

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26063

This purpose of this legislation is to create the Public Integrity in Elections Act. The act accomplishes the following:

- Identifies the proper role of governmental entities with regards to elections.
- Codifies and clarifies existing case law that was established by the Idaho Supreme Court in Ameritel Inns, Inc vs Greater Boise Auditorium District (2005). In that case, the Idaho Supreme Court indicated that a public entity may "educate" but may not "advocate" regarding a bond measure.
- Protects elected officials and public employees freedom of speech First Amendment rights and ensures that public funds, resources and property are not used to influence the outcome at the ballot box.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation should have no negative impact to any state or local budgets. However, it could have positive impacts to both state and local governments by preventing funds or resources from being used to influence the outcome at the ballot box.

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