

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to ensure student safety and provide for adequate polling locations for the purpose of voting on Election Day. Increasing concerns about student safety have been raised due to having both students and voters, who would not typically be at a school, using the facility at the same time. Presently, schools are the most common polling location used in Idaho. Schools are needed in order to provide adequate and accessible polling locations within residential communities throughout the state. This legislation addresses both the need for schools to be used as polling locations and addresses the student safety concerns by removing students during voting, but still allowing the facility to be used by the school districts for other purposes. There is a delayed effective date in order to ensure adequate time to adjust school calendars and contracts to facilitate this change.

FISCAL NOTE

The proposed changes would not adversely impact the General Fund. There will be a financial impact to local school districts related to making changes to service contracts impacted by the date changes in student attendance. The impact to local districts will vary based upon how each district decides to adjust its calendar based upon the legislation. The fiscal impact to districts is anticipated to be modest and may be offset by use of these dates as professional development days.

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