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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, state and county offices and other election information, including voter registration and voting requirements, important dates, and county clerk contact information.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no additional cost to include a voter guide for the 2024 general elections. Currently, the SOS office requests an appropriation in even-numbered years to distribute a voter pamphlet pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-453 and Idaho Code Section 34-1812c to be distributed to every household. There will be an ongoing annual request of \$350,000 to distribute the guide to over 800,000 Idaho households.

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