STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation requires the Secretary of State's Office to prepare a comprehensive voters' guide for primary and general elections, to be distributed to every household in Idaho. Currently, the Secretary of State's Office produces and distributes a voters' pamphlet when a ballot contains a constitutional amendment pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-453, or an initiative or referendum measure pursuant to Idaho Code Section 34-1812C. This legislation expands this resource by also including information about candidates for federal and state offices, as well as other election information, including voter registration and voting requirements, important dates, and county clerk contact information.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be a \$750,000 impact to the General Fund for the design, production, and dissemination of the voters' guide. Due to the alignment of the State's fiscal year and the primary and general election dates, this amount would cover the cost of each of these elections in alternative years. Primary elections would be covered in even-numbered fiscal years, and general elections would be covered in odd-numbered fiscal years.

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