

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1229

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1013, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR
2 THE SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF AN EARLY VOTING PLAN BY THE SECRETARY OF
3 STATE, TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF PLAN MODIFICATIONS, TO REQUIRE NOTIFICA-
4 TION OF THE INTENT TO USE AN EARLY VOTING PROCESS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL
5 CORRECTIONS.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 34-1013, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 34-1013. EARLY VOTING BALLOT SECURITY. (1) A detailed plan for the se-
11 curity of ballots for early voting shall be submitted to the secretary of
12 state for approval no later than thirty (30) days before early voting begins
13 the third Friday of January or at least thirty (30) days prior to implement-
14 ing an early voting plan. Once an early voting plan has been approved by the
15 secretary of state, the plan shall be approved for the entire election year,
16 unless it is modified. Any modified plan shall be submitted to the secretary
17 of state for approval. Once a plan is approved, the county clerk shall notify
18 the secretary of state of the county's intent to use the early voting process
19 prior to each election and before early voting begins.

20 (2) At a minimum, the following procedures must be followed:

21 (1a) The ballot boxes used for casting early ballots shall remain
22 locked and secured with a numbered seal until the time of tabulation on
23 election day-;

24 (2b) A record shall be maintained consisting of the number of ballots
25 issued by date and seal number of each ballot box used for early voting-;

26 (3c) Arrangements shall be made to have a deputy sheriff, police offi-
27 cer or bonded private security firm secure the location-; and

28 (4d) The actual counting of ballots shall not begin until election day,
29 and the results shall not be released to the public until all voting
30 places in the state have closed.