First Regular Session - 2025

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1084

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | RELATING TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK; AMENDING SECTION 42-1764, IDAHO CODE, TO |
| 3 | REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING WATER RIGHT FORFEITURE; AND DECLARING AN |
| 4 | EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. |

- 5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:
- SECTION 1. That Section 42-1764, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 42-1764. SUBSTITUTION FOR TRANSFER PROCEEDING -- RIGHTS NOT SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE -- NO DEDICATION OF RIGHTS. (1) The approval of a rental of water from the water supply bank may be a substitute for the transfer proceeding requirements of section 42-222, Idaho Code.
 - (2) Water rights obtained by the board or by a local committee appointed by the board and credited to the water supply bank are not subject to forfeiture for nonuse pursuant to section 42-222(2), Idaho Code, while retained in or rented from the water supply bank. The five (5) year period of nonuse for forfeiture of a water right shall begin to accrue run anew upon removal of a right from the bank by the owner of the right if a period of nonuse did not occur prior to the date of acceptance of the right into the bank. The five (5) year period of nonuse shall continue to accrue if a period of nonuse occurred prior to the effective date of acceptance of the right into the bank and the right was not beneficially used while in the bank.
 - (3) The rental of water rights from the water supply bank shall not constitute a dedication to the lands of any renter since the rental or distribution of water by the water bank is only incidental to its primary purposes listed in section 42-1761, Idaho Code.
 - SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July $1,\ 2025$.