

# IDAHO VOTERS' PAMPHLET

## GENERAL ELECTION

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**NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

★ ★ Election Day Voting from 8:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m. ★ ★

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## ***IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE***


Dear Idahoan,

This Voter Pamphlet has been prepared to help serve as a reference for you. The information presented here is intended to help you make an informed decision at the polls. By voting, you have the right to help select your local, state, and national leaders. You also have a part in making Idaho's laws.

Included in this pamphlet is important information on voter identification requirements, registering to vote, voting accessibility, and absentee voting options. You can check your voter registration status anytime by visiting [Voteldaho.gov](http://Voteldaho.gov). This website will also help you find the location of your polling place, register to vote, update your voter registration, and request an absentee ballot. [Voteldaho.gov](http://Voteldaho.gov) also has helpful information on voting accessibility and the many types of voter assistance available in Idaho.

Every vote counts. Voting is one of your most powerful rights and an important responsibility. I encourage you to take the opportunity to let your voice be heard by voting in the General Election on Tuesday, November 8. Your vote is important.

Sincerely,

  
Lawrence Denney  
*Secretary of State*

# **AMENDMENT TO IDAHO CONSTITUTION SJR 102**

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A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO RELATING TO SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE; STATING THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 8, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to read as follows:

Section 8. SESSIONS OF LEGISLATURE. (1) The regular sessions of the legislature shall must be held annually at the capital of the state, commencing on the second Monday of January of each year, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law, and at other times in extraordinary sessions when convened by the governor and in organizational sessions commencing on the first Thursday of December after the general election, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law.

(2) The legislature, while remaining a part-time, citizen legislature, must also be convened in special session by the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives upon receipt of a joint written petition of at least sixty percent of the membership of each house, specifying the subjects to be considered. Such special session must commence no later than fifteen days after the petition is received by the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. At a special session convened pursuant to this section, the legislature shall have no power to consider or pass any bills or resolutions on any subjects other than those specified in the petition and those necessary to provide for the expenses of the session.

SECTION 2. The question to be submitted to the electors of the State of Idaho at the next general election shall be as follows:

"Shall Section 8, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to provide that the Legislature must convene in organizational sessions commencing on the first Thursday of December after the general election, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law, and in special session by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than fifteen days following the receipt of a joint written petition of at least sixty percent of the membership of each house specifying subjects to be considered, and to provide that the Legislature shall have no power in such a special session to consider or pass any bills or resolutions on any subjects other than those specified in the petition and those necessary to provide for the expenses of the session?"

SECTION 3. The Legislative Council is directed to prepare the statements required by Section 67-453, Idaho Code, and file the same.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to publish this proposed constitutional amendment and arguments as required by law.

## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF MEANING, PURPOSE, AND RESULT TO BE ACCOMPLISHED**

Currently, the Legislature may meet in a special session only upon call of the Governor. The proposed amendment would allow the Legislature to convene itself in special session if 60% of the members in each house submit a petition to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The petition must specify the subjects to be addressed in the special session, and only those subjects could be considered during the special session.

The amendment also requires the Legislature to hold an organizational session in December following a general election. The purpose of the organizational session is to prepare for the upcoming regular session. The proposed amendment would formalize in the Idaho Constitution the Legislature's longstanding practice of holding an organizational session.

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## WHAT YOUR VOTE WILL DO:

**YES**

A **YES** vote would **APPROVE** the proposed Idaho Constitutional Amendment to allow the Legislature to convene itself in special session if 60% of the members in each house submit a petition to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**NO**

A **NO** vote would make **NO CHANGE** to the current Idaho Constitution.

## STATEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. This constitutional amendment is needed to correct an imbalance of power among the three branches of government. The executive and judicial branches of government have no restrictions on their ability to conduct business when and as they deem appropriate, and the legislative branch should have the same power.
2. Idaho is one of just 12 states whose legislature has no power to convene itself into a special session under certain circumstances. The Idaho Legislature should not be dependent on the Governor to call it into special session when extraordinary events occur. For example, in 2020, the Idaho Legislature wished to convene to consider Covid-19 matters and the expenditure of federal funding related to the pandemic but the Governor delayed convening the Legislature. Idaho should join the 38 states (including all of Idaho's neighboring states) that recognize the legislative branch of government's right to determine independently when it should convene and conduct the business of the people it represents.
3. Authorizing the Legislature to convene itself into special session will prevent the need for one or both houses of the Legislature to defer adjourning sine die indefinitely as happened in 2021 when the House of Representatives wanted to preserve its right to take up anticipated issues later in the year. Deferring the date of adjourning sine die results in numerous administrative problems such as delaying effective dates of legislation and administrative rules. If the Legislature is able to convene itself, there will be no need to avoid adjourning sine die.
4. The proposed amendment contains sufficient safeguards against any potential abuse of power by limiting the subjects of legislation to be considered during a special session to those listed in the petition, just as a special session called by the Governor is limited to the subjects listed in the Governor's proclamation.

## STATEMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. The Legislature has conducted its business for over 130 years without needing the ability to call itself into special session. This constitutional amendment is not necessary because the Governor has called and can continue to call the Legislature into a special session when necessary. Passing this amendment would remove a check and balance from the Idaho Constitution.
2. The Idaho Legislature is a part-time citizen legislature. The proposed amendment provides no limitations on how often special sessions may be called or how long they may last. Idaho should not move toward having a full-time legislature, and Idaho's part-time citizen legislators with other careers should not be burdened with sudden, unpredictable special sessions.
3. Idaho businesses and citizens need the stable, predictable, and routine timeline of the regular legislative session to communicate with legislators regarding the effects that pending legislation may have on businesses and citizens. The ability of the Legislature to convene itself into various special sessions may result in the passage of legislation that has not been properly vetted and could result in unintended consequences for Idaho businesses and citizens.
4. The proposed amendment requires a petition signed by only 60% of the members of each house of the Legislature. This threshold is too low. Many states require a higher percentage, such as 67% or 75%. A higher percentage would deter the Legislature from convening itself for subjects that may be trivial, vague, or not widely agreed upon.

## **IDAHO ADVISORY QUESTION**

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DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO USING THE RECORD BUDGET SURPLUS TO REFUND \$500 MILLION BACK TO HARDWORKING IDAHO TAXPAYERS, CUT ONGOING INCOME TAXES BY MORE THAN \$150 MILLION, AND PUT MORE MONEY IN OUR CLASSROOMS BY INCREASING EDUCATION AND STUDENT FUNDING BY A RECORD \$410 MILLION?

YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS EFFORT WOULD COMBAT HISTORIC INFLATION BY RETURNING MONEY TO THE TAXPAYERS, CREATING A SIMPLE FLAT TAX, AND MAKING THE SINGLE LARGEST INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION IN IDAHO HISTORY.

As a voter, your ballot will ask whether you "**Approve**" or "**Disapprove**."

### ***DO IT ALL ONLINE AT VOTEIDAHO.GOV***



- Register to vote
- Verify and update your voter registration information
- Request an absentee ballot
- Confirm an absentee ballot request
- Track your absentee ballot status
- Find your polling location

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### ***CURIOUS ABOUT IDAHO ELECTIONS?***

**The Idaho Voter Education project has the answers!**

This fun and entertaining video series covers everything from how to register, how election officials maintain the voter rolls, absentee voting, tabulation of votes, election certification, and much more!

**Check it out today at [voteidaho.gov/voter-education/](https://voteidaho.gov/voter-education/)**

***Democracy demands an educated and informed electorate.***

***— Thomas Jefferson***

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 14**

**LAST DAY to Pre-register to Vote.** Deadline is 5:00 p.m. at the county clerk's office or 11:59 p.m. online at [voteidaho.gov](http://voteidaho.gov). Mailed registrations must be postmarked by this date.

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 28**

**LAST DAY for Registered Voters to Request an Absentee Ballot.** All requests must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 4**

**LAST DAY for Early or In-Person Absentee Voting.** Early or in-person absentee voting locations close at 5:00 p.m.

**ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

**POLLS OPEN** from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

# VOTING REQUIREMENTS AND OPTIONS

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## **VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

A poll worker will ask you to provide identification. Accepted forms of photo identification may be any one of the following: (1) An Idaho driver's license or Idaho photo identification card. (2) A U.S. passport or Federal photo identification card. (3) A tribal photo identification card. (4) A current student photo ID, issued by a high school or accredited post secondary education institution in Idaho. (5) A license to carry a concealed weapon issued by a county sheriff in Idaho. If you are unable to present an acceptable form of photo identification, you may choose to sign a personal identification affidavit swearing to your identity and then vote.



## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

You can register to vote online or by mail up to 25 days before Election Day. After the pre-registration deadline, you can still register in person at your polling place on Election Day and then vote. For additional information about registering to vote, please visit [Voteldaho.gov](http://Voteldaho.gov) or contact your county clerk's office.



## **ACCESSIBILITY**

If you require assistance to vote on Election Day, several options are available to you. These include getting assistance from a person of your choice, using voter assistance terminals, and absentee voting. Please visit the Voting Accessibility page of [Voteldaho.gov](http://Voteldaho.gov) or contact your county clerk's office for detailed information about accessible voting options.



## **ABSENTEE VOTING**

You may vote by absentee ballot if you are registered by the pre-registration deadline. You must request an absentee ballot online at [Voteldaho.gov](http://Voteldaho.gov) or from your county clerk's office at least 11 days prior to Election Day. Additional information and absentee ballot request forms can be found on the Absentee Voting Information page of [Voteldaho.gov](http://Voteldaho.gov) or from your county clerk's office.



## **EARLY VOTING / IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING**

Counties must offer either early voting or in-person absentee voting, both of which conclude on the Friday before Election Day. Early voting allows you to vote in person at an early voting location just as you would on Election Day. In-person absentee voting allows you to complete an absentee ballot at the county clerk's office. Please contact your county clerk's office for locations, dates, and hours of operation.

# FOR OTHER QUESTIONS

## PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE:

### Elections Division

(208) 334-2852 • elections@sos.idaho.gov

700 W Jefferson St, Suite E205  
Boise, ID 83702

PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0080

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### VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

If you are unable to access [Voteldaho.gov](http://Voteldaho.gov) to register to vote or update your voter registration, please use the voter registration form below instead. When completed, cut it on the dotted line and mail the form to your County Clerk's office. County Clerk contact information is located on the back cover of this voter pamphlet. **THIS FORM IS NOT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST.**

**NOTE:** This form is **ONLY** if you need to update your voter information (*you've moved, changed your name, etc.*) or register as a NEW voter in Idaho. This form must be postmarked by October 14.



#### Idaho Voter Registration Form

<b>1</b> Last Name <i>(Print clearly in black ink.)</i>		First Name	Middle Name	<b>2</b> Enter Idaho Driver's License # <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
<b>WARNING:</b> Any elector who supplies any information knowing it to be false is guilty of perjury which is punishable by imprisonment and a fine of up to \$50,000.				If no Idaho Driver's License, enter last 4 digits of Social Security # <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
<b>3</b> Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Will you be at least 18 years of age on election day? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		If you checked 'No' for either question, do not complete this form.		<b>4</b> Date of Birth ____ \ ____ \ ____ month      day      year	
<b>5</b> Residence Address (Do not use PO Box or business address. If no street address, describe location of residence by cross streets, section, township, range, or other physical description.)				Residence in Idaho      Male <input type="checkbox"/> Yrs. ____ Months ____      Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>6</b> Mailing address if different from above		City	County	Zip	Telephone Number (Optional)
Address where previously registered		City	State	Zip	<b>7</b> Political Party <i>(Select one):</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Constitution <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated - (No party preference)
<b>8</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if name change		Previous Name	City	County	
<b>9</b> Do you have any legal disqualifications? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Idaho felon's rights are automatically restored upon completion of all sentencing conditions including probation or parole.			OFFICIAL USE ONLY Precinct _____ Clerk _____ Date _____
<b>UNDER PENALTY OF LAW:</b> By signing this card, I certify that I am a citizen of the United States and that I shall have been a resident of Idaho and the county for 30 days before the next election at which I vote; that I am at least 18 years of age on election day; and I declare under oath or affirmation that the information supplied herein is true.				<b>10</b> Signature - Sign on line below. X  Date of Signature ____ \ ____ \ ____ month      day      year	



**LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
BOISE, ID 83720-0080**

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## ***COUNTY CLERK OFFICES***

<b>Ada</b>	400 N Benjamin Lane, Ste 100, Boise, ID 83704 • (208) 287-6860	<b>Gem</b>	415 E Main, Rm 202, Emmett, ID 83617 • (208) 365-4561
<b>Adams</b>	PO Box 48, Council, ID 83612-0048 • (208) 253-4561	<b>Gooding</b>	PO Box 417, Gooding, ID 83330-0417 • (208) 934-4841
<b>Bannock</b>	PO Box 4489, Pocatello, ID 83205 • (208) 236-7333	<b>Idaho</b>	320 W Main, Rm 5, Grangeville, ID 83530 • (208) 983-2751
<b>Bear Lake</b>	PO Box 190, Paris, ID 83261-0190 • (208) 945-2212	<b>Jefferson</b>	210 Courthouse Way, Ste 100, Rigby, ID 83442 • (208) 745-7756
<b>Benewah</b>	701 W College Ave, Ste 101, St Maries, ID 83861 • (208) 245-3212	<b>Jerome</b>	300 N Lincoln, Rm 301, Jerome, Idaho 83338 • (208) 644-2714
<b>Bingham</b>	501 N Maple St, #205, Blackfoot, ID 83221 • (208) 782-3164	<b>Kootenai</b>	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-9000 • (208) 446-1030
<b>Blaine</b>	206 1st Ave S, Ste 100, Hailey, ID 83333 • (208) 788-5510	<b>Latah</b>	PO Box 8068, Moscow, ID 83843-0568 • (208) 883-2249
<b>Boise</b>	PO Box 1300, Idaho City, ID 83631-1300 • (208) 392-4431	<b>Lemhi</b>	206 Courthouse Drive, Salmon, ID 83467 • (208) 742-1667
<b>Bonner</b>	1500 Hwy 2, Ste 124, Sandpoint, ID 83864 • (208) 255-3631	<b>Lewis</b>	510 Oak Street, Rm 1, Nezperce, ID 83543 • (208) 937-2661
<b>Bonneville</b>	605 N Capital Ave, Idaho Falls, ID 83402 • (208) 529-1363	<b>Lincoln</b>	111 West B Street, Ste C, Shoshone, ID 83352 • (208) 886-7641
<b>Boundary</b>	PO Box 419, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805-0419 • (208) 267-2242	<b>Madison</b>	PO Box 389, Rexburg, ID 83440-0389 • (208) 359-6244
<b>Butte</b>	PO Box 737, Arco, ID 83213-0737 • (208) 527-3021	<b>Minidoka</b>	PO Box 368, Rupert, ID 83350-0368 • (208) 436-9511
<b>Camas</b>	PO Box 430, Fairfield, ID 83327-0430 • (208) 764-2242	<b>Nez Perce</b>	PO Box 896, Lewiston, ID 83501-0896 • (208) 799-3020
<b>Canyon</b>	1102 East Chicago Street, Caldwell, ID 83605 • (208) 454-7337	<b>Oneida</b>	10 Court Street, Malad, ID 83252 • (208) 766-4116
<b>Caribou</b>	PO Box 775, Soda Springs, ID 83276-0775 • (208) 547-4324	<b>Owyhee</b>	PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650-0128 • (208) 495-2421
<b>Cassia</b>	1459 Overland Ave, Rm 105, Burley, ID 83318 • (208) 878-5240	<b>Payette</b>	1130 3rd Ave N, Rm 104, Payette, ID 83661 • (208) 642-6000
<b>Clark</b>	PO Box 205, Dubois, ID 83423-0205 • (208) 374-5304	<b>Power</b>	543 Bannock Ave, American Falls, ID 83211 • (208) 226-7611
<b>Clearwater</b>	PO Box 586, Orofino, ID 83544-0586 • (208) 476-5615	<b>Shoshone</b>	700 Bank St #120, Wallace, ID 83873 • (208) 752-1264
<b>Custer</b>	PO Box 385, Challis, ID 83226-0385 • (208) 879-2360	<b>Teton</b>	150 Courthouse Drive #208, Driggs, ID 83422 • (208) 354-8780
<b>Elmore</b>	150 S 4th E #3, Mountain Home, ID 83647 • (208) 587-2130	<b>Twin Falls</b>	PO Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0126 • (208) 736-4004
<b>Franklin</b>	39 W Oneida, Preston, ID 83263 • (208) 852-1090	<b>Valley</b>	PO Box 1350, Cascade, ID 83611-1350 • (208) 382-7100
<b>Fremont</b>	151 W 1st N #12, St Anthony, ID 83445 • (208) 624-7332	<b>Washington</b>	P.O. Box 670, Weiser, ID 83672-0670 • (208) 414-2092