

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 322

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-411A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE
3 PROVISIONS REGARDING A CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION BEFORE A
4 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 -- UNAFFIL-
9 IATED ELECTORS. (1) For a primary election, including a presidential pri-
10 mary election, an elector may change such elector's political party affili-
11 ation or become "unaffiliated" by filing a signed form with the county clerk
12 no later than the last day a candidate may file for partisan political office
13 prior to such primary election, as provided for in section 34-704 or 34-732,
14 Idaho Code. An "unaffiliated" elector may affiliate with the party of the
15 elector's choice by filing a signed form up to and including election day.
16 The application form described in section 34-1002, Idaho Code, shall also be
17 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.