

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1275

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ABSENTEE VOTING; AMENDING SECTION 34-1012, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE  
2 PROVISIONS REGARDING EARLY VOTING AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS;  
3 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 34-1012, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 34-1012. ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING -- EARLY VOT-  
9 ING. (1) Those counties that utilize absentee voting facilities that have  
10 access to the Idaho statewide voter registration system and count ballots at  
11 a central location or utilize a polling location based tabulation system may  
12 elect to conduct "early voting" according to the provisions of this section.  
13 For those counties that elect to do "early voting," early voting shall begin  
14 on or before the third Monday before the election and end at 5:00 p.m. on  
15 the Friday before the election. Primary election ballots shall be issued  
16 pursuant to section 34-1002(2), Idaho Code.

17 (12) A voter who appears at an "early voting" station to vote shall  
18 state his or her name and address to the election official and present the  
19 voter's identification as required by sections 34-1113 and 34-1114, Idaho  
20 Code.

21 (23) The election official shall examine the records to ascertain  
22 whether or not such applicant is registered and lawfully entitled to vote  
23 as requested. The provisions of section 34-408A, Idaho Code, authorizing  
24 election day registration shall also apply in determining the applicant's  
25 qualifications to vote.

26 (34) Before receiving a ballot, each elector shall sign his or her name  
27 in the election register and poll book provided for early voting.

28 (45) The elector shall then be given the appropriate ballots ~~that have~~  
29 ~~been stamped with~~ containing the official election stamp ballot identifica-  
30 tion pursuant to section 34-901, Idaho Code, and shall be given folding in-  
31 structions for such ballots, if appropriate.

32 (56) Upon receipt of the ballots, the elector shall retire to a vacant  
33 voting booth and mark the ballots according to the instructions provided.

34 (67) After marking the ballot, the elector shall present himself or  
35 herself to the election official at the ballot box and state his or her name  
36 and address. The elector shall then deposit the ballot in the ballot box or  
37 hand it to the election official, who shall deposit it. The election offi-  
38 cial shall then record that the elector has voted and proclaim the same in an  
39 audible voice.

40 (78) Voters requiring assistance shall be provided with such assis-  
41 tance in accordance with section 34-1108, Idaho Code.

1           (~~8~~9) Electioneering is prohibited at an early voting polling place as  
2 provided in section 18-2318, Idaho Code.

3           SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
4 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its  
5 passage and approval.