

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND THE
BLIND; AMENDING SECTION 33-3404, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION RE-
LATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 33-3404, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

33-3404. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (1) The Idaho bureau of educational ser-
vices for the deaf and the blind shall be governed by a board of directors
which shall be responsible for development and oversight.

(2) The board of directors shall be comprised of eight (8) members as
follows:

(a) One (1) member shall be specialized/certified personnel appointed
by the governor for a three (3) year term;

(b) One (1) member shall be a director of special education appointed by
the governor for a three (3) year term;

(c) Two (2) members shall be citizens at-large appointed by the gover-
nor, each for three (3) year terms;

(d) One (1) member shall be a parent of a student who is deaf or hard
of hearing or blind or visually impaired appointed by the governor for a
three (3) year term;

(e) One (1) member shall be a citizen who is deaf or hard of hearing ap-
pointed by the governor for a three (3) year term;

(f) One (1) member shall be a citizen who is blind or visually impaired
appointed by the governor for a three (3) year term; and

(g) The state superintendent of public instruction or the superin-
tendent's appointee shall be chair of the board and shall serve con-
currently with the term of office to which the state superintendent is
elected.

(3) For purposes of establishing staggered terms of office, the initial
term of office for the citizen who is blind or visually impaired and the par-
ent of a student who is deaf or hard of hearing or blind or visually impaired
shall be one (1) year, and thereafter shall be three (3) years. The ini-
tial term of office for the two (2) members at-large and for the director of
special education shall be two (2) years, and thereafter shall be three (3)
years. The initial term of office for the citizen who is deaf or hard of hear-
ing and for the specialized/certified personnel shall be three (3) years,
and thereafter shall be three (3) years.

(4) No voting member shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive full
terms. Members of the board who are appointed to fill vacancies that occur
prior to the expiration of a former member's full term shall serve the unex-
pired portion of such term.

1 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
2 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
3 passage and approval.