

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

BY JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE; AMENDING CHAPTER 7, TITLE 9, IDAHO CODE,  
2 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 9-714, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PRO-  
3 VISIONS REGARDING MEDIA SOURCE CONFIDENTIALITY; AND DECLARING AN EMER-  
4 GENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 7, Title 9, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
9 ignated as Section 9-714, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 9-714. MEDIA SOURCE CONFIDENTIALITY. No person engaged in journalis-  
11 tic activities shall be compelled to disclose in any legal proceeding, trial  
12 before any court, or before any jury the source of any information procured  
13 or obtained and published in a newspaper, print publication, digital news  
14 outlet, or by a radio or television broadcasting station with which the per-  
15 son is engaged or employed or with which the person is connected. No such  
16 person shall be compelled to disclose unpublished information, notes, or  
17 communications obtained or created through the course of newsgathering ac-  
18 tivities, except as required by law in cases involving national security or  
19 imminent physical harm.

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