

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1371

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS; AMENDING SECTION 34-904, IDAHO CODE,
2 TO REVISE THE CONTENTS OF A PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT; AND DECLARING AN
3 EMERGENCY.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 34-904, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 34-904. PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS. (1) There shall be a separate pri-
9 mary election ballot for each political party upon which ~~only~~ its ticket
10 shall be printed; however, a county may use a separate ballot for the office
11 of precinct committeeman. All candidates who have filed their declarations
12 of candidacy and are subsequently certified shall be listed under the proper
13 office titles on their political party ticket. The secretary of state shall
14 design the primary election ballot to allow for write-in candidates under
15 each office title.

16 (2) The office titles shall be listed in order beginning with the high-
17 est federal office and ending with precinct offices. The secretary of state
18 has the discretion and authority to arrange the classifications of offices
19 as provided by law.

20 (3) It is not necessary to print a primary ballot for a political party
21 which does not have candidates for more than half of the federal or statewide
22 offices on the ballot if no more than one (1) candidate files for nomination
23 by that party for any of the offices on the ballot. The secretary of state
24 shall certify that no primary election is necessary for that party if such
25 is the case and shall certify to the county clerk the names of candidates for
26 that party for the general election ballot only.

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.