

TITLE 67
STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 72
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

67-7201. COMMISSION CREATED -- APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS. There is hereby created the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, hereafter referred to as the commission. The commission shall consist of nine (9) members, two (2) to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate from the members of the senate; two (2) to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives from the members of the house; and five (5) public members to be selected from the Hispanic community who reside in and represent the various geographical areas of the state which contain a significant Hispanic population. The five (5) public members shall be appointed by the governor. Of the five (5) public members first to be appointed, two (2) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, two (2) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and one (1) shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. The governor shall specify the term of each public member when making the initial appointments. All initial appointments shall commence on July 1, 1987. All subsequent terms shall be for three (3) years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments and for the balance of the unexpired term.

[67-7201, added 1987, ch. 163, sec. 1, p. 320.]

67-7202. ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION. The commission shall meet not more than four (4) times a year. The commission shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson and other officers from its members as it deems advisable. Five (5) members constitute a quorum. Commission members shall be compensated as provided in section [59-509\(b\)](#), Idaho Code. Emergency sessions may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the commissioners.

[67-7202, added 1987, ch. 163, sec. 1, p. 320; am. 1998, ch. 161, sec. 1, p. 549.]

67-7203. RESOURCES AND STAFFING. The commission shall secure resources from public and private sources and shall have the authority to hire staff when resources are available to support personnel. The commission shall utilize talent, expertise, and resources within the state, and especially that of the university system, to whatever extent practical.

[67-7203, added 1987, ch. 163, sec. 1, p. 321.]

67-7204. STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO COOPERATE. The commission may procure information and assistance from the state or any political subdivision thereof, or any state department or agency. All agencies, officers, and political subdivisions of the state shall give the commission all relevant information and assistance on any matters of research within their knowledge or control.

[67-7204, added 1987, ch. 163, sec. 1, p. 321.]

67-7205. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences, investigations, and special studies on problems and programs concerning Hispanic people;
- (2) To stimulate public awareness of the problems of Hispanic people by conducting a program of public education;
- (3) To develop, coordinate, and assist other public and private organizations that serve Hispanic people, including the conducting of training programs for community leadership;
- (4) To advise the governor, legislature and state departments and agencies of the nature, magnitude, and priorities of the problems of Hispanic people;
- (5) To advise the governor, legislature and state departments and agencies on, and assist in the development and implementation of, comprehensive and coordinated policies, programs, and procedures focusing on the special problems and needs of Hispanic people, fields of education, and employment;
- (6) To propose new programs concerning Hispanic people to public and private agencies and evaluate for such agencies existing programs or prospective legislation concerning Hispanic people;
- (7) To establish advisory committees on special subjects or projects;
- (8) To apply for and accept federal funds granted by congress or executive order for all or any of the purposes of this chapter as well as gifts and donations from individuals, corporations, private organizations or foundations, and to accept volunteer clerical or staff work;
- (9) To cooperate or contract with individuals and state, local and other agencies, both public and private, including agencies of the federal government and of other states;
- (10) To meet and exercise its powers at any place within the state;
- (11) To make bylaws for its own governance and procedure not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

[67-7205, added 1987, ch. 163, sec. 1, p. 321.]