

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18337

This bill is the result of a recommendation by the Legislative Council to revise and update Idaho Code sections that relate to the operation and function of the Idaho Legislature. A subcommittee of the Legislative Council supported by LSO staff went through these code sections and deleted archaic language, and clarified and updated language to reflect current practice and procedure. Some of these statutory sections are over fifty years old and are no longer applicable. Also, the Legislative Services Office does not currently exist in Idaho Code, and those important functions need to be clarified in statute.

Sections 1, 3 and 4, and sections 7, 12 and 13, delete and amend language related to old code sections dealing with reapportionment and legislative compensation that are no longer applicable, and which now are handled by citizen commissions in a separate process.

Section 2 deletes reference to a "legislative counsel", the original position hired to draft bills for the Legislature in the 1940's.

Section 6 eliminates a great deal of redundant language which is organized in a new section establishing the Legislative Services Office in code.

Sections 8 through 10 update and clarify the legislative audit process, and section 11 creates the Legislative Services Office in Idaho Code and defines the organization and function of the Legislature's non-partisan support staff.

There is no new power, authority or functions with this legislation. It is simply an effort to update and modernize the Code sections that relate to the Idaho Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact with this legislation.

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