

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1290

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO IRRIGATION DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 43-206, IDAHO CODE, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN IRRIGATION DISTRICTS MAY COMBINE PRECINCTS INTO
3 ONE POLLING PLACE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACE, TO
4 PROVIDE FOR JUDGES OF ELECTION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 43-206, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 43-206. NOTICE OF ELECTION -- APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES. (1) The secretary
10 of the district shall give notice of all elections in said district subse-
11 quent to the organization thereof, by posting the same in three (3) public
12 places in each such precinct and in the office of said board, at least four
13 (4) weeks before the day of such election, or by publication of the same once
14 a week for two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation
15 within said district. If notice be given by publication in a weekly newspa-
16 per, the same shall be published in two (2) successive issues thereof, or,
17 if in a daily newspaper, at least six (6) days shall elapse between the first
18 and last dates of publication, and, in either case, publication shall be com-
19 pleted not less than fifteen (15) days before such election. Notices shall
20 state the time of said election and the polling place for each precinct, and
21 the director to be elected or other question to be voted upon, as the case
22 may be. At least ten (10) days before the holding of any such election, the
23 board of directors shall appoint three (3) electors of each precinct to serve
24 as judges of election for such precinct, and such judges shall constitute a
25 board of election for such precinct.

26 (2) A polling place for a precinct need not be located in the precinct,
27 but shall be located within the district. Polling places for two (2) or more
28 precincts may be combined at one (1) location, ~~so~~ as long as the physical ar-
29 rangements of the polling place are sufficient to guarantee all voters the
30 right to cast a secret ballot. Any combined polling place thus created shall
31 be no farther than ten (10) miles outside of the precinct which is losing
32 its polling place. In cases of combined polling places, the board of direc-
33 tors shall name one (1) elector from each of the combined precincts, ~~and they~~
34 ~~shall constitute the~~ to serve as judges of election for that polling place.

35 (3) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, irrigation dis-
36 tricts comprising fifteen thousand (15,000) or fewer irrigated acres within
37 their boundary may, upon resolution of the board of directors, combine all
38 precincts into one (1) polling place. In cases where such a district re-
39 solves to combine precincts into a single polling place, the polling place
40 shall be the irrigation district office, and the board of directors shall
41 name one (1) elector from each precinct to serve as judges of election at the
42 combined polling place.