

IV. LEGISLATION – POLICIES – RULES - GUIDELINES

A.1 Legislation – 2018 Session Overview – Information Item

Bill	Purpose	Disposition
HO378	Secretary of State duties. Amends 67-6623 to remove the requirement that candidates for local political subdivision [including public library districts] offices file campaign finance reports electronically. Local governments are not able to accept electronic filings at this time.	Signed by Governor Retroactive to 07/01/2017
HO420	Public notices. Would allow government entities to publish legal notices on websites in lieu of the requirement to have them printed in a newspaper, but not alter any of the current advance notice requirements. Government entities would be required to maintain historical records of notices provided online.	Held in House State Affairs
HO425	Net neutrality. Would amend Title 61 to require compliance with Internet service neutrality standards by defining duties of internet service providers and required disclosure of information; and amend Title 62 to provide that a telephone corporation and any communications provider it contracts with shall ensure that all internet service it offers and all internet service providers it hosts or accommodates meet certain standards.	Held in House Ways & Means
HO430	Crime victims confidentiality. Amends Title 19 by adding those individuals that are victims of human trafficking to be eligible for the program, removing the requirement of a participant to obtain an order of protection and expanding what may be used from various other sources as evidence of being a victim and providing technical changes.	Signed by Governor Effective: 07/01/2018
HO432	Workforce Development Council. Makes the Council more responsive to the needs of Idaho employers; implements recommendations of the Governor's WF Development Task Force; provides for the Council's authority over WF development policy and programs and the disbursement of monies in the WF Development Training Fund.	Signed by Governor Effective: 03/12/2018

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HO450	Budgets. Would allow taxing districts, including library districts, to disclaim any or all of their forgone balance for the current year, and would require that such resolutions be filed with the county clerk and the state tax commission.	Passed the House 56-13-1 Held in Senate Local Government & Taxation
HO487	Bond and levy elections. Would amend existing law to provide that a taxing district may not run another bond or levy election for twelve months after a failed bond or levy election.	House State Affairs approved, sent to General Orders, returned to State Affairs
HO559	Property tax. Amends Title 63 to provide a provisional property tax exemption on property that is under construction for a tax-exempt purpose, <i>e.g.</i> , a public library building.	Signed by Governor Retroactive to 01/01/2016
HO611	Open Meetings Law. Adds requirements that notices for meetings and agendas also be posted electronically if the governing has an online presence, and that an item on an agenda that requires a vote by the governing entity be clearly identified as an "action Item." Allows for action on an item to be taken after the start of a meeting if an emergency is declared, which must be justified and reflected in the minutes of the meeting.	Signed by Governor Effective: 07/01/2018
HO619	Wi-Fi filtering. Proposed an amendment to 33-2741 to require that public libraries filter publicly accessible wireless internet service, and that wireless access be included in each library's internet use policy.	Held in House State Affairs
HO620	Public Integrity in Elections Act. Creates a new chapter in Title 74 to identify the proper role of governmental entities with regards to elections, and to codify existing case law that a public entity may "educate" but may not "advocate" regarding a bond measure. Protects elected officials' and public employees' First Amendment rights and ensures that all public funds, resources, and property are not used to influence the election outcome.	Signed by Governor Effective 07/01/2018
HO626	Bond elections indebtedness. Amends Title 34 by adding a requirement for bond election ballot questions to	Signed by Governor Effective: 07/01/2018

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	include a disclosure statement indicating the term of the bond and the anticipated average annual tax increase per \$100,000 of property value.	
HO639	Bond elections. Would amend existing law to provide that a taxing district may not run another bond election for eleven months after a failed bond election.	Passed House 37-32-1 Held in Senate State Affairs
HO649	Uniform Controlled Substances. Adds a new section 37-2739c to provide that persons acting in good faith seeking or needing medical assistance for drug-related overdose shall not be charged or prosecuted for possession of controlled substances or drug paraphernalia. [N.B. Many libraries are training their staff to handle an opioid overdose, and need to be aware of the legalities involved.]	Signed by Governor Effective: 07/01/2018
HO669	Appropriation. Appropriates \$4,676,600 to the STEM Action Center for FY 2019; authorizes 6.0 FTE; includes a one-time transfer of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to the STEM Education Fund for the Computer Science Initiative to promote computer science activities in schools and communities.	Signed by Governor Effective: 07/01/2018
S1274	Public Records. Adds language to Idaho's current public records request law to designate a custodian within each agency or body for these requests, to update the types of compensation information available to public request, and to add identity numbers as exempt from public disclosure.	Signed by Governor Effective: 07/01/2018
S1296	Persons with Disabilities. Amends 56-701A to include mental disabilities in the definition of disabled persons; brings Idaho Code more in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act, providing protection for all disabled persons to use service dogs.	Signed by Governor Effective: 07/01/2018
S1334	Appropriation. Appropriates \$5,900,700 to the Idaho Commission for Libraries for FY 2019; authorizes 37.5 FTE; and provides legislative intent for the payment of Talking Book Service costs.	Signed by Governor Effective: 07/01/2018

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S1337	Campaign Finance Requirements. Would increase transparency in campaign finance for statewide, legislative, and local elections; expand the applicability of the sunshine laws to all types of elections, including special, recall, and local elections; establish a single, searchable online database for all reporting in the State of Idaho.	Held in Senate State Affairs