

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 439

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO VOTERS; AMENDING SECTION 34-411A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE
2 DEADLINE FOR AN UNAFFILIATED ELECTOR TO AFFILIATE WITH A POLITICAL
3 PARTY PRIOR TO A PRIMARY ELECTION; 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 34-411A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 34-411A. PRIMARY ELECTIONS -- CHANGING PARTY AFFILIATION -- UNAFFILI-
9 ~~ATED ELECTORS OR UNAFFILIATED DESIGNATION.~~ (1) For a primary election, in-
10 cluding a presidential primary election, an elector may change such elec-
11 tor's political party affiliation or become "unaffiliated" designation by
12 filing a signed form with the county clerk no later than the last day a can-
13 didate may file for partisan political office prior to such primary elec-
14 tion, as provided for in section 34-704 or 34-732, Idaho Code. An "unaffil-
15 iated" elector may affiliate with the party of the elector's choice by fil-
16 ing a signed form up to and including election day. The application form de-
17 scribed in section 34-1002, Idaho Code, shall also be used for this purpose.

18 (2) ~~For a primary election, an "unaffiliated" elector may select a po-~~
19 ~~litical party affiliation only prior to voting in the primary election. An~~
20 ~~elector may make such selection on or before election day, by declaring such~~
21 ~~political party affiliation to the poll worker or other appropriate election~~
22 ~~personnel. The poll worker or other appropriate election personnel shall~~
23 ~~then record in the poll book the elector's choice. After the primary elec-~~
24 ~~tion, the county clerk shall record the party affiliation so recorded in the~~
25 ~~poll book as part of such elector's record within the voter registration sys-~~
26 ~~tem as provided for in section 34-437A, Idaho Code.~~

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