

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would authorize the Secretary of State to order a post-election audit of election results after a general or primary election, using procedures he would provide to county clerks at least 60 days prior to the election. Conducting such an audit would increase public confidence in election results by checking the paper ballots, which exist for each and every vote cast in Idaho, against the election results that counties tabulate and report. If problems are identified with any reported election results, the Secretary of State could order the audit of additional ballots.

FISCAL NOTE

Costs in counties selected for a post-election audit of certain ballots would be variable, depending on the audit procedures directed by the Secretary of State, and the election equipment and tabulation procedures used in the counties, but would be unlikely to exceed \$100,000 in statewide costs per election. The Secretary of State will include these costs in his budget request for even-year election cost funding. In addition, this legislation would allow counties to use state election consolidation funds to defray these costs.

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