AN ACT
RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 33-511, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING AN ELECTION TO DISCONTINUE A SCHOOL AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 34-702A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES; AMENDING SECTION 34-1401, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1702, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RECALL PETITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1703, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING INFORMATION ON RECALL PETITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1704, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RECALL PETITION PROCEDURES; AMENDING SECTION 34-1706, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RECALL PETITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1707, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RECALL PETITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1709, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION RESULTS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1714, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PROHIBITED ACTS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1715, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RECALL PETITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 42-4204, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING AQUIFER RECHARGE DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 50-403, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTION LAWS; AND AMENDING SECTION 50-418, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM ELECTIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 33-511, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-511. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS. The board of trustees of each school district shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) Each elementary school district shall maintain at least one (1) elementary school, and each other school district shall maintain at least one (1) elementary school and one (1) secondary school;

(2) To employ necessary help and labor to maintain and operate the schools of the district;

(3) To discontinue any school within the district whenever it shall find such discontinuance to be in the best interests of the district and of the pupils therein. For the purposes of this section, discontinuing a school shall mean no longer maintaining a school of any kind, at the same location, except in the case of secondary units as herein provided.

(a) When any school proposed to be discontinued is one which was operated and maintained by a former district now wholly incorporated within the boundaries of the district operated by said board of trustees, and, immediately following reorganization and the dissolution of said former district, such school has been continuously operated and maintained
at the same location by the presently organized district, the following procedures shall apply before discontinuing a school:

(i) The board of trustees must first give notice of such proposal not later than the first day of July next preceding the date of the proposed discontinuance. Such notice shall be posted, and published once, in the manner provided in section 33-402, Idaho Code, and shall identify the school proposed to be discontinued.

(ii) If, not later than the first day of August following the posting and publishing of the notice of discontinuance, five (5) or more qualified school district electors residing within the school district shall petition the board of trustees for an election to be held within the school district on the question of discontinuance of that school, the board of trustees shall forthwith immediately order an election to be held within fourteen (14) on the first available election date provided by section 34-106(7), Idaho Code, that is at least fifty (50) days of following the date of said order and shall give notice of the election.

(iii) Notice of such election shall be posted at or near the main door of the school proposed to be discontinued and at or near the main door of the administrative offices of the school district and shall also be published in one (1) issue of a newspaper printed in the county in which is situate the school proposed to be discontinued. The notice shall state the date the election is to be held, the place of voting, and the hours between which the polls shall be open. In addition, the notice of election shall describe the area of the particular attendance unit of the school district and shall identify the school proposed to be discontinued; and it shall state that only qualified school district electors residing within the school district may vote on the question of discontinuing the school.

(iv) The election shall be held within the school district and there shall be submitted to the electors a ballot containing the proposal:

1. For discontinuing the school located at.....
2. Against discontinuing the school located at.....

(v) If a majority of the qualified electors, as defined in this section and voting in the election, shall vote against discontinuing that school, then said school shall not be discontinued; and no proposal to discontinue the same school shall be made by the board of trustees of the district within nine (9) months after the date of the election.

(vi) If a secondary unit which the trustees of a district propose to close is more than thirty (30) miles by all-weather road from the attendance unit to which it is proposed to transfer such students, then, notwithstanding other provisions of this section, five (5) electors residing within the attendance area of the unit proposed to be closed may, as provided by this section, petition the board of trustees requesting an election to determine whether or not such attendance unit, or any portion of it, shall be closed. The board shall forthwith immediately call and hold an election as
herein provided. However, for the purpose of this section relating to the secondary attendance unit thirty (30) miles or more distant from another secondary attendance unit, only the patrons resident in this attendance area shall be eligible to vote, except for attendance units, or portions of them, created after January 1, 2002, in which case qualified school district electors throughout the school district shall be eligible to vote. The election shall be deemed passed and the unit shall not be closed if a majority of those voting in the election vote in favor of retaining the attendance unit.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection shall not apply when:

(i) The administrator of the division of building safety has determined that the school constitutes an imminent public safety hazard and has issued an order or notice requiring the school district superintendent, principal, board member or other person in charge to cause all persons, except those necessary to eliminate the condition, to be withdrawn from, and to be restrained from entering the school, pursuant to section 39-8008, Idaho Code; and

(ii) The school district board of trustees have voted at a public meeting to discontinue the school.

SECTION 2. That Section 34-702A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-702A. DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES. (1) No write-in vote for any office in a primary, special, or general election shall be counted unless a declaration of intent has been filed indicating that the person desires the office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of said office if elected. The declaration of intent shall be filed with the secretary of state if for a federal, state, or legislative district office and with the county clerk if for a county or party precinct committeeman office. Such declaration of intent shall be filed no later than the eighth Friday before the day of election. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for said declaration.

(2) In those counties which utilize optical scan ballots, an elector shall not place on the ballot a sticker bearing the name of a person, or use any other method or device, except writing, to vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot.

SECTION 3. That Section 34-1401, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-1401. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION. (1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the county clerk shall administer all elections on behalf of any political subdivision, subject to the provisions of this chapter, including all special district elections and elections of special questions submitted to the electors as provided in this chapter. Water districts governed by chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code, recreational water and/or sewer districts as defined in section 42-3202A, Idaho Code, ground water recharge districts governed by chapter 42, title 42, Idaho Code, ground
water management districts governed by chapter 51, title 42, Idaho Code, ground water districts governed by chapter 52, title 42, Idaho Code, and irrigation districts governed by title 43, Idaho Code, are exempt from the provisions of this chapter. Municipal elections shall be conducted under the provisions of this chapter except for the specific provisions of chapter 4, title 50, Idaho Code. All school district and highway district elections shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code. All highway district and school district elections shall be administered by the clerk of the county wherein the district lies. Elections in a joint school district or other political subdivisions that extend beyond the boundaries of a single county shall be conducted jointly by the clerks of the respective counties, and the clerk of the home county shall exercise such powers as are necessary to coordinate the election. "Home county" shall be defined as the county in which the business office for the district or political subdivision is located.

(2) For the purposes of achieving uniformity, the secretary of state shall, from time to time, provide directives and instructions to the various county clerks. Unless a specific exception is provided in this chapter, the provisions of this chapter shall govern in all questions regarding the conduct of elections on behalf of all political subdivisions. In all matters not specifically covered by this chapter, other provisions of title 34, Idaho Code, governing elections shall prevail over any special provision which conflicts therewith.

(3) The county clerk shall conduct the elections for political subdivisions and shall perform all necessary duties of the election official of a political subdivision including, but not limited to, notice of the filing deadline, notice of the election, and preparation of the election calendar.

SECTION 4. That Section 34-1702, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-1702. REQUIRED SIGNATURES ON PETITION. A petition for recall of an officer shall be instituted by filing with the appropriate official a verified written petition requesting such recall.

(1) If the petition seeks recall of any of the officers named in subsection (1)(a) of section 34-1701, Idaho Code, the petition shall be filed with the secretary of state, and must be signed by registered electors equal in number to twenty percent (20%) of the number of electors registered to vote at the last general election held to elect a governor.

(2) If the petition seeks recall of any of the officers named in subsection (1)(b) of section 34-1701, Idaho Code, the petition shall be filed with the secretary of state, and must be signed by registered electors of the legislative district equal in number to twenty percent (20%) of the number of electors registered to vote at the last general election held in the legislative district at which the member was elected.

(3) If the petition seeks recall of any of the officers named in subsection (2)(a) of section 34-1701, Idaho Code, the petition shall be filed with the county clerk, and must be signed by registered electors of the county equal in number to twenty percent (20%) of the number of electors registered to vote at the last general election held in the county for the election of county officers at which the officer was elected.
(4) If the petition seeks recall of any of the officers named in subsection (3) of section 34-1701, Idaho Code, the petition shall be filed with the city county clerk, and must be signed by registered electors of the city equal in number to twenty percent (20%) of the number of electors registered to vote at the last general city election held in the city for the election of officers. If the city is located in two (2) or more counties, the clerk in each county shall perform the functions within that county as provided in section 34-1401, Idaho Code.

(5) If the petition seeks recall of any of the officers named in subsection (4) of section 34-1701, Idaho Code, the petition shall be filed with the county clerk of the county wherein the district is located. If the district is located in two (2) or more counties, the clerk in each county shall perform the functions within that county. The petition must be signed by registered electors of the district or school trustee zone equal in number to fifty percent (50%) of the number of electors who cast votes in the last election of the district or school trustee zone. If no district election has been held in the last six (6) years, the petition must be signed by twenty percent (20%) of the number of electors registered to vote in the district or school trustee zone at the time the petition is filed.

SECTION 5. That Section 34-1703, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-1703. FORM OF PETITION. (1) The recall petition for state officers other than members of the state legislature shall be in substantially the following form:

RECALL PETITION

To the Honorable...., Secretary of State for the State of Idaho:

We, the undersigned citizens and registered electors of the State of Idaho respectfully demand that...., holding the office of...., be recalled by the registered electors of this state for the following reasons (setting out the reasons for recall in no more than 200 words):

that a special election therefor be called; that we, each for himself say: I am a registered elector of the State of Idaho; my residence, address including city county, and the date I signed this petition are correctly written after my name.

Signature Printed Name Residence City County Date
Street and Number

(Here follow no more than twenty numbered lines for signatures.)

(2) The recall petition for members of the state legislature shall be in substantially the following form:

RECALL PETITION
To the Honorable..., Secretary of State for the State of Idaho:

We, the undersigned citizens and registered electors of Legislative District No...., respectfully demand that...., holding the office of...., be recalled by the registered electors of Legislative District No.... for the following reasons (setting out the reasons for recall in no more than 200 words):

that a special election therefor be called; that we, each for himself say: I am a registered elector of Legislative District No...., my residence, address including city county, and the date I signed this petition are correctly written after my name.

Signature            Printed Name   Residence   City County    Date
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(Here follow no more than twenty numbered lines for signatures.)

(3) The recall petition for county officers shall be in substantially the following form:

RECALL PETITION

To the Honorable..., County Clerk for the County of....:

We, the undersigned citizens and registered electors of the County of...., respectfully demand that...., holding the office of...., of the County of...., be recalled by the registered electors of the County of.... for the following reasons (setting out the reasons for recall in no more than 200 words):

that a special election therefor be called; that we, each for himself say: I am a registered elector of the County of...., my residence, address including city county, and the date I signed this petition are correctly written after my name.

Signature            Printed Name   Residence   City County    Date
                    Street and           
                    Number

(Here follow no more than twenty numbered lines for signatures.)

(4) The recall petition for city officers shall be in substantially the following form:

RECALL PETITION

To the Honorable..., City County Clerk for the City County of....:

We, the undersigned citizens and registered electors of the City of...., respectfully demand that...., holding the office of...., of the City of...., be recalled by the registered electors of the City of.... for the following reasons (setting out the reasons for recall in no more than 200 words):
that a special election therefor be called; that we, each for himself say: I
am a registered elector of the City of...., my residence, address including
city county, and the date I signed this petition are correctly written after
my name.

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(Here follow no more than twenty numbered lines for signatures.)

(5) The recall petition for special district officers shall be in sub-
stantially the following form:

RECALL PETITION

To the Honorable...., County Clerk of the County of....:

We, the undersigned citizens and registered electors of (here insert
the official name of the district), respectfully demand that...., holding
the office of...., of the (district), be recalled by the registered electors
of the (district) for the following reasons (insert the reasons for the re-
call in two hundred (200) words or less):

that a special election therefor be called, that we, each for himself say: I
am a registered elector of the (district), my residence, address including
city county, and the date I signed this petition are correctly written after
my name.

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(Here follow no more than twenty numbered lines for signatures.)

SECTION 6. That Section 34-1704, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

34-1704. PRINTING OF PETITION AND SHEETS FOR SIGNATURES -- TIME LIM-
ITS FOR PERFECTING PETITION. (1) Before or at the time of beginning to cir-
culate any petition for the recall of any officer subject to recall, the person
or persons, or organization or organizations under whose authority the re-
call petition is to be circulated, shall send or deliver to the secretary of
state, or county clerk, or city clerk, as the case may be, a copy of a prospec-
tive petition duly signed by at least twenty (20) electors eligible to sign
such petition. The receiving officer shall immediately examine the petition
and specify the form and kind and size of paper on which the petition shall
be printed and circulated for further signatures. All petitions and signa-
ture sheets for recall shall be printed on a good quality bond paper of stan-
dardized size in substantial conformance within the provisions of section
34-1703, Idaho Code. To every sheet of petitioners' signatures shall be at-
ached a full and correct copy of the recall petition.
(2) The secretary of state, or county clerk, or city clerk, as the case may be, shall indicate in writing on the prospective recall petition that he has approved it as to form and the date of such approval. Upon approval as to form, the secretary of state, or county clerk, or city clerk, shall inform the person or persons, or organization or organizations under whose authority the recall petition is to be circulated, in writing, that the petition must be perfected with the required number of signatures within seventy-five (75) days following the date of approval as to form. Signatures on the prospective petition shall not be counted toward the required number of signatures. Any petition that does not contain the required number of signatures within the seventy-five (75) days allowed shall be declared null and void ab initio in its entirety.

SECTION 7. That Section 34-1706, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-1706. EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES. All petitions with attached signature sheets shall be filed on the same day with the secretary of state, or county clerk, or city clerk, as the case may be. The secretary of state, or the city clerk, shall promptly transmit the petitions and attached signature sheets to the appropriate county clerks. An examination to verify whether or not the petition signers are qualified electors shall be conducted by the county clerk and a certificate shall be attached to the signature sheets as provided in section 34-1807, Idaho Code. This examination shall not exceed fifteen (15) business days from the date of receipt of the petitions.

SECTION 8. That Section 34-1707, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-1707. SUFFICIENCY OF PETITION -- NOTIFICATION -- EFFECT OF RESIGNATION -- SPECIAL ELECTION. (1) In the event that a petition filed with the secretary of state is found by the secretary of state to contain the required number of certified signatures, the secretary of state shall promptly provide written notice to the officer being recalled and the petitioner that the recall petition is in proper form. If the officer being recalled is the secretary of state, the governor shall also be notified.

(a) If the officer being recalled resigns his office within five (5) business days after notice from the secretary of state, his resignation shall be accepted and the resignation shall take effect on the day it is offered, and the vacancy shall be filled as provided by law.

(b) If the officer being recalled does not resign his office within five (5) business days after notice from the secretary of state, a special election shall be ordered by the secretary of state, unless he is the officer being recalled, in which event the governor shall order such special election. The special election must be held on the date prescribed in section 34-106, Idaho Code. If the officer being recalled is one (1) specified in section 34-1701(1)(a), Idaho Code, the special election shall be conducted statewide. If the officer being recalled is one (1) specified in section 34-1701(1)(b), Idaho Code, the special election shall be conducted only in the legislative district.
(2) In the event that a petition filed with the county clerk is found by the county clerk to contain the required number of certified signatures, the county clerk shall promptly provide written notice to the officer being recalled and the petitioner that the recall petition is in proper form. If the officer being recalled is the county clerk, the secretary of state shall also be notified.

(a) If the officer being recalled resigns his office within five (5) business days after notice from the county clerk, his resignation shall be accepted and the resignation shall take effect on the day it is offered, and the vacancy shall be filled as provided by law.

(b) If the officer being recalled does not resign his office within five (5) business days after notice from the county clerk, a special election shall be ordered by the county clerk, unless the county clerk is the officer being recalled, in which event the secretary of state shall order the special election. The special election must be held on the date prescribed in section 34-106, Idaho Code. The special election shall be conducted countywide.

(3) In the event that a petition filed with the county clerk concerning the recall of an official of a local government office city or special district is found by the county clerk to contain the required number of certified signatures, the county clerk shall promptly provide written notice to the officer being recalled, the petitioner, and the governing board responsible for the local government official, if any, of the city or special district that the recall petition is in proper form.

(a) If the officer being recalled resigns his office within five (5) business days after notice from the county clerk, his resignation shall be accepted and the resignation shall take effect on the day it is offered, and the vacancy shall be filled as provided by law.

(b) If the officer being recalled does not resign his office within five (5) business days after notice from the county clerk, a special election shall be ordered by the county clerk. The special election must be held on the date prescribed in section 34-106, Idaho Code. The election shall be conducted by the county clerk in the manner provided in section 34-1401, Idaho Code.

(4) In the event that a petition is found not to have the required number of signatures, the officer shall continue in office and no new recall petition may be circulated for a period of ninety (90) days against the same officer.

SECTION 9. That Section 34-1709, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-1709. OFFICER TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE. The officer named in the recall petition shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the results of the special recall election are officially declared proclaimed.

SECTION 10. That Section 34-1714, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-1714. PROHIBITED ACTS -- PENALTIES. (1) A person is guilty of a felony who:
(a) Signs any name other than his own to any recall petition;
(b) Knowingly signs his name more than once on the same recall petition;
(c) Knowingly signs his name to any recall petition for the recall of any state, county, or city, or special district officer if he is not a registered elector;
(d) Willfully or knowingly circulates, publishes or exhibits any false statement or representation concerning the contents, purport or effect of any recall petition for the purpose of obtaining any signature to any such petition, or for the purpose of persuading any person to sign any such recall petition;
(e) Presents to any officer for filing any recall petition to which is attached, appended or subscribed any signature which the person so filling such petition knows to be false or fraudulent, or not the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign such petition, or whose name is attached, appended or subscribed thereto;
(f) Circulates or causes to circulate any recall petition, knowing the same to contain false, forged or fictitious names;
(g) Makes any false affidavit concerning any recall petition or the signatures appended thereto;
(h) Offers, proposes or threatens for any pecuniary reward or consideration:
   (i) To offer, propose, threaten or attempt to sell, hinder or delay any recall petition or any part thereof or any signatures thereon;
   (ii) To offer, propose or threaten to desist from beginning, promoting or circulating any recall petition;
   (iii) To offer, propose, attempt or threaten in any manner or form to use any recall petition or any power of promotion or opposition in any manner or form for extortion, blackmail or secret or private intimidation of any person or business interest.
(2) A public officer is guilty of a felony who:
(a) Knowingly makes any false return, certification or affidavit concerning any recall petition, or the signatures appended thereto.

SECTION 11. That Section 34-1715, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-1715. REFUSAL TO ACCEPT PETITION -- MANDATE -- INJUNCTION. If the secretary of state, or county clerk, or city clerk, refuses to accept and file any petition for the recall of a public officer with the requisite number of eligible signatures, any citizen may apply within ten (10) business days after such refusal to the district court for a writ of mandamus to compel him to do so. If it shall be decided by the court that such petition is legally sufficient, the secretary of state, or county clerk, or city clerk shall then accept and file the recall petition, with a certified copy of the judgment attached thereto, as of the date on which it was originally offered for filing in his office, except that the time limitations required by section 34-1704 (2), Idaho Code, shall begin to run only as of the date of the court judgment, which shall be so stated in the judgment. On a showing that the petition is not legally sufficient, the court may enjoin the secretary of state, or county clerk, or city clerk, and all other officers from certifying
or printing any official ballot for a recall election. All such suits shall be
advanced on the court docket and heard and decided by the court as quickly
as possible. Either party may appeal to the court of appeals within ten (10)
business days after a decision is rendered. The district court of the state
of Idaho in and for Ada County shall have jurisdiction in all cases involving
the recall of state officers.

SECTION 12. That Section 42-4204, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

42-4204. BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- COMPOSITION -- APPOINTMENT OF FIRST
BOARD -- ELECTION OF SUBSEQUENT BOARDS. (1) The board of directors of the
aquifer recharge district shall consist of five (5) members. Each member
shall be a water user, or representative of a water user within the district.
The members of the board shall be as follows:
(a) One (1) member shall be a member of a lateral ditch water user's as-
association, canal company, irrigation district or similar organization;
(b) One (1) member shall be an owner or operator of a commercial fish
hatchery licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 22-4602,
Idaho Code;
(c) One (1) member shall be a farmer or rancher who is an appropria-
tor of groundwater and whose diversion thereof is accomplished primar-
ily through the operation of a well or wells;
(d) One (1) member shall be a member of the city council of a municipal-
ity within the district; and
(e) One (1) member shall be generally representative of the interests
of water users within the district.
(2) The first board of directors shall be appointed by the director
of the department of water resources. Water users within the district,
or groups thereof, may submit to the director, or the director may solicit
therefrom, the names of qualified individuals to be considered for appoint-
ment to the board.
(3) The term of office of the directors shall be determined by lot so
that three (3) members shall serve for a term of two (2) years and two (2) mem-
ers shall serve for a term of one (1) year. Thereafter, members shall serve
two (2) year terms and shall be elected as hereinafter provided in this sec-
tion.
(4) On the first Tuesday in February following the expiration of the
term of those members serving for one (1) year, and on the first Tuesday in
February of each year thereafter, an election shall be held in accordance
with the provisions of chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code, at which directors
to succeed those whose terms have expired will be elected. Each director
so elected shall possess the qualifications required of all members of the
board and in addition shall possess the qualifications of the director whom
he is to succeed in office.
(5) In any election for director or, after the deadline for filing a
declaration of intent as a write-in candidate, it appears that only one (1)
qualified candidate has been nominated for a director's position, it shall
not be necessary for the candidate to stand for election, and the board of
trustees directors of the district shall declare such candidate elected as
director, and the secretary of the district shall immediately make and de-

deliver to such person a certificate of election.

SECTION 13. That Section 50-403, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

50-403. SUPERVISION OF ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTION LAWS BY COUNTY
CLERK. (1) For each city, the county clerk of the county is the chief elec-
tions officer and shall exercise general supervision of the administration
of the election laws in the city for the purpose of achieving and maintaining
a maximum degree of correctness, impartiality, efficiency and uniformity.
The county clerk shall meet with and issue instructions to election judges
and clerks prior to the opening of the polls to ensure uniformity in the
application, operation and interpretation of the election laws during the
election.

(2) Elections in a city located in more than one (1) county shall be con-
ducted jointly by the clerks of the respective counties, as provided in sec-
tion 34-1401, Idaho Code.

SECTION 14. That Section 50-418, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

50-418. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM ELECTIONS. Initiative and referen-
dum elections shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 18, title 34,
Idaho Code, and chapter 5, title 50, Idaho Code, except as those provisions
are specifically modified by this chapter.