

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 633

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 33-1271, IDAHO CODE, TO PRO-
2 VIDE THAT REPRESENTATION CARDS ESTABLISHING A LOCAL EDUCATION ORGANI-
3 ZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE STATUS MUST BE SIGNED BY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOY-
4 EES AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 33-1271, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 33-1271. SCHOOL DISTRICTS -- PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES -- NEGOTIATION
10 AGREEMENTS. The board of trustees of each school district, including spe-
11 cially chartered districts, or the designated representative(s) of such
12 district, is hereby empowered to and shall, upon its own initiative or upon
13 the request of a local education organization representing a majority of the
14 professional employees, enter into a negotiation agreement with the local
15 education organization or the designated representative(s) of such organ-
16 ization.

17 (1) The parties to such negotiations shall negotiate in good faith on
18 those matters specified in any such negotiation agreement between the local
19 board of trustees and the local education organization.

20 (2) A request for negotiations may be initiated by either party to such
21 negotiation agreement.

22 (3) Upon either party making a request for negotiations, the local edu-
23 cation organization, upon board request, shall provide to the district writ-
24 ten evidence establishing that the local education organization represents
25 fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the professional employees for negoti-
26 ations. If requested by the board, the local education organization shall
27 establish this representative status on an annual basis, prior to the com-
28 mencement of negotiations. In order to establish a local education organi-
29 zation's representative status, representation cards provided by the local
30 education organization must be signed by professional employees, as defined
31 in section 33-1272, Idaho Code, at least once every two (2) years. Represen-
32 tation cards inconsistent with this provision indicating continuing repre-
33 sentative status shall not be counted in the establishment of representative
34 status.

35 (4) Accurate records or minutes of the proceedings shall be kept and
36 shall be available for public inspection at the office of the affected school
37 district during normal business hours.

38 (5) Joint ratification of all final offers of settlement shall be made
39 in open meetings. Each party must provide written evidence confirming to the
40 other that majority ratification has occurred.