

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1052

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; AMENDING SECTION 56-1002,  
2 IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING BUREAU CHIEFS IN THE DE-  
3 PARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVID-  
4 ING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 56-1002, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 56-1002. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE -- CREATION -- ADMINISTRA-  
10 TIVE REGIONS. (1) There is created and established in the state government a  
11 department of health and welfare which shall, for the purposes of section 20,  
12 article IV of the constitution of the state of Idaho, be an executive depart-  
13 ment of the state government. The executive and administrative power of this  
14 department shall be vested in the director of the department who shall be ap-  
15 pointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor, with the advice and con-  
16 sent of the senate.

17 (2) The department shall be organized into such administrative and gen-  
18 eral services divisions as may be necessary in order to efficiently adminis-  
19 ter the department. Each division shall be headed by a division administra-  
20 tor who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the director with  
21 the concurrence of the board. Any new bureau chief hired to head a bureau  
22 shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the director with the con-  
23 currency of the board.

24 (3) In order to provide more effective and economical access to the  
25 state health and social services by the people of Idaho, the governor is  
26 hereby authorized to establish substate administrative regions. In the  
27 designation of these regions specific consideration shall be given to the  
28 geographic and economic convenience of the citizens included therein. Each  
29 substate administrative region shall be headed by a regional director who  
30 shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the director with the con-  
31 currence of the board.

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