

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21704

This is one of a series of bills that the Supreme Court has recommended in its annual report to the Governor concerning defects or omissions in the laws, as required under article V, section 25 of the Idaho Constitution. It corrects an erroneous reference to a subsection within Idaho Code § 2-208, a statute that addresses the procedure for summoning prospective jurors. In addition, the language in Idaho Code § 2-208(5) regarding the circumstances in which a prospective juror may be found in contempt of court for failing to report and the penalty provided for such contempt is in conflict with the language in Idaho Code §§ 7-601 and 7-610, the statutes defining what constitutes contempt and establishing the punishment for that offense. This bill would remove that conflict by amending Idaho Code § 2-208(5) to state that prospective jurors who fail to appear may be subject to contempt proceedings as provided in chapter 6, title 7 of the Idaho Code and in applicable Supreme Court rules.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill would have no impact on the general fund.

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