

IV. LEGISLATION – POLICIES - RULES

A. Legislation – 2012 Session – Information Item

Bills introduced during the 2012 Legislature that effect the Commission for Libraries or the Idaho library community includes:

[HB 452](#) Bond Elections - The purpose of the legislation is to provide more transparency to existing Idaho law as it relates to bond elections. In particular, the legislation adds requirements of the taxing district to provide a statement as to the purpose for which the bonds are to be used, disclose the interest amount of the bonds, and to disclose when the bonds will be paid off or retired. (The official statement shall be made a part of the ballot and shall be included in the official notice of the election.)

Status: Governor signed 4/3; effective 4/3/12

[HB 576](#) Levy Elections - The purpose of the legislation is to provide public notice and ballot requirements for levy elections. (The language is similar to HB 452, and "the official statement shall be made a part of the ballot and shall be included in the official notice of the election.")

Status: Governor signed 4/3; effective 7/1/12

[HB 519](#) Site Improvements - This act amends IC 63-602W, BUSINESS INVENTORY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION and Section 63-301A, NEW CONSTRUCTION ROLL. All parcels held by land developers have a taxable value and are subject to annual property taxes depending on current use. In the proposed bill, that portion of value created by the site improvements in the course of a land developer's business is exempt from property tax until a building begins or the title is conveyed from the land developer.

The bill also provides that any reduction in value as a result of this act will be applied to the same new construction roll that had increased as a result of the site improvements. This will prevent a tax shift to other property taxpayer properties.

Status: Law without Governor - 3/23; effective 1/1/12

[SB 1323a](#) Library District Trustees - The intent of this legislation is to clarify I.C. 33-2716 to provide concise procedures in the event of a recall for library district trustees.

Some background on this - district law had a "glitch" that made it impossible for district libraries that were not county-wide to gather enough signatures to initiate a recall. This legislation makes it possible, but not easy. Procedures in election law Title 34, Chapter 17, still have to be followed.

Status: Governor signed 3/27; effective 7/1/12