

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 136

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 14, TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-  
3 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 34-1414, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PO-  
4 LITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY APPLY TO HOLD AT-LARGE ELECTIONS.

5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Chapter 14, Title 34, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
8 ignated as Section 34-1414, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 34-1414. ELECTION BY ZONES -- EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDI-  
10 VISIONS. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
11 governing body of any political subdivision that contains no more than one  
12 hundred forty (140) registered voters at the last general election may ap-  
13 ply to the appropriate board of county commissioners for a determination  
14 that the election of the members of the political subdivision's governing  
15 body may be held at large instead of by district zones or subdistricts. The  
16 board of county commissioners shall make the determination whether to permit  
17 the election of the political subdivision's governing body to be elected  
18 at large and the county clerk shall provide notice of the board's decision  
19 to the affected electors at least ninety (90) days before the next general  
20 election. If the board of county commissioners approves the request for an  
21 at-large election, the approval shall apply to future elections until re-  
22 voked by the board of county commissioners.