

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18816

Sections 31-1409 and 1410 are set forth below to show that those sections, as currently written, cover the concerns of deleting the suggested portions of 31-1408. 31-1409 provides that the county commissioners will "divide the District into three subdistricts, as nearly equal in population, area and mileage as practicable, to be known as fire protection commissioners subdistricts one, two and three and not more than one of said commissioners shall be an elector of the same fire protection subdistrict." Accordingly, if a significant portion of a fire district is located in another county, it seems only fair that the electors of the subdistrict that is located in two counties should be able to decide who in their subdistrict (regardless of which county he/she resides in) should represent the residents of that subdistrict. Thereafter, 31-1410 provides that the fire district commissioners will thereafter periodically adjust the boundaries of each subdistrict for fair representation and will then conduct elections for the subdistrict commissioners. The section allows the fire commissioners to even enlarge the number of subdistricts from three to five subdistricts.

The purpose for the language change in the first sentence of 31-1408 (2) is that not all fire districts hold monthly meetings, or hold a meeting in January. The compromise proposed is that even for those districts that only meet quarterly, they should hold a meeting in January following an election in order to swear in their officers and commissioners. However, the meeting may need to be scheduled later in the month for some districts, and that contingency has also been taken care of in the proposed changes. The purpose in striking the portions of the second sentence in 31-1408 (2) is Idaho State Fire Commission Association (ISFCA) wants to be sure that fire commissioners can only opt to take the oath before a different officer and at a different time than what is proscribed, if the fire commissioner-elect has an actual inability to attend the January board meeting following the election.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact.

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