

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26555

This is one of a series of bills the Supreme Court has recommended in its annual report to the Governor concerning defects or omissions in the laws, as required by article V, section 25 of the Idaho Constitution. Idaho Code currently contains two (2) conflicting penalty statutes for non-compliant jurors found in contempt of court. I.C. § 7-610 specifies that a person guilty of contempt for neglecting to attend or serve as a juror may be fined no more than five hundred dollars (\$500) and/or jailed no more than five (5) days. I.C. § 2-217 states that a person found in contempt for failing to appear for or complete jury service may be fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300) and/or jailed not more than three (3) days. I.C. § 7-610, as last amended in 2013, contains the Legislature's most recent policy expression regarding the maximum penalties for juror contempt. Accordingly, this bill seeks to repeal I.C. § 2-217 in order to remove the confusion resulting from the conflicting statutory penalty ranges for juror contempt.

### FISCAL NOTE

This proposed repeal of I.C. § 2-217 will have no fiscal impact upon the General Fund, any other state fund, or local governments. In accordance with Joint Rule 18, the reason no fiscal impact is projected is because this bill will not involve or affect any government expenditure or revenue since the juror contempt penalty range set forth in I.C. § 7-610 will be maintained.

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