

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 118

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION
3 33-501, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEE SHALL
4 UNDERTAKE AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A TRAINING COURSE DESIGNED BY THE
5 IDAHO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE DEPART-
6 MENT OF EDUCATION REGARDING PUBLIC EDUCATION LAW, FINANCE AND MANAGE-
7 MENT IN IDAHO AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

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

9 SECTION 1. That Section 33-501, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
10 amended to read as follows:

11 33-501. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Each school district shall be governed by a
12 board of trustees. The board of trustees of each elementary school district
13 shall consist of three (3) members, and the board of trustees of each other
14 school district shall consist of five (5) members. Provided, however, that
15 the board of trustees of any district which has had a change in its district
16 boundaries subsequent to June 30, 1973, may consist of no fewer than five (5)
17 nor more than nine (9) members if such provisions are included as part of an
18 approved proposal to redefine and change trustee zones as provided in sec-
19 tion 33-313, Idaho Code. The board of trustees of any district that has had
20 a change in its district boundaries because of district consolidation on and
21 after January 1, 2008, shall consist of five (5) members if two (2) districts
22 consolidated or seven (7) members if three (3) or more districts consoli-
23 dated. Commencing in 2011, a school district trustee shall be elected for
24 a term of four (4) years beginning at twelve o'clock noon on July 1 next suc-
25 ceeding his election.

26 Each trustee shall at the time of his nomination and election, or ap-
27 pointment, be a school district elector of his district and a resident of the
28 trustee zone from which nominated and elected, or appointed. In the event
29 that a vacancy shall be declared as provided in section 33-504, Idaho Code,
30 and the board of trustees is unable to appoint a trustee from the zone vacated
31 after ninety (90) days, the board of trustees may appoint a person at large
32 from within the boundaries of the school district to serve as the trustee
33 from the zone where the vacancy occurred.

34 Each trustee shall qualify for and assume office on July 1 next follow-
35 ing his election, or, if appointed, at the regular meeting of the board of
36 trustees next following such appointment. An oath of office shall be admin-
37 istered to each trustee, whether elected, reelected or appointed. Said oath
38 may be administered by the clerk, or by a trustee, of the district, and the
39 records of the district shall show such oath of office to have been taken, and
40 by whom administered and shall be filed with the official records of the dis-
41 trict.

1 Each newly elected trustee shall undertake and successfully complete a
2 training course designed by the Idaho school boards association in conjunc-
3 tion with the state department of education regarding public education law,
4 finance and management in Idaho. The course shall be successfully completed
5 by the trustee not later than one (1) year after successfully being sworn
6 into office. The school boards association and the department of education
7 shall have model curriculum and materials available by January 1, 2012.