IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1335

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1	AN ACT
2	RELATING TO THE IDAHO ENERGY RESOURCES AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 67-8907,
3	IDAHO CODE, TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE SURETY BONDS THAT OFFICERS MUST
4	EXECUTE.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 67-8907, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

67-8907. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING -- CHAIRMAN -- SECRETARY AND TREASURER -- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -- DELEGATION OF POWER -- SURETY BOND AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST. (1) A director designated by the governor shall call and convene the initial organizational meeting of the authority and shall serve as its chairman pro tempore. At such meeting, appropriate bylaws shall be presented for adoption. The bylaws may provide for the election or appointment of officers and the delegation of certain powers and duties and such other matters as the authority deems proper. At such meeting and annually thereafter the board shall elect one (1) of the directors as chairman and one (1) as vice chairman.

- (2) The board shall appoint a secretary and a treasurer and may appoint one (1) or more assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, any of whom may be, but not required to be, a director of the authority, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. A single individual may be appointed as secretary-treasurer. They shall receive such compensation for their services as shall be fixed by the board. The secretary or an assistant secretary designated by the board shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board and shall be custodian of all books, documents, and papers filed with the authority, the minute books or journal thereof and its official seal. The secretary or any assistant secretary shall cause necessary copies to be made of all minutes and other records and documents of the authority and may give certificates under the official seal of the authority to the effect that such copies are true copies and all persons dealing with the authority may rely on such certificates. The treasurer shall have custody of and responsibility for the safekeeping of the funds and investments of the authority.
- (3) The board may employ an executive officer and one (1) or more additional employees as it shall deem necessary and expedient to carry out its purposes. The executive officer may be, but is not required to be, a director of the authority. The executive officer shall serve at the pleasure of the board and shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the board.
- (4) The board may delegate by resolution such powers and duties as it may deem proper to one (1) or more of its directors or to its secretary, executive officer or any assistant officers.
- (5) The secretary, the treasurer and any executive officer shall execute a surety bond in the penal sum of one million five hundred thousand

dollars ($$\frac{1,05}{00},000$) or, in lieu thereof, the chairman of the authority shall execute a blanket bond covering each director, the secretary, the treasurer, the executive officer and any other employees or officers of the authority, each surety bond to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the office or offices covered, to be executed by a surety authorized to transact business in this state as surety. The cost of each such bond shall be paid by the authority.

 (6) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, it shall not constitute a conflict of interest for a trustee, director, officer, or employee of any electric corporation, electric utility, financial institution, investment banking firm, brokerage firm, commercial bank or trust company, architecture firm, insurance company, or any other firm, person or corporation to serve as a director of the authority, provided such trustee, director, officer, or employee shall abstain from deliberation, action and vote by the authority in each instance where the business affiliation of any such trustee, director, officer, or employee is involved.