

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1272

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTION 67-427, IDAHO CODE, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWO TIMES A YEAR OR
3 AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL HOLD
4 OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO FILLING VA-
5 CANCIES; AND AMENDING SECTION 67-428, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS
6 RELATING TO OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL MAY
7 ADOPT ITS OWN RULES AND APPOINT CERTAIN COMMITTEES.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Section 67-427, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
11 amended to read as follows:

12 67-427. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CREATED -- MEMBERS -- TERMS -- VA-
13 CANCY. There is hereby created a legislative council which shall consist of
14 the president pro tempore of the senate, the speaker of the house of repre-
15 sentatives, the majority and minority floor leaders of each house, two (2)
16 senators to be selected by the members of the majority party in the senate,
17 two (2) senators to be selected by the members of the minority party in the
18 senate, two (2) representatives to be selected by the members of the majority
19 party in the house of representatives and two (2) representatives to be se-
20 lected by the members of the minority party in the house of representatives.
21 The council shall meet ~~as soon as practicable during each regular biennial~~
22 ~~session following the selection of all members of the council at least two~~
23 ~~(2) times each year or as may be necessary as provided for in section 67-430,~~
24 Idaho Code. Members of the council shall hold office for two (2) years con-
25 current with the first and second regular sessions of the legislature until
26 the organization of the council during the following first regular biennial
27 session. Any vacancy on the council shall be filled by the remaining members
28 thereof: provided that any member thus elected shall be from the same house
29 and the same party as his predecessor and shall hold office for the unexpired
30 term of his predecessor Vacancies on the council which occur during the in-
31 terim when the legislature is not in session shall be filled, on a temporary
32 basis, by the remaining members of the council. Provided however, that any
33 member so selected shall be from the same house and the same political party
34 as the member whose seat was vacated. Such member shall serve until the next
35 regular legislative session. During the next regular legislative session,
36 the members of the same house and the same political party as the member whose
37 seat was vacated shall elect a member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired
38 term of his predecessor.

39 SECTION 2. That Section 67-428, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
40 amended to read as follows:

1 67-428. OFFICERS OF COUNCIL -- COMMITTEES -- DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE
2 SERVICES. ~~The council shall select a chairman and a vice-chairman, one of~~
3 ~~whom shall be a senator and the other a representative and it shall~~ The pres-
4 ident pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representa-
5 tives shall serve as cochairmen of the council. The council may adopt its own
6 rules of procedure. ~~The council shall~~ and appoint such committees as may be
7 necessary for the proper and efficient performance of its duties. Commit-
8 tees shall consist of members of the council and other members of the legis-
9 lature. The council shall appoint a director of legislative services, who
10 shall serve at the pleasure of the council, and the council may employ such
11 other employees and engage the services of such persons and agencies as may
12 be necessary or desirable in the performance of its duties.