

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

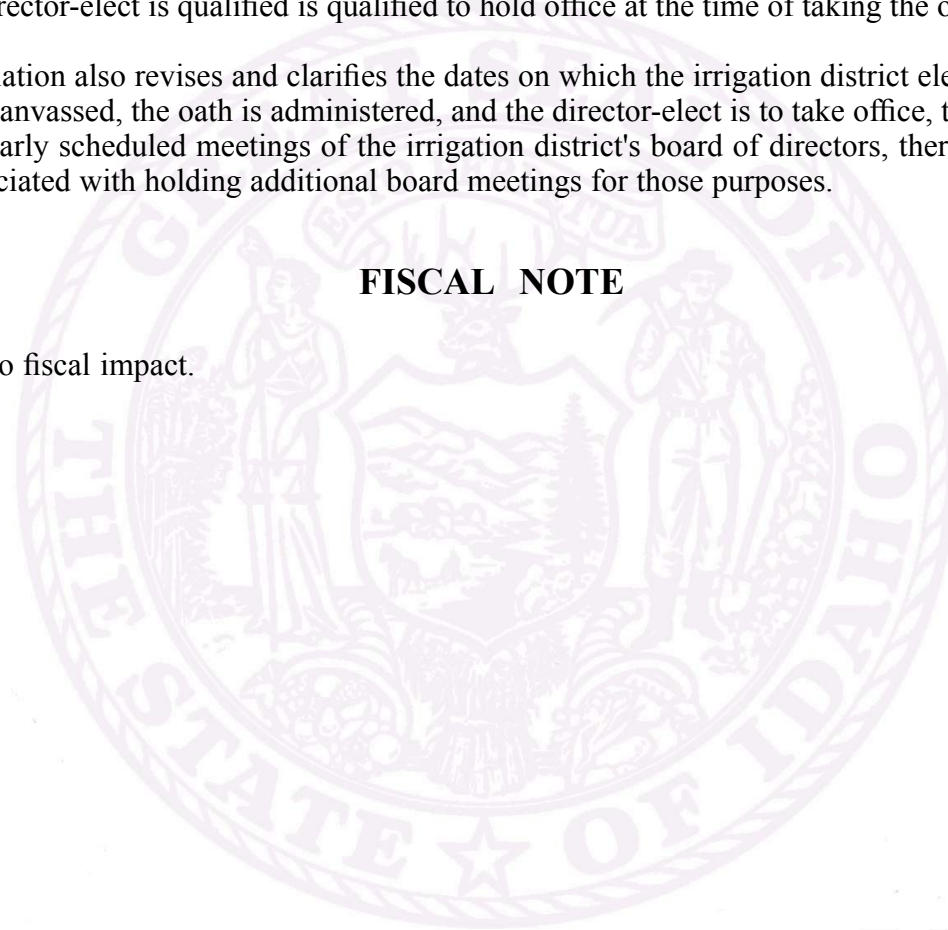
RS21859

This legislation is designed to ensure that candidates seeking election to the office of director of an irrigation district are qualified to hold the office by: (1) requiring nominees to subscribe to the elector's oath, certifying that they are qualified and will remain qualified for office at the time of election, and to submit the elector's oath with their nominating petitions; (2) requiring irrigation district secretaries to verify qualifications of nominees; (3) requiring candidates to notify the irrigation district's secretary if they cease to be qualified to hold the office prior to the election and to withdraw from the election; (4) requiring irrigation district secretaries not to include unqualified candidates on the election ballot; and (5) providing that the oath of office shall include verification that the director-elect is qualified is qualified to hold office at the time of taking the office.

This legislation also revises and clarifies the dates on which the irrigation district election returns are to be canvassed, the oath is administered, and the director-elect is to take office, to correspond with regularly scheduled meetings of the irrigation district's board of directors, thereby reducing costs associated with holding additional board meetings for those purposes.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact.



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