

**IV. LEGISLATION – POLICIES – RULES**

**A.1 Legislation – 2010 Session – Information Item**

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Bills introduced during the 2010 Legislature that effect the Commission for Libraries or the Idaho library community include:

**HB433aa.** Increases the time from 14 days to 28 days for a potential candidate to declare as a write in candidate. This will give county election officials more time to test ballots. Since there is no 'emergency clause' this will take effect on July 1, 2010 - after the last trustee election that districts will have to run.

Status: Governor signed 3/31

**HB454.** Amends existing law to delete the income tax on wages and salaries; to increase the rate of sales tax; and to revise the revenue sharing formula to local units of government. Revise the revenue sharing formula – the percent of sales tax revenue would be cut from the current 11.5% to 8.36%. In other words, district libraries and cities would see their revenue drop from this source. In addition, there would be no income tax, but sales tax would increase to 8.25%.

Status: To Revenue & Taxation 2/01

**HB490.** Essentially authorizes a county commission to waive any or all of the real and personal property value if a company invests \$3,000,000 in NEW construction by granting a property tax exemption for up to five years. Once the exemption expires between 1 and 5 years, the exempt property goes onto the “new” property tax rolls the first year and is treated as on-going property after that.

Status: Governor signed 3/29

**HB496.** Provides that each elector shall show photo identification before receiving a ballot at the polls or sign an affidavit in lieu of personal identification. There is an emergency clause for this to take effect immediately.

Status: Governor signed 4/08

**HB630.** Amends, adds to, and repeals existing law to increase the maximum amount of the income tax credit that individual and corporate taxpayers may receive for a five year period. Covers contributions to libraries.

Status: Governor signed 4/08

**HB632.** Amends and repeals existing law to make technical corrections to the Election Consolidation Bill of 2009. This bill was an attempt to correct the dates that were incorrect in last year's election reform bill. As written, there was a contradiction between 2 subsections which was confusing but irrelevant because of the January 2011 effective date.

The bill did not address the difficulty with 33-2718, the transition for library districts with zones. HB652 (see below) superseded this bill.

Status: To State Affairs 3/08

**HB636.** Adds to existing law relating to education to provide that each local school district shall file an Internet use policy and to provide provisions of such policy. (Sponsors have approached the Commission and the Idaho Library Association to work on similar legislation addressing public libraries for the 2011 session.)

Status: Governor signed 3/31

**HB645a.** Amends existing law to revise what may be placed on the new construction roll and to provide for corrections in the roll; and to revise how the three percent increase in property tax budgets is calculated.

Status: Governor signed 4/08

**HB 652.** Corrects the dates that were incorrect in the Election Consolidation Bill of 2009. It adds the terms for library trustees elected in 2010 in both 33-2715 and 33-2718.

Status: Governor signed 3/31

**HB663.** Amends existing law relating to community college districts to provide requirements for establishing community college subdistricts. (Reps. Henderson and Nonini sponsored legislation that they had promised for zones (subdistricts) for community colleges. They earlier expressed interest in requiring trustee zones for district libraries too, but that did not come up this session.)

Status: To Education 3/12

**HJR005.** A constitutional amendment "creates a new Section 3E to allow political subdivisions and regional airport authorities operating an airport to incur debt without voter approval, so long as the debt is payable solely from airport revenues and no tax funding is pledged or put at risk for the repayment. The new Section 3E deems airport projects, acquisitions, and facilities to be "public purpose." HJR004 has similar language for hospitals, and HJR003 and HJR007 apply the same concept to municipal electrical systems.

Status: HJR004, HJR005, & HJR007 adopted

**SB1429.** Reduces the appropriation to the Idaho Commission for Libraries by \$291,700 for fiscal year 2010; appropriates \$4,352,000 to the Idaho Commission for Libraries for fiscal year 2011; limits the number of full-time equivalent positions to 41.5; provides legislative intent on restoring one-time savings (for LiLI databases); and allows flexibility in dealing with reduced appropriations for fiscal year 2011 (lump sum authority).

Status: Governor signed 4/11

**SB1445.** Appropriates and transfers funding from a combination of state reserve funds and various dedicated funds to the General Fund to augment balances in fiscal years 2010 and

2011. In Section 8, through legislative intent, the Governor is given additional fiscal tools to deal with any shortage of General Fund revenues in FY 2010, by allowing the Board of Examiners to transfer reserve fund balances early into the General Fund. Any funds transferred early to balance FY 2010 from the Budget Stabilization Fund or the Economic Recovery Reserve Fund will create a shortfall in FY2011, and will need to be offset with appropriation reductions. This bill also gives the Governor the ability to access moneys from the Permanent Building Fund to assist with balancing FY 2010.

Status: Governor signed 4/12