

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26516

This is one of a series of bills the Supreme Court has recommended in its annual report to the Governor concerning defects or omissions in the laws, as required by article V, section 25 of the Idaho Constitution. Per I.C. § 32-716, courts are prohibited from conducting a hearing on the merits or entering a final decree in a divorce action until at least twenty (20) days after the case is commenced and process is served. In order to reduce confusion to those affected by procedural timeframes, the courts strive to establish time periods computed only on seven (7) day increments. To bring the divorce action "cooling off" period in line with this effort to reduce confusion, the twenty (20) day timeframe should be changed to twenty-one (21) days.

FISCAL NOTE

This proposed amendment will have no fiscal impact upon the General Fund, any other state fund, or local governments. In accordance with Joint Rule 18, the reason no fiscal impact is projected is because the amendment only changes a time period by one (1) day, and it does not involve or affect any government expenditure or revenue.

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