

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 720

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PERSONHOOD; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 5, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 5-346, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT ENVIRONMEN-
3 TAL ELEMENTS, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, NONHUMAN ANIMALS, AND INANIMATE
4 OBJECTS SHALL NOT BE GRANTED PERSONHOOD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND
5 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Chapter 3, Title 5, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
9 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
10 ignated as Section 5-346, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 5-346. PERSONHOOD STATUS. Notwithstanding any other provisions of
12 law, environmental elements, artificial intelligence, nonhuman animals,
13 and inanimate objects shall not be granted personhood in the state of Idaho.
14 Nothing in this section revokes the status of legal person in or of any mu-
15 nicipality, organization, corporation, or other legal or business entity
16 recognized by the laws of the state of Idaho as such prior to July 1, 2022.

17 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
19 July 1, 2022.