

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTION CONSOLIDATION; AMENDING SECTION 1, CHAPTER 341, LAWS OF
2 2009, TO REVISE HOW APPROPRIATED MONEYS MAY BE USED; AMENDING SECTION
3 22-2721, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF
4 SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 22-4301,
5 IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ELECTIONS IN WEATHER MODIFI-
6 CATION DISTRICTS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION
7 31-1410A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ELECTIONS OF FIRE
8 PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 33-502, IDAHO
9 CODE, TO REVISE WHEN DECLARATION OF CANDIDACIES FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES
10 SHALL BE FILED AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; REPEALING SECTION
11 33-2717B, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY FROM LIBRARY
12 DISTRICT BOARDS; REPEALING SECTION 33-2717C, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO
13 PROCEDURE FOR CORRECTION OF BALLOTS IN LIBRARY DISTRICT ELECTIONS;
14 AMENDING SECTION 33-2722, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE WHO CONDUCTS LIBRARY
15 DISTRICT ELECTIONS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION
16 34-102, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE WHEN THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS HELD; AMEND-
17 ING SECTION 34-106, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE WHEN RECALL ELECTIONS MAY BE
18 HELD; AMENDING SECTION 34-717, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELAT-
19 ING TO WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY; AMENDING SECTION 34-902, IDAHO CODE,
20 TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING SUFFI-
21 CIENT BALLOTS AND BALLOT BOXES FOR EACH POLLING PLACE AT ALL ELECTIONS;
22 AMENDING SECTION 34-1003, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS FOR ISSUANCE
23 OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1401, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE
24 PROVISIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; AMENDING SEC-
25 TION 34-1404, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DECLARATION OF
26 CANDIDACY; AMENDING CHAPTER 14, TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION
27 OF A NEW SECTION 34-1405A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL
28 OF CANDIDACY; AMENDING SECTION 34-1406, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVI-
29 SIONS REGARDING NOTICE OF ELECTION; AMENDING SECTION 34-1407, IDAHO
30 CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING WRITE-IN CANDIDATES; AMENDING
31 SECTION 34-1410, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CANVASSING
32 OF ELECTION RESULTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 14, TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE
33 ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 34-1412, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS
34 FOR TERMS OF OFFICE GOING BEYOND THE NEXT ELECTION DATES; AMENDING SEC-
35 TION 39-1330, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ELECTIONS OF
36 HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 40-1304, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE
37 PROVISIONS REGARDING WHEN HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS TAKE OFFICE;
38 AMENDING SECTION 42-3211, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING
39 WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 50-1026, IDAHO
40 CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN CITY BOND ELECTIONS AND TO
41 MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 67-4911, IDAHO CODE, TO
42 REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING AUDITORIUM DISTRICT ELECTIONS; DECLARING
43 AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.
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1 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

2 SECTION 1. That Section 1, Chapter 341, Laws of 2009, be, and the same is
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 SECTION 1. In addition to the appropriation provided for by law, there
5 is hereby appropriated to the Secretary of State to be used to provide train-
6 ing and training materials directly related to election consolidation and
7 for trustee and benefit payments the sum of \$1,500,000 from the Budget Sta-
8 bilization Fund for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, which
9 shall be placed in the Consolidated Elections Fund. The Secretary of State
10 shall reimburse counties for the cost of needed equipment and computer
11 software, maps, materials and attendance at training sessions, which are
12 directly related to compliance with this act. Such moneys shall be expended
13 from the Consolidated Elections Fund which is created in the State Treasury.
14 Each county may apply to the Secretary of State for reimbursement of its
15 actual costs incurred in acquiring equipment and computer software with the
16 maximum amount reimbursed being the greater of one dollar (\$1.00) per person
17 in the county according to the latest decennial census or ten thousand dol-
18 lars (\$10,000). Moneys may be expended pursuant to appropriation or by the
19 Secretary of State. The Consolidated Elections Fund shall cease to exist and
20 shall be null and void on January 1, 2016, at which time any amounts remaining
21 in the fund will revert to the General Fund.

22 SECTION 2. That Section 22-2721, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
23 amended to read as follows:

24 22-2721. ELECTION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE OF SUPER-
25 VISORS. (1) The governing body of the district shall consist of five (5)
26 supervisors, elected or appointed as provided in this chapter. Elections
27 shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of this section and the uniform
28 district election law, chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code. If at any time the
29 supervisors of a district deem it necessary, they may request permission
30 from the state soil and water conservation commission to increase the num-
31 ber of supervisors to seven (7). Upon receipt of such a request in writing,
32 signed by all five (5) supervisors, stating a valid reason for such need, the
33 commission shall grant permission. The additional supervisors shall then be
34 appointed as outlined in ~~subsection (5) of~~ this section until such time as
35 regular district elections for two (2) supervisors in each district. At that
36 time those districts having seven (7) supervisors shall then elect four (4)
37 supervisors for four (4) year terms. The two (2) supervisors appointed by
38 the commission shall be persons who are by training and experience qualified
39 to perform the specialized services which will be required of them in the
40 performance of their duties. All supervisors shall be landowners or farmers
41 of the district where they are elected or appointed and shall be registered
42 to vote in the state of Idaho.

43 (2) Within thirty (30) days after the date of issuance by the secretary
44 of state of a certificate of organization of a soil conservation district,
45 nominating petitions may be filed with the state soil and water conservation
46 commission to nominate candidates for supervisors of each district. The
47 county clerk shall conduct the election for the district and shall be the

1 election official for the district. The election official shall have au-
2 thority to extend the time within which nominating petitions may be filed.
3 No such nominating petition shall be accepted by the election official
4 unless it shall be subscribed by not less than five (5) persons who are quali-
5 fied electors owning land or residing within the boundaries of the district.
6 The election official shall give due notice of an election to be held, sub-
7 ject to the provisions of section 34-106, Idaho Code, for the election of
8 three (3) supervisors for the district. The names of all nominees on behalf
9 of whom such nominating petitions have been filed within the time herein
10 designated shall appear upon ballots, with directions to choose three (3)
11 names to indicate the voter's preference. The three (3) candidates who shall
12 receive the largest number, respectively, of the votes cast in such election
13 shall be the elected supervisors for such district. The commission shall pay
14 all the expenses of such election, which shall be supervised and conducted
15 by the election official.

16 (3) All elections in districts shall be conducted by the county clerk.
17 Such election shall be held on the first Tuesday succeeding the first Monday
18 of November in each even-numbered year. Such elections shall be in compli-
19 ance with the provisions of chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code, and shall be
20 supervised and conducted by the county clerk. The cost of conducting such
21 elections shall be borne by the county that conducted the election. The
22 county clerk shall certify to the state soil and water conservation commis-
23 sion the names of the elected supervisors. The state soil and water con-
24 servation commission shall issue certificates of election to each elected
25 supervisor so certified. The county clerk or county clerks of the county or
26 counties in which the district is located shall conduct the election for the
27 soil conservation district, and the county clerk must provide a ballot for
28 the district election and must provide a process that allows only qualified
29 electors of the district to vote in that district's election.

30 (4) In any election for supervisor, if after the deadline for filing
31 a declaration of intent as a write-in candidate, it appears that the num-
32 ber of qualified candidates who have been nominated is equal to the number
33 of supervisors to be elected, it shall not be necessary for the candidates to
34 stand for election, and the board of supervisors shall declare such candi-
35 dates elected as supervisors, and the state soil and water conservation com-
36 mission shall immediately make and deliver to such persons certificates of
37 election.

38 ~~(5) In any election for supervisors of a soil conservation district, if~~
39 ~~after the expiration of the date for filing written nominations it appears~~
40 ~~that only one (1) qualified candidate has been nominated for each position~~
41 ~~to be filled and no declaration of intent has been filed by a write-in candi-~~
42 ~~date as provided in subsection (6) of this section, it shall not be necessary~~
43 ~~to hold an election, and the county clerk shall, no later than seven (7) days~~
44 ~~before the scheduled date of the election, declare such candidate elected as~~
45 ~~supervisor, and the state soil and water conservation commission shall imme-~~
46 ~~diately make and deliver to such person a certificate of election.~~

47 ~~(6) No write-in vote for supervisor shall be counted unless a declara-~~
48 ~~tion of intent has been filed with the county clerk indicating that the per-~~
49 ~~son making the declaration desires the office and is legally qualified to as-~~
50 ~~sume the duties of supervisor if elected as a write-in candidate. The decla-~~

1 ~~ration of intent shall be filed not later than twenty-five (25) days before~~
2 ~~the day of election.~~

3 (75) The supervisors shall designate a chairman and may, from time to
4 time, change such designation. The term of office of each supervisor shall
5 be four (4) years commencing on the first day of January next following elec-
6 tion, except that the two (2) supervisors who are first appointed shall be
7 designated to serve for terms of two (2) years. A supervisor shall hold of-
8 fice until a qualified successor has been elected or appointed. Vacancies
9 shall be filled for the unexpired term. The selection of successors to fill
10 an unexpired term, or for a full term shall be made by a vote of the majority
11 of the supervisors duly qualified and acting at the time the vacancy shall
12 arise and the supervisors shall certify the name of the appointed supervisor
13 to the state soil and water conservation commission which shall issue a cer-
14 tificate of such appointment.

15 (86) A majority of the supervisors shall constitute a quorum and the
16 concurrence of a majority in any matter within their duties shall be required
17 for its determination. A supervisor shall be entitled to expenses, in-
18 cluding travel expense, necessarily incurred in the discharge of duties. A
19 supervisor shall receive no compensation for services from regular district
20 funds, county funds authorized in section 22-2726, Idaho Code, or state
21 funds authorized in section 22-2727, Idaho Code.

22 (97) In the event the district has a special project, approved by the
23 state soil and water conservation commission, making project funds avail-
24 able from federal or other sources, a supervisor may receive compensation
25 not to exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per day plus actual and necessary
26 expenses from project funds for services directly related to the project.

27 (108) The supervisors may employ a secretary, technical experts, and
28 such other officers, agents, and employees, permanent and temporary as they
29 may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties and compen-
30 sation. The supervisors may call upon the attorney general of the state for
31 such legal services as they may require or may employ their own counsel and
32 legal staff. The supervisors may delegate to their chairman, to one (1) or
33 more supervisors, or to one (1) or more agents, or employees, such powers and
34 duties as they may deem proper. The supervisors shall furnish to the state
35 soil and water conservation commission, upon request, copies of such ordi-
36 nances, rules, orders, contracts, forms and other documents as they shall
37 adopt or employ, and such other information concerning the supervisors'
38 activities as the commission may require in the performance of the commis-
39 sion's duties under this chapter.

40 (119) The supervisors shall provide for the execution of surety bonds
41 for all employees and officers who shall be entrusted with funds or property;
42 they shall provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all pro-
43 ceedings and of all resolutions, and orders issued or adopted; and shall pro-
44 vide for independent financial audits in accordance with the provisions of
45 section 67-450B, Idaho Code. Supervisors shall be subject to recall in ac-
46 cordance with the provisions of chapter 17, title 34, Idaho Code.

47 (120) The supervisors may invite the legislative body of a municipality
48 or county located near the territory comprised within the district to desig-
49 nate a representative to advise and consult with the supervisors of the dis-

1 trict on all questions of program and policy which may affect the property,
2 water supply, or other interests of such municipality or county.

3 SECTION 3. That Section 22-4301, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 22-4301. ESTABLISHMENT -- PETITION -- ELECTION. (1) The county com-
6 missioners of any county shall, upon petition signed by not less than fifty
7 (50) resident real property holders of said county, or any portion thereof,
8 which may exclude incorporated cities, undertake the following procedure to
9 determine the advisability of resolving to establish and maintain a weather
10 modification district within the county as may be designated in the peti-
11 tion.

12 (a) A petition to form a weather modification district shall be pre-
13 sented to the county clerk and recorder. The petition shall be signed
14 by not less than fifty (50) of the resident real property holders within
15 the proposed district. The petition shall designate the boundaries of
16 the district.

17 (b) The petition shall be filed with the county clerk and recorder of
18 the county in which the signers of the petition are located. Upon the
19 filing of the petition the county clerk shall examine the petition and
20 certify whether the required number of petitioners have signed the
21 petition. If the number of petition signers is sufficient, the clerk
22 shall transmit the petition to the board of county commissioners.

23 (c) Upon receipt of a duly certified petition the board of county com-
24 missioners shall give notice of an election to be held, subject to the
25 provisions of section 34-106, Idaho Code, in such proposed district
26 for the purpose of determining whether or not the proposed district
27 shall be organized and to elect the first board of trustees for the dis-
28 trict. Such notice shall include the date and hours of the election,
29 the polling places, the maximum percent of market value for assessment
30 purposes of taxable property within the district which the proposed
31 district will be permitted to levy, the general purposes of the pro-
32 posed district, a description of lands to be included in the proposed
33 district, a statement that a map of the proposed district is available
34 in the office of the board of county commissioners, and the names and
35 terms of the members to be elected to the first board of trustees. The
36 notice shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks
37 prior to such election, in a newspaper of general circulation within the
38 county.

39 (d) The election shall be held and conducted consistent with the pro-
40 visions of chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code. The county clerk shall
41 appoint judges of election, one (1) of whom shall act as clerk for the
42 election. At such election the electors shall vote for or against the
43 organization of the district, and the members of the first board of
44 trustees.

45 (e) The county clerk shall certify the returns of the election to the
46 board of county commissioners. If a majority of the votes cast at said
47 election are in favor of the organization, the board of county com-
48 missioners shall declare the district organized and give it a name by
49 which, in all proceedings, it shall thereafter be known, and shall fur-

1 ther designate the first board of trustees elected, and thereupon the
2 district shall be a legal taxing district.

3 (f) On the third Tuesday of May, in the next odd-numbered calendar year
4 after the organization of any district, and on the third Tuesday of May
5 every odd-numbered year thereafter, an election shall be held.

6 At the election in any district hereafter organized, there shall be
7 elected by the qualified electors of the district, two (2) members of the
8 board to serve for a term of four (4) years; at the next odd-numbered year
9 election, there shall be elected one (1) member of the board to serve for a
10 term of four (4) years. Such election shall be held and conducted consistent
11 with the provisions of chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code.

12 ~~Not later than the sixth Friday before any such election, nominations~~
13 ~~may be filed with the secretary of the board and if a nominee does not with-~~
14 ~~draw his name before the first publication of the notice of election, his~~
15 ~~name shall be placed on the ballot. The county clerk shall conduct such elec-~~
16 ~~tion, shall appoint judges, shall give notice of election by publication,~~
17 ~~and shall arrange such other details in connection therewith. The returns~~
18 ~~of the election shall be certified to and shall be canvassed and declared~~
19 ~~by the board. The candidate or candidates receiving the most votes shall be~~
20 ~~elected.~~

21 In any election for trustees, if after the deadline for filing a decla-
22 ration of intent as a write-in candidate, it appears that only one (1) qual-
23 ified candidate has been nominated for a trustee position, it shall not be
24 necessary for the candidate to stand for election, and the board of trustees
25 of the district shall declare such candidate elected as trustee, and the sec-
26 retary of the district shall immediately make and deliver to such person a
27 certificate of election.

28 SECTION 4. That Section 31-1410A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
29 amended to read as follows:

30 31-1410A. DECISION TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD. Subsequent to
31 the creation of a fire protection district and the appointment of the first
32 board of fire protection commissioners, the fire protection board may, by a
33 majority vote of all of the fire protection district board members elect to
34 increase the size of the board to five (5) members.

35 If the board of fire protection commissioners elects to expand the board
36 to five (5) members, the existing board members shall subdivide the district
37 into five (5) subdivisions as nearly equal in population, area and mileage as
38 practicable to be known as subdistricts one, two, three, four and five.

39 At the first election following the decision of the board of fire pro-
40 tection commissioners to expand the board from three (3) to five (5) members,
41 five (5) commissioners shall be elected. The commissioners from fire pro-
42 tection ~~subdistrict one shall be elected for a term of one (1) year; the com-~~
43 ~~missioner from subdistrict two for two (2) years; the commissioner from sub-~~
44 ~~district three for three (3) years; and the commissioners from subdistricts~~
45 ~~four and five shall be elected for terms of four (4) years. subdistricts~~
46 ~~one and two shall be elected to a term of two (2) years, the commissioners~~
47 ~~from subdistricts three, four and five shall be elected to a term of four (4)~~
48 ~~years. Thereafter, the term of all commissioners shall be four (4) years.~~

1 A fire district which, prior to the effective date of this section, had
 2 elected to expand a board from three (3) to five (5) members shall, prior to
 3 the next election of the district, adopt a transition schedule as nearly re-
 4 flecting the schedule provided in this section as possible ~~so that one (1)~~
 5 ~~commissioner is elected each year except that in one (1) year, two (2) com-~~
 6 ~~missioners are elected. For commissioners whose offices expire in 2012 and~~
 7 in any even-numbered year, such commissioners shall remain in office until
 8 the next election in an odd-numbered year.

9 SECTION 5. That Section 33-502, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 10 amended to read as follows:

11 33-502. DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY FOR TRUSTEES. Any person legally
 12 qualified to hold the office of school trustee, may file a declaration of
 13 candidacy for the office, each of which shall bear the name of the candidate,
 14 state the term for which declaration of candidacy is made, and bear the sig-
 15 nature of not less than five (5) school district electors resident of the
 16 trustee zone of which the candidate is resident. The declaration shall be
 17 filed with the clerk of the board of trustees of the school district ~~not later~~
 18 ~~than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth Friday preceding the day of election of trustees~~
 19 as provided in section 34-1404, Idaho Code.

20 SECTION 6. That Section 33-2717B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 21 repealed.

22 SECTION 7. That Section 33-2717C, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 23 repealed.

24 SECTION 8. That Section 33-2722, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 25 amended to read as follows:

26 33-2722. TREASURER -- CLERK. The board of trustees of each library
 27 district shall appoint some qualified person, who may or may not be a member
 28 of the board of trustees, to act as treasurer of the library district. This
 29 person shall, on taking office, give bond to the library district, with
 30 sureties approved by the board of trustees, in the amount of at least five
 31 thousand dollars (\$5,000), which bond shall be paid for by the district, and
 32 shall be conditioned upon faithful performance of the duties of his office
 33 and his accounting for all moneys of the library district received by him
 34 or under his control. The treasurer shall supervise all moneys raised for
 35 the library district by taxation or received by the district from any other
 36 sources and shall supervise all disbursements of funds of the district by
 37 order of the board of trustees.

38 Under the direction of the board of trustees, the treasurer shall have
 39 all moneys of the district deposited in accordance with the public deposi-
 40 tory law and other applicable state and federal laws.

41 The board of trustees of each library district shall appoint some qual-
 42 ified person, who may or may not be a member of the board of trustees, to
 43 act as clerk of the library board. The clerk shall ~~conduct library district~~
 44 ~~elections, other than for excision, annexation, consolidation, or division;~~

1 ~~shall~~ prepare and distribute legal notices, and shall have other duties as
2 the board may prescribe.

3 SECTION 9. That Section 34-102, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 34-102. "PRIMARY ELECTION" DEFINED -- PURPOSES. "Primary election"
6 means an election held for the purpose of nominating persons as candidates
7 of political parties for election to offices, and for the purpose of elect-
8 ing persons as members of the controlling committees of political parties.
9 Primary elections shall be held on the ~~fourth~~ third Tuesday of May in each
10 even-numbered year.

11 "Presidential primary" or "presidential preference primary" means an
12 election held for the purpose of allowing voters to express their choice for
13 candidates for nominations for president of the United States. Presidential
14 primary elections shall be held in conjunction with the primary election, on
15 the ~~fourth~~ third Tuesday of May in each presidential election year.

16 SECTION 10. That Section 34-106, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
17 amended to read as follows:

18 34-106. LIMITATION UPON ELECTIONS. On and after January 1, 2011,
19 notwithstanding any other provisions of the law to the contrary, there shall
20 be no more than two (2) elections conducted in any county in any calendar
21 year, except as provided in this section, and except that elections to fill
22 vacancies in the United States house of representatives shall be held as
23 provided in the governor's proclamation.

24 (1) The dates on which elections may be conducted are:

25 (a) The third Tuesday in May of each year; and

26 (b) The Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each year.

27 (c) In addition to the elections specified in paragraphs (a) and (b)
28 of this subsection (1), an emergency election may be called upon motion
29 of the governing board of a political subdivision. An emergency exists
30 when there is a great public calamity, such as an extraordinary fire,
31 flood, storm, epidemic, or other disaster, or if it is necessary to do
32 emergency work to prepare for a national or local defense, or it is nec-
33 essary to do emergency work to safeguard life, health or property. Such
34 a special election, if conducted by the county clerk, shall be conducted
35 at the expense of the political subdivision submitting the question.

36 (2) Candidates for office elected in May shall take office on the date
37 specified in the certificate of election but not more than sixty (60) days
38 following the election.

39 (3) Candidates for office elected in November shall take office as
40 provided in the constitution, or on January 1, next succeeding the November
41 election.

42 (4) The governing board of each political subdivision subject to the
43 provisions of this section, which, prior to January 1, 2011, conducted an
44 election for members of that governing board on a date other than a date per-
45 mitted in subsection (1) of this section, shall establish as the election
46 date for that political subdivision the date authorized in subsection (1) of

1 this section which falls nearest the date on which elections were previously
2 conducted, unless another date is established by law.

3 (5) The secretary of state is authorized to provide such assistance as
4 necessary, and to prescribe any needed rules or interpretations for the con-
5 duct of election authorized under the provisions of this section.

6 (6) Water districts governed by chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code, are ex-
7 empt from the provisions of this section.

8 (7) Community colleges governed by chapter 21, title 33, Idaho Code,
9 and school districts are subject to the limitations specified in subsection
10 (1) of this section, except that school districts may also hold an election
11 on the second Tuesday in March of each year and on the last Tuesday in August
12 of each year on bonded indebtedness and property tax levy questions.

13 (8) Initiative, referendum, recall, bond, levy and any other ballot
14 question elections conducted by any political subdivision shall be held on
15 the nearest date authorized in subsections (1) and (7) of this section which
16 falls more than forty-five (45) days after the clerk of the political subdi-
17 vision orders that such election shall be held, unless otherwise provided by
18 law.

19 (9) Recall elections may be held on a different date as any of the four
20 (4) dates authorized in subsections (1) and (7), and on the second Tuesday of
21 March and the last Tuesday of August, as determined by the county clerk after
22 receipt of necessary petitions of this section that falls more than forty-
23 five (45) days after the clerk of the political subdivision orders that such
24 election shall be held.

25 (10) Irrigation districts governed by title 43, Idaho Code, are subject
26 to the limitations specified in subsection (1) of this section, except that
27 irrigation districts may also hold an election on the first Tuesday in Febru-
28 ary of each year and on the first Tuesday in August of each year on questions
29 required to be voted upon by title 43, Idaho Code.

30 SECTION 11. That Section 34-717, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
31 amended to read as follows:

32 34-717. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY. A candidate for nomination or candi-
33 date for election to a partisan office may withdraw from the election by
34 filing a notarized statement of withdrawal with the officer with whom his
35 declaration of candidacy was filed. The statement must contain all informa-
36 tion necessary to identify the candidate and the office sought and the reason
37 for withdrawal. The filing officer shall immediately notify the proper cen-
38 tral committee of the party, if any, of the individual withdrawing. A can-
39 didate may not withdraw later than forty-five (45) days before an election,
40 except in the case of a general election when the deadline shall be no later
41 than September 7. Filing fees paid by the candidate shall not be refunded.

42 Any candidate who has filed a statement of withdrawal pursuant to this
43 section shall not be allowed to be appointed to fill a vacancy unless such
44 vacancy occurs because of the death of a previous candidate.

45 SECTION 12. That Section 34-902, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
46 amended to read as follows:

1 34-902. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT BALLOTS AND BAL-
2 LOT BOXES FOR EACH POLLING PLACE AT ALL ELECTIONS. ~~At its regular meeting in~~
3 ~~March,~~ The board of county commissioners shall authorize that a suitable
4 number of ballots be printed for each polling place. The county clerk shall
5 cause such ballots to be printed upon receiving final instructions from the
6 secretary of state, and the cost shall be paid from the county treasury. The
7 board of county commissioners shall authorize the printing of ballots in the
8 same manner for special elections when such special election is ordered by
9 the governor or provided by law.

10 The board of county commissioners shall also provide a suitable number
11 of ballot boxes for each polling place within the county, and shall have com-
12 plete authority to determine the specifications for such ballot boxes.

13 SECTION 13. That Section 34-1003, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
14 amended to read as follows:

15 34-1003. ISSUANCE OF ABSENTEE BALLOT. Upon receipt of an application
16 for an absent elector's ballot within the proper time, the county clerk re-
17 ceiving it shall examine the records of his office to ascertain whether or
18 not such applicant is registered and lawfully entitled to vote as requested
19 and, if found to be so, he shall arrange for the applicant to vote by absent
20 elector's ballot. The absentee ballot may be delivered to the absent elec-
21 tor in the office of the county clerk, by postage prepaid mail or by other
22 appropriate means, including use of a facsimile machine or other electronic
23 transmission. Validly requested absentee ballots for candidates for fed-
24 eral office, where the request is received at least forty-five (45) days be-
25 fore an election, shall be sent not later than forty-five (45) days before
26 that election to all electors who are entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

27 Pursuant to the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act
28 (UOCAVA, 42 U.S.C. 1973 ff, et seq., as amended) the secretary of state shall
29 establish procedures for the transmission of blank absentee ballots by mail
30 and by electronic transmission for all electors who are entitled to vote by
31 absentee ballot under the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting
32 act, and by which such electors may designate whether the elector prefers the
33 transmission of such ballots by mail or electronically. If no preference
34 is stated, the ballots shall be transmitted by mail. The secretary of state
35 shall establish procedures for transmitting such ballots in a manner that
36 shall protect the security and integrity of such ballots and the privacy of
37 the elector throughout the process of transmission.

38 A political party may supply a witness to accompany the clerk in the per-
39 sonal delivery of an absentee ballot. If the political party desires to sup-
40 ply a witness it shall be the duty of the political party to supply the names
41 of such witnesses to the clerk no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the
42 election. The clerk shall notify such witnesses of the date and approximate
43 hour the clerk or deputy clerk intends to deliver the ballot.

44 A candidate for public office or a spouse of a candidate for public of-
45 fice shall not be a witness in the personal delivery of absentee ballots.

46 An elector physically unable to mark his own ballot may receive assis-
47 tance in marking such ballot from the officer delivering same or an available
48 person of his own choosing. In the event the election officer is requested to
49 render assistance in marking an absent elector's ballot, the officer shall

1 ascertain the desires of the elector and shall vote the applicant's ballot
2 accordingly. When such ballot is marked by an election officer, the wit-
3 nesses on hand shall be allowed to observe such marking. No county clerk,
4 deputy, or other person assisting a disabled voter shall attempt to influ-
5 ence the vote of such elector in any manner.

6 SECTION 14. That Section 34-1401, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 34-1401. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION. Notwithstanding any provision to
9 the contrary, the county clerk shall administer all elections on behalf of
10 any political subdivision, subject to the provisions of this chapter, in-
11 cluding all special district elections and elections of special questions
12 submitted to the electors as provided in this chapter. Water districts gov-
13 erned by chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code, recreational water and/or sewer
14 districts as defined in section 42-3202A, Idaho Code, ground water recharge
15 districts governed by chapter 42, title 42, Idaho Code, ground water manage-
16 ment districts governed by chapter 51, title 42, Idaho Code, ground water
17 districts governed by chapter 52, title 42, Idaho Code, and irrigation dis-
18 tricts governed by title 43, Idaho Code, are exempt from the provisions of
19 this chapter. Municipal elections shall be conducted under the provisions
20 of this chapter except for the specific provisions of chapter 4, title 50,
21 Idaho Code. All ~~municipal~~, school district and highway district elections
22 shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter 14, title 34,
23 Idaho Code. All highway district and school district elections shall be
24 administered by the clerk of the county wherein the district lies. Elec-
25 tions in a joint school district or other political subdivisions that extend
26 beyond the boundaries of a single county shall be conducted jointly by the
27 clerks of the respective counties, and the clerk of the home county shall
28 exercise such powers as are necessary to coordinate the election. "Home
29 county" shall be defined as the county in which the business office for the
30 district or political subdivision is located. For the purposes of achieving
31 uniformity, the secretary of state shall, from time to time, provide di-
32 rectives and instructions to the various county clerks. Unless a specific
33 exception is provided in this chapter, the provisions of this chapter shall
34 govern in all questions regarding the conduct of elections on behalf of all
35 political subdivisions. In all matters not specifically covered by this
36 chapter, other provisions of title 34, Idaho Code, governing elections shall
37 prevail over any special provision which conflicts therewith.

38 The county clerk shall conduct the elections for political subdivisions
39 and shall perform all necessary duties of the election official of a polit-
40 ical subdivision including, but not limited to, notice of the filing dead-
41 line, notice of the election, and preparation of the election calendar.

42 SECTION 15. That Section 34-1404, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
43 amended to read as follows:

44 34-1404. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY. Candidates for election in any
45 political subdivision shall be nominated by nominating petitions, each of
46 which shall bear the name of the nominee, the office for which the nomination
47 is made, the term for which nomination is made, bear the signature of not less

1 than five (5) electors of the candidate's specific zone or district of the
2 political subdivision, and be filed with the clerk of the political subdivi-
3 sion. The form of the nominating petition shall be as provided by the county
4 clerk and shall be uniform for all political subdivisions. For an election
5 to be held on the third Tuesday in May, in even-numbered years, the nomina-
6 tion petition shall be filed during the period specified in section 34-704,
7 Idaho Code. The ~~election official~~ clerk of the political subdivision shall
8 verify the qualifications of the nominees and shall, no more than seven (7)
9 days after the close of filing, certify the nominees and any special ques-
10 tions placed by action of the governing board of the political subdivision.
11 For an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of
12 November, in even-numbered years, the nomination shall be filed on or before
13 September 1. The ~~election official~~ clerk of the political subdivision shall
14 verify the qualifications of the nominees, and shall not later than seven (7)
15 days after the close of filing, certify the nominees and any special ques-
16 tions placed by action of the governing board of the political subdivisions.
17 For all other elections, the nomination shall be filed not later than 5:00
18 p.m. on the ~~sixth~~ ninth Friday preceding the election for which the nomina-
19 tion is made. The ~~election official~~ clerk of the political subdivision shall
20 verify the qualifications of the nominee, and shall not more than seven (7)
21 days following the filing certify the nominees and any special questions,
22 placed by action of the governing board of the political subdivisions, to be
23 placed on the ballot of the political subdivision.

24 SECTION 16. That Chapter 14, Title 34, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
25 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
26 ignated as Section 34-1405A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

27 34-1405A. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY. A candidate for nomination or can-
28 didate for election to an office may withdraw from the election by filing a
29 notarized statement of withdrawal with the officer with whom his declaration
30 of candidacy was filed. The statement must contain all information neces-
31 sary to identify the candidate and the office sought and the reason for with-
32 drawal. A candidate may not withdraw later than forty-five (45) days before
33 an election.

34 SECTION 17. That Section 34-1406, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
35 amended to read as follows:

36 34-1406. NOTICE OF ELECTION. The county clerk shall give notice for
37 each political subdivision for any election by publishing such notice in the
38 official newspaper of the county. The notice shall state the date of the
39 election, the polling places, and the hours during which the polls shall be
40 open for the purpose of voting. The first publication shall be made not less
41 than twelve (12) days prior to the election, and the last publication of no-
42 tice shall be made not less than five (5) days prior to the election. For each
43 primary, general and special election, the county clerk shall cause to be
44 published a facsimile, except as to size, of the sample ballot in at least two
45 (2) newspapers published within the county, but if this is not possible, the
46 sample ballot shall be published in one (1) newspaper published within the
47 county or one (1) newspaper that has general circulation within the county.

1 Such publication shall be in conjunction with the second notice of election
2 required by this section. The political subdivision shall notify the county
3 clerk in writing of the county's official newspaper of the political subdivi-
4 vision.

5 SECTION 18. That Section 34-1407, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
6 amended to read as follows:

7 34-1407. WRITE-IN CANDIDATES. No write-in candidate for any nonparti-
8 san elective office shall be counted unless a declaration of intent has been
9 filed indicating that the person desires the office and is legally qualified
10 to assume the duties of the office. The declaration of intent shall be filed
11 with the election official clerk of the political subdivision not less than
12 twentyfourty-five (245) days before the date of the election.

13 If the statutes governing elections within a specific political subdivi-
14 sion provide that no election shall be held in the event that no more than
15 one (1) candidate has filed for an office, that statute shall be interpreted
16 in such a manner as to allow for filing a declaration of intent for a write-in
17 candidate until twentyfourty-five (245) days preceding the election. How-
18 ever, if no candidate has filed within that time, no election shall be held
19 for that political subdivision. The provisions of this section shall not ap-
20 ply to candidates in the primary or general election covered by the provi-
21 sions of section 34-702A, Idaho Code.

22 SECTION 19. That Section 34-1410, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
23 amended to read as follows:

24 34-1410. CANVASSING OF ELECTION RESULTS. The board of county commis-
25 sioners shall conduct the canvass of the election results within ten (10)
26 days after the election, in the manner provided in chapter 12, title 34,
27 Idaho Code. The county clerk shall certify the election results to the clerk
28 of each political subdivision for which an election was held. Each political
29 subdivision shall issue the appropriate certificates of election.

30 SECTION 20. That Chapter 14, Title 34, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
31 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
32 ignated as Section 34-1412, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

33 34-1412. TERMS OF OFFICE GOING BEYOND NEXT ELECTION DATE. Notwith-
34 standing any other provision of law to the contrary, whenever a member of the
35 governing board of a taxing district has been elected to a term of office that
36 goes beyond the next election date as provided by statute, such member of the
37 governing board shall be entitled to serve his or her term of office and shall
38 continue to serve until the following election provided by statute. All gov-
39 erning board members elected on and after January 1, 2011, shall serve terms
40 of office beginning and ending as otherwise provided by statute.

41 SECTION 21. That Section 39-1330, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
42 amended to read as follows:

1 39-1330. BIENNIAL ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS -- TERMS OF OFFICE. On the
2 third Tuesday of May in the next odd-numbered calendar year after the organ-
3 ization of any district, and on the third Tuesday of May every second year
4 thereafter, an election shall be held which shall be known as the biennial
5 election of the district.

6 At the first biennial election in any district hereafter organized and
7 each sixth year thereafter there shall be elected by the qualified electors
8 of the district three (3) members of the board to serve for a term of six (6)
9 years; at the second biennial election and each sixth year thereafter there
10 shall be elected two (2) members of the board to serve for a term of six (6)
11 years; at the third biennial election and each sixth year thereafter there
12 shall be elected two (2) members of the board to serve for terms of six (6)
13 years.

14 Nominations may be filed with the secretary of the board not later than
15 the sixth Friday preceding the election for which the nomination is made, ~~and~~
16 ~~if a nominee does not withdraw his name before the first publication of the~~
17 ~~notice of election, his name shall be placed on the ballot.~~ The county clerk
18 shall provide for holding such elections and shall appoint judges to conduct
19 it; the county clerk shall give notice of election by publication and shall
20 arrange such other details in connection therewith as the board may direct.
21 The returns of the election shall be certified to and shall be canvassed and
22 declared by the board of county commissioners. The candidate or candidates
23 according to the number of directors to be elected, receiving the most votes
24 shall be elected. Any new member of the board shall qualify in the same man-
25 ner as members of the first board qualify.

26 In any election for director, if after the deadline for filing a decla-
27 ration of intent as a write-in candidate, it appears that only one (1) quali-
28 fied candidate has been nominated for a director's position, it shall not be
29 necessary for the candidate to stand for election, and the board of directors
30 of the district shall declare such candidate elected as a director, and the
31 secretary of the board of the district shall immediately make and deliver to
32 such person a certificate of election.

33 For the purpose of achieving an orderly transition to a term of six (6)
34 years and to hold trustee elections in odd-numbered years, the following
35 schedule shall be followed:

36 (a) For trustees elected in 2005, their terms shall expire in 2011 and
37 the terms for each of those elected in 2011 shall be six (6) years and
38 thereafter those terms shall be for six (6) years;

39 (b) For trustees elected in 2006, their terms shall expire in 2013 and
40 the terms for each of those elected in 2013 shall be six (6) years and
41 thereafter those terms shall be for six (6) years;

42 (c) For trustees elected in 2007, their terms shall expire in 2013 and
43 the terms for each of those elected in 2013 shall be six (6) years and
44 thereafter those terms shall be for six (6) years;

45 (d) For trustees elected in 2008, their terms shall expire in 2015 and
46 the terms for each of those elected in 2015 shall be six (6) years and
47 thereafter those terms shall be for six (6) years;

48 (e) For trustees elected in 2009, their terms shall expire in 2015 and
49 the terms for each of those elected in 2015 shall be six (6) years and
50 thereafter those terms shall be for six (6) years;

1 (f) For trustees elected in 2010, their terms shall expire in 2017 and
2 the terms for each of those elected in 2017 shall be six (6) years and
3 thereafter those terms shall be for six (6) years.

4 SECTION 22. That Section 40-1304, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
5 amended to read as follows:

6 40-1304. DIVISION OF DISTRICTS INTO SUBDISTRICTS -- VACANCY IN OFFICE
7 OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER. (1) At the meeting of the county commissioners at
8 which the highway district is declared organized, the commissioners shall
9 divide the highway district into three (3) subdistricts, as nearly equal in
10 population, area and mileage as practicable, to be known as highway commis-
11 sioners subdistricts one, two and three. Subdistricts may be revised or mod-
12 ified by the highway district commissioners as changes in conditions demand.
13 Not more than one (1) of the highway district commissioners shall be an elec-
14 tor of the same highway subdistrict. The first highway district commis-
15 sioners appointed by the governor shall serve until the next highway district
16 election, at which their successors shall be elected. The highway commis-
17 sioners shall take office ~~on the date specified in the certificate of elec-~~
18 ~~tion but not more than sixty (60) days~~ July 1 following their election.

19 (2) Any vacancy occurring in the office of highway commissioner, other
20 than by expiration of the term of office, shall be determined by the remain-
21 ing highway district commissioners using the criteria established in sec-
22 tion 59-901, Idaho Code. If it is determined that a vacancy has occurred,
23 the commissioners shall declare there is a vacancy and such vacancy shall be
24 filled by the highway district board and be for the balance of the term of the
25 person replaced. If the remaining highway district commissioners are unable
26 to agree on a person to fill the vacancy within ten (10) days after the va-
27 cancy occurs, the chairman of the county commissioners of the county with the
28 largest number of electors in the highway district shall then become a member
29 of the highway district board for the purpose of filling the vacancy only.
30 If a majority of the highway district board so constituted shall be unable to
31 agree upon a person to fill the vacancy within ten (10) days, or if two (2) or
32 more vacancies shall occur in the board of highway commissioners at one (1)
33 time, a special election to fill the vacancy shall be called and held in the
34 same manner provided by law for the holding of elections for highway commis-
35 sioners, except that the date of the election shall be as soon as possible,
36 and all duties imposed by law upon the highway district board in connection
37 with elections shall be performed by the county commissioners.

38 (3) When there are two (2) or more vacancies on the highway district
39 board at the same time, the chairman of the county commissioners along with
40 the additional county commissioners that the county commission chairman ap-
41 points, and with the remaining highway district commissioner, if applica-
42 ble, shall constitute a temporary board of highway district commissioners.
43 The temporary board of highway district commissioners shall perform the du-
44 ties required by law of a highway district board of commissioners until the
45 newly elected highway commissioners take office.

46 SECTION 23. That Section 42-3211, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
47 amended to read as follows:

1 42-3211. ELECTIONS -- TERMS OF OFFICE. (1) On the third Tuesday in May,
2 in the first odd-numbered year after the organization of any district, and
3 on the third Tuesday in May every second year thereafter an election shall
4 be held, which shall be known as the biennial election of the district. Such
5 election shall be held and conducted consistent with the provisions of chap-
6 ter 14, title 34, Idaho Code.

7 (2) In districts created under section 42-3202B, Idaho Code, biennial
8 elections shall be held on the third Tuesday in May.

9 (3) At the first biennial election in any district hereafter organized,
10 and each sixth year thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified elec-
11 tors of the district, one (1) member of the board to serve for a term of six
12 (6) years; at the second biennial election and each sixth year thereafter,
13 there shall be elected two (2) members of the board to serve for terms of six
14 (6) years, and at the third biennial election, and each sixth year there-
15 after, there shall be elected two (2) members of the board to serve for terms
16 of six (6) years.

17 ~~Not later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth Friday preceding the election,~~
18 ~~nominations may be filed with the secretary of the board and if a nominee does~~
19 ~~not withdraw his name before the first publication of the notice of election,~~
20 ~~his name shall be placed on the ballot. The county clerk shall conduct the~~
21 ~~election and shall appoint judges to conduct it. The returns of the elec-~~
22 ~~tion shall be certified to and shall be canvassed and declared as provided~~
23 ~~in chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code. The candidate or candidates, according~~
24 ~~to the number of directors to be elected, receiving the most votes, shall be~~
25 ~~elected. Any new member of the board shall qualify in the same manner as mem-~~
26 ~~bers of the first board qualify.~~

27 In any election for director, if after the deadline for filing a decla-
28 ration of intent as a write-in candidate, it appears that the number of qual-
29 ified candidates who have been nominated is equal to the number of directors
30 to be elected, it shall not be necessary for the candidates to stand for elec-
31 tion, and the board of directors shall declare such candidates elected as
32 directors, and the secretary of the district shall immediately make and de-
33 liver to such persons certificates of election signed by him and bearing the
34 seal of the district.

35 SECTION 24. That Section 50-1026, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
36 amended to read as follows:

37 50-1026. CITY BONDS -- ORDINANCE -- ELECTION. Whenever the city coun-
38 cil of a city shall deem it advisable to issue the coupon bonds of such city,
39 the mayor and council shall provide therefor by ordinance, which shall spec-
40 ify and set forth all the purposes, objects, matters and things required by
41 section 57-203, Idaho Code, and make provision for the collection of an an-
42 nual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such proposed bonds as it falls
43 due, and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal
44 thereof within thirty (30) years from the time of contracting the same as re-
45 quired by the constitution and laws of the state of Idaho.

46 The ordinance shall also provide the date for holding an election that
47 is in accordance with the dates authorized in section 50-405, Idaho Code, ~~of~~
48 which falls more than forty-five (45) days after the clerk of the political
49 subdivision orders that such election shall be held. Notice shall be given

1 in the official newspaper of the city by the county clerk in accordance with
2 election law in title 34, Idaho Code. Such election shall be conducted as
3 other city elections. The voting at such elections must be by ballot, and the
4 ballot used shall be substantially as follows: "In favor of issuing bonds to
5 the amount of dollars for the purpose stated in Ordinance No.,"
6 and "Against issuing bonds to the amount of dollars for the purpose
7 stated in Ordinance No." If at such election, held as provided in this
8 chapter, two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified electors voting at such election,
9 assent to the issuing of such bonds and the incurring of the indebtedness
10 thereby created for the purpose aforesaid, such bonds shall be issued in the
11 manner provided by the laws of the state of Idaho.

12 SECTION 25. That Section 67-4911, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
13 amended to read as follows:

14 67-4911. ELECTIONS -- TERMS OF OFFICE. On an election date as provided
15 for in section 34-106(1), Idaho Code, in ~~November~~ May of the first odd-num-
16 bered year after the organization of any district, and every second year
17 thereafter, an election shall be held, which shall be known as the biennial
18 election of the district.

19 At the first biennial election in any district hereafter organized, and
20 each sixth year thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified electors
21 of the district, one (1) member of the board to serve for a term of six (6)
22 years; at the second biennial election and each sixth year thereafter, there
23 shall be elected two (2) members of the board to serve for terms of six (6)
24 years, and at the third biennial election, and each sixth year thereafter,
25 there shall be elected two (2) members of the board to serve for terms of six
26 (6) years. Provided, a member of the board once in office shall serve until
27 his successor is elected, qualified and takes office.

28 Not later than 5:00 p.m. on the ~~sixth~~ ninth Friday before any such elec-
29 tion, nominations may be filed with the secretary of the board ~~and if a nomi-~~
30 ~~nee does not withdraw his name before the first publication of the notice of~~
31 ~~election, his name shall be placed on the ballot.~~ The county clerk shall pro-
32 vide for holding such election and shall appoint judges to conduct it. The
33 county clerk shall give notice of election by publication, and shall arrange
34 such other details in connection therewith. Adequate polling places shall
35 be provided throughout the district boundaries for all elections. The re-
36 turns of the election shall be certified to and shall be canvassed and de-
37 clared by the board of county commissioners which shall report the results
38 to the district. The candidate or candidates, according to the number of di-
39 rectors to be elected, receiving the most votes, shall be elected. Any new
40 member of the board shall qualify in the same manner as members of the first
41 board qualify.

42 In any election for director, if after the deadline for filing a decla-
43 ration of intent as a write-in candidate, it appears that the number of qual-
44 ified candidates who have been nominated is equal to the number of directors
45 to be elected, it shall not be necessary for the candidates to stand for elec-
46 tion, and the board shall declare such candidates elected as directors, and
47 the secretary of the board shall immediately make and deliver to such persons
48 certificates of election signed by him and bearing the seal of the district.

1 SECTION 26. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
2 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
3 passage and approval, and retroactively to January 1, 2011.