

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS31555 / HJR004

This legislation would provide for a constitutional amendment that would keep our current form of picking the winner of an election in place. This proposal affects elections for statewide offices, elections for the legislature, partisan county elections and the elections of judges. City and local elections would not be affected by this constitutional amendment.

Legislative Council may use the following statement for the ballot explanation as to the effect of the question:

"This proposed constitutional provision will assure that Idaho's current form of choosing the winner of an election remains the standard. The winner of an election will be the candidate who received the greatest number of votes. This is how western cultures have picked election winners for 2,500 years. This constitutional amendment would ensure that the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes is the winner of an election.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation, if approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate, will place a constitutional item on the November ballot. The cost of placing the question on the ballot can range from \$0, if there is another questions already on the ballot, to approximately \$200,000 for the additional page to be printed for the statewide ballots if this resolution is the only question on the November 2024 ballot.

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