

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 95

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-901, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVI-
2 SIONS REGARDING OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT IDENTIFICATION; AND DECLARING
3 AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 34-901, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 34-901. OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT IDENTIFICATION. (1) The county clerk
9 shall provide that all election ballots are identified as official. Each
10 ballot shall have ~~upon~~ on its face the date and year of the election in which
11 it is used and the words "Official Election Ballot."

12 (2) The clerk in a county that utilizes optical scan ballots shall en-
13 sure that:

14 (a) The official election ballot identification is printed on each bal-
15 lot issued; and

16 (b) Each ballot contains a unique ~~marking~~ alphanumeric identifier
17 printed on each ballot to prevent duplication of official election bal-
18 lots.

19 (3) The clerk in a county that utilizes paper or other ballots shall
20 provide an official election stamp of such character or device and of such
21 material as the board of county commissioners may select. In the event such
22 stamp is lost, destroyed or unavailable ~~upon~~ on election day, the distribut-
23 ing clerk shall initial each ballot and write "stamped" ~~upon~~ on the ballot in
24 the appropriate place.

25 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
26 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
27 July 1, 2025.