IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 413

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1   AN ACT
2   RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCILMEN; AMENDING SECTION 50-707A, IDAHO
3   CODE, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CITIES TO ESTABLISH DISTRICTS AND PROVIDE FOR
4   THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEN BY DISTRICTS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORREC-
5   TION.

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

7   SECTION 1. That Section 50-707A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8   amended to read as follows:

9   50-707A. ELECTION OF COUNCILMEN BY DISTRICTS. (1) Any city having
10 fewer than one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants based upon the most
11 recent federal decennial census may, by ordinance, provide for districts
12 and the election of councilmen by districts. Upon the adoption of such an
13 ordinance and at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to each general
14 election, the governing body of the city shall establish the territory of
15 council districts in accordance with this section. Any city having more than
16 one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants based upon the most recent fed-
17 eral decennial census shall establish districts and shall elect councilmen
18 by districts for districts so established. Districts shall be established
19 no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the general election
20 following the date that election precincts are established pursuant to the
21 provisions of section 34-301, Idaho Code.
22   (2) Each district shall consist of one (1) or more contiguous election
23 precincts as established pursuant to the provisions of chapter 3, title 34,
24 Idaho Code, and each district shall, to the nearest extent possible, contain
25 the same number of people based upon the most recent federal decennial cen-
26 sus.
27   (3) Each city providing establishing districts for the election of
28 councilmen by districts shall establish the number of districts correspond-
29 ing to the number of council seats determined by the city pursuant to section
30 50-701, Idaho Code, or for any city having a governing body governed by the
31 provisions of sections 50-801 through 50-812, Idaho Code, the number of
32 council seats determined by the city pursuant to section 50-805, Idaho Code.
33   (4) Upon adoption establishment of such an ordinance city election dis-
34 tricts, a council shall determine, not less than ninety (90) days before the
35 next general city election, if council members are to be elected by electors
36 from the entire city, or by the electors of the said geographic district.
37 The, and any candidate must be a resident of said geographic district. For
38 cities with fewer than one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants that es-
39 tablish districts by ordinance, the council shall also determine, not less
40 than ninety (90) days before the next general election, the method of the im-
41 plementation of this ordinance.