

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-first Legislature Second Regular Session - 2012

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 695

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-451A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, TO PROVIDE FOR MONEYS IN THE FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED, TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR EXPENDITURES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LEGISLATIVE DEFENSE FUND AND TO PROVIDE THAT OF THE AMOUNT TRANSFERRED, FIFTY PERCENT SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE SENATE AND FIFTY PERCENT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 4, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 67-451A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

67-451A. LEGISLATIVE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND CREATED. There is hereby created in the state treasury the legislative legal defense fund. The legislative legal defense fund shall consist of such moneys as are placed into it by appropriations and shall be continuously appropriated to the senate and house of representatives. The legislative legal defense fund shall be specifically exempt from the provisions of chapter 35, title 67, Idaho Code, and from the provisions of chapter 36, title 67, Idaho Code. The president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives are hereby authorized to make expenditures out of the fund for any necessary legal expenses of the legislature.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated, and the State Controller shall transfer, \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Legislative Legal Defense Fund, on July 1, 2012, or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Of the amount transferred, fifty percent (50%) shall be available to the Senate and fifty percent (50%) to the House of Representatives.