

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1415

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 7, TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDI-
2 TION OF A NEW SECTION 34-731, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE PRESIDENTIAL
3 PREFERENCE PRIMARY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Chapter 7, Title 34, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
8 ignated as Section 34-731, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 34-731. PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY. (1) In years in which a pres-
10 ident of the United States is to be nominated and elected, a presidential
11 preference primary shall be held at which voters may express their preferred
12 choice of candidate for a political party for president. The presidential
13 preference primary shall be held in conjunction with primary elections held
14 pursuant to section 34-102, Idaho Code.

15 (2) On the tenth Wednesday preceding the primary election, the secre-
16 tary of state shall contact each national political party to identify the
17 names of any candidates currently recognized as the respective party's can-
18 didates for president of the United States. The secretary of state shall
19 certify the list of candidates to the county clerks by the tenth Friday pre-
20 ceeding the primary election.

21 (3) Upon completion of the state canvas for the presidential preference
22 primary, the secretary of state shall notify the state chair of each politi-
23 cal party of the results. A political party may use the results for candidate
24 nomination at its national convention, and nothing in this chapter shall be
25 construed as mandating a political party adopt the results of the presiden-
26 tial preference primary.

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.