

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 626

BY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS TO AUTHORIZE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS; AMENDING SECTION  
34-439, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
OFFICIAL STATEMENTS IN ELECTIONS AUTHORIZING BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 34-439, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

34-439. DISCLOSURES IN ELECTIONS TO AUTHORIZE BONDED INDEBTED-  
NESS. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any taxing district  
that proposes to submit any question to the electors of the district that  
would authorize any bonded indebtedness shall provide a brief official  
statement setting forth in simple, understandable language information on  
the proposal substantially as follows:

(a) The purpose for which the bonds are to be used including, but not  
necessarily limited to, a description of the facility and/or project  
that will be financed, in whole or in part, by the sale of the bonds; the  
date of the election; and the principal amount of the bonds to be issued;

(b) The anticipated interest rate on the proposed bonds based upon cur-  
rent market rates and a maximum interest rate if a maximum is specified  
in the question to be submitted to electors;

(c) The total amount to be repaid over the life of the bonds based on the  
anticipated interest. Such total shall reflect three (3) components: a  
total of the principal to be repaid; a total of the interest to be paid;  
and the sum of both;

(d) The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer of the proposed  
bond, in the format of "A tax of \$ per \$100,000 of taxable assessed  
value, per year, based on current conditions";

(e) The length of time, reflected in months or years, in which the pro-  
posed bonds will be paid off or retired; and

(ef) The total, existing indebtedness, including interest accrued, of  
the taxing district.

(2) (a) The formula for calculating the estimated average annual cost to  
the taxpayer shall be as follows:

((Bond Total/Taxable Value) x 100,000)/Duration = estimated average  
annual cost to taxpayer; and

(b) The elements of which are defined as:

(i) "Bond total" means the total amount to be bonded, from subsec-  
tion (1) (c) of this section as based on the anticipated interest  
rate in subsection (1) (b) of this section;

(ii) "Duration" means the time, in years, from subsection (1) (e)  
of this section; and

1           (iii) "Taxable value" means the most recent total taxable value  
2           for property for the applicable taxing district, which shall be  
3           obtained from the applicable county treasurer or assessor's of-  
4           fice.

5           (3) The official statement shall be made a part of the ballot prior to  
6 the location on the ballot where a person casts a vote and shall be included  
7 in the official notice of the election.