

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation makes a number of small changes to Idaho's voter registration system. First, it removes the option of a county clerk sending verification of electronic voter registration by email, and instead requires that such verification be sent by non-forwardable first class mail, as is sometimes done for those registering electronically, and always done for those registering by mail. This will ensure that the registrant actually lives at the address stated. Second, it clarifies that the full name is required, in order to provide a more accurate match with the DMV and social security information with which voter registrations are cross-checked. Third, in order to encourage more voters to provide additional contact information to the county clerk, it exempts voter phone numbers and email addresses from public records requirements. And fourth, it removes the exemption that members of the military hold from having their voter registration cancelled if they are found not to be a citizen of the United States.

FISCAL NOTE

Most of the changes in this legislation are procedural and represent no change in cost. However, the requirement that county clerks send a voter registration verification document by non-forwardable first class mail, to voters registering electronically, may create a small increase in costs in counties that have previously chosen to send such verifications by email, rather than mail.

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