

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to ensure student safety and provide for adequate polling locations for the purpose of voting on election days. Presently, schools are the most common polling location used in Idaho. Schools are needed to provide adequate and accessible polling locations within residential communities throughout the State. Increasing concerns about student safety have been raised due to having both students and voters, who would not typically be at a school, using the facility at the same time. This legislation addresses both the need for schools to be used as polling locations and addresses the student safety concerns by removing students during voting, but still allowing virtual student instruction and allowing school facilities to be used by the school districts for other purposes. There is a delayed effective date to ensure adequate time to adjust school calendars and contracts to facilitate this change.

FISCAL NOTE

There are no fiscal impacts at the state or local level because schools are currently used for voting. The only change is that students will not be on campus to receive instruction on election days.

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