

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to clarify and create uniformity in voter registration requirements. Currently, there are inconsistencies among the various methods of registering, as well as lack of clarity concerning the type of documentation an applicant must show to prove residence in order to complete registration. To standardize the voter registration process, this legislation requires that applicants submit a completed application, show proof of identity, and show proof of residence, regardless of the manner of registration. In addition, by specifying the acceptable documentation required to prove identity and residence, this legislation prevents any uncertainty for applicants and election officials. Given the lack of uniformity in the sophistication of student ID cards, such cards are no longer a valid form of personal identification to vote at the polls. As an alternative, this legislation requires the Idaho Department of Transportation (“ITD”) to issue no-fee identification cards for the purpose of complying with voter registration and voting requirements.

### FISCAL NOTE

A standard four-year identification card is \$15.00. \$10.00 of this amount is distributed to the county Sheriff that issues the credential and \$5.00 is distributed to the Highway Distribution Account. Of the \$5.00, approximately \$3.00 is distributed to ITD and \$2.00 is distributed among local highway jurisdictions. In the 2022 general election, 98.8% of the voters showed a driver’s license as a form of personal identification, while only 0.4% of the voters completed an Affidavit in lieu of showing personal identification, and 104 voters used a student ID. It’s anticipated that these latter two categories of voters will be the likeliest applicants for no-fee ID cards. Accordingly, it is anticipated that fewer than 2,000 no-fee ID cards will be issued each year. There would be minimal impact to ITD dedicated and local funds and no impact to the General Fund.

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