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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation adds credit cards and debit cards to the methods by which candidates for office may pay their filing fees when filing their candidacy papers.

FISCAL NOTE

Because the cost of debit and credit card processing fees could be passed on to the filer, this legislation need not cause any net fiscal impact to any governmental entity. For the 2022 election cycle, the Secretary of State estimates that it will receive filing fees from approximately 300 candidates for various offices, which will result in approximately \$27,000 in revenue for the General Fund.

It is unknown how many candidates would choose to pay their filing fee with a credit card or debit card. However, if all candidates filing with the Secretary of State paid by such methodology, and the Secretary of State required all candidates to pay all processing fees on top of the filing fee, it would result in the payment of approximately \$1,100 in additional costs by all candidates, in the aggregate. Approximately \$300 would accrue to the State of Idaho's credit card payment processor, while \$800 would go to the General Fund, which could be used to cover the \$800 in additional credit card processing costs that would be paid by the Secretary of State's office.

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