECT OF ADOPTION

The effect of adopting this amendment would be to allow electors of a county a choice among optional forms of county government authorized by the Legislature. No change in the form of county government could be made unless adopted by the electors of the county. The existing form of county government would be available as one option, while other options might eliminate some elected officers, make some officers appointed, or consolidate some offices.

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