IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 547

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO BALLOTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 23, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
DITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-2324, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN BALLOT
COLLECTION ACTIVITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 23, Title 18, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
ignated as Section 18-2324, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

18-2324. BALLOT COLLECTION PROHIBITED -- EXCEPTIONS. (1) Except as
provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person may not knowingly col-
lect or convey another voter's voted or unvoted ballot.

(2) This section does not apply to:

(a) An election official;

(b) A United States postal service worker or other individual specif-
ically authorized by law to transmit United States mail in the perfor-
mance of his official duties;

(c) An employee or contractor of a parcel delivery business that re-
ceives and delivers parcels in all states within the United States in
the performance of his official duties;

(d) An individual related to the voter, whether by adoption, marriage,
or blood, within the third degree of consanguinity; or

(e) An individual who is a member of the voter's household.

(3) An individual authorized to collect and convey a voter's ballot
pursuant to subsection (2)(d) of this section may not collect or convey more
than six (6) such ballots at a time.

(4) A violation of the provisions of this section constitutes a felony
if the person was paid by anyone other than the voter to collect or convey the
ballot or if the cumulative number of ballots collected or conveyed in viol-
ation of the provisions in this section is greater than ten (10). Any other
violation of the provisions of this section constitutes a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
passage and approval.