

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25688

The purpose of this legislative amendment is as follows: 1) To lengthen the period of time in which state water districts can hold annual meetings. Current law specifies that water districts may adopt a resolution at any annual meeting to hold the annual meeting in subsequent years to any weekday between the second Monday of January and the third Monday of March. Several water districts hold meetings after the third Monday of March and as late as the fourth Tuesday of May. The legislative amendment will align the law with current practice and remove any conflict that water districts may have with the current statutory requirement for annual meeting dates; 2) Add language to Section 42-605(4) clarifying that absentee voting and proxy voting are prohibited. IDWR frequently receives questions regarding absentee and proxy voting. The amendment will help clarify that such voting is prohibited; and 3) Remove unnecessary or duplicate language throughout the section, and add or revise some language as necessary to correct or clarify several subsections.

FISCAL NOTE

The proposed legislative amendment will have no financial impact because it is limited to clarifying or correcting language in the statute. The amendment also extends the period of time in which water districts can hold annual water district meetings and thereby aligns the law with current practice by certain water districts.

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