

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-eighth Legislature First Regular Session - 2025

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 386

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES AND COUNTY LAW; AMENDING SECTION 31-131, IDAHO CODE,
TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LATAH COUNTY BOUNDARIES; AMENDING SEC-
TION 31-142, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SHOSHONE COUNTY
BOUNDARIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 31-131, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

31-131. LATAH COUNTY. Latah county is described as follows: beginning
at a point where the middle line of township thirty-seven (37) north inter-
sects the boundary line between the state of Idaho and the state of Washing-
ton;

Western boundary. Thence north along the said boundary line to a point
where the watershed between Hangman's creek and Palouse river crosses the
said boundary line;

Northern boundary. Thence in a southeasterly direction along the said
watershed to a point where this line crosses the section line between sec-
tions twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28), township forty-three (43)
north, range four (4) west; thence south on the said section line to the
section corner common to sections twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28),
thirty-three (33) and thirty-four (34), in the same township and range;
thence east on this section line to the eastern boundary of the said town-
ship and range; thence north on the range line to the northwest corner of
section thirty-one (31), township forty-three (43) north, range three (3)
west; thence east along the section line running on the north of said section
thirty-one (31), to the northeast corner of section thirty-three (33), town-
ship forty-three (43) north, range one (1) west; thence south one (1) mile,
to the township line between townships forty-two (42) and forty-three (43)
north; thence east along the said township line approximately 6 miles to the
northeast corner of section four (4), township forty-two (42) north, range
one (1) east, being the northeast corner of Latah county with Benewah county
to the north and Shoshone county to the east;

Eastern boundary. Thence south along the section lines, approximately
2 miles to the southeast corner of section nine (9), township forty-two (42)
north, range one (1) east;

Thence east along the section line, approximately 1 half mile to the
north quarter corner of section fifteen (15), township forty-two (42) north,
range one (1) east;

Thence south along the midsection line, approximately 2 miles to the
south quarter corner of section twenty-two (22), township forty-two (42)
north, range one (1) east;

1 Thence west along the section line, approximately 1 quarter mile to the
2 west sixteenth corner of sections twenty-two (22) and twenty-seven (27),
3 township forty-two (42) north, range one (1) east;

4 Thence west along the section line, 90 feet to a duly surveyed property
5 corner monument;

6 Thence south along the property line, approximately 1 half mile to a
7 duly surveyed property corner monument;

8 Thence east along the section subdivision line, 90 feet to the center
9 west sixteenth corner of section twenty-seven (27);

10 Thence south along sixteenth section subdivision lines, approximately
11 1 and 1 half miles to the west sixteenth corner of sections thirty-four (34)
12 and three (3), township forty-two (42) north and township forty-one (41)
13 north, range one (1) east, being the southwest corner of Shoshone county with
14 Latah county to west and south;

15 Thence east along the township line, approximately 1 quarter mile to the
16 north quarter corner of section three (3), township forty-one (41) north,
17 range one (1) east, being the northwest corner of Clearwater county with
18 Shoshone county to the north and Latah county to the west;

19 Thence south along midsection lines, approximately 6 miles to the south
20 quarter corner of section thirty-four (34), township forty-one (41) north,
21 range one (1) east;

22 Thence west along the township line, approximately 22.8 chains (1,505
23 feet) to the west sixteenth corner of section three (3), township forty (40)
24 north, range one (1) east;

25 Thence south along sixteenth section subdivision lines, approximately
26 1 mile to the west sixteenth corner of sections three (3) and ten (10), town-
27 ship forty (40) north, range one (1) east;

28 Thence west along the section line, 90 feet to a duly surveyed property
29 corner monument;

30 Thence south along the property line, approximately 1 quarter mile to a
31 duly surveyed property corner monument;

32 Thence east along the section subdivision line, 90 feet to the northwest
33 sixteenth corner of section ten (10), township forty (40) north, range one
34 (1) east;

35 Thence south along sixteenth section subdivision lines, approximately
36 4 and 3 quarter miles to the west sixteenth corner of sections thirty-four
37 (34) and three (3), townships forty (40) north and thirty-nine (39) north,
38 range one (1) east;

39 Thence west along the township line, approximately 90 feet to an unmonu-
40 mented property corner;

41 Thence south approximately 1 half mile to a duly surveyed property cor-
42 ner monument;

43 Thence south approximately 1 half mile to a duly surveyed property cor-
44 ner on the south line of section three (3), township thirty-nine (39), range
45 one (1) east;

46 Thence west along the section line approximately 1230 feet to the north-
47 east corner of section nine (9), township thirty-nine (39) north, range one
48 (1) east;

1 Thence south along section lines, approximately 5 miles to the south-
 2 east corner of section thirty-three (33), township thirty-nine (39) north,
 3 range one (1) east;

4 Thence east along the township line, approximately 5.83 chains (385
 5 feet) to the northeast corner of section four (4), township thirty-eight
 6 (38) north, range one (1) east;

7 Thence south along section lines, approximately 3 miles to the middle
 8 line of the township, and the southeast corner of section sixteen (16), town-
 9 ship thirty-eight (38) north, range one (1) east, being the southeast corner
 10 of Latah county with Clearwater county to the east and south;

11 Southern boundary. Thence west on the middle line of township
 12 thirty-eight (38) north to the point of intersection of said middle line and
 13 the center of Big Potlatch creek; thence along the average center of said
 14 creek south 41°29'00" west 433.17 feet; thence south 83°01'30" west 555.76
 15 feet; thence north 72°43'45" west 486.51 feet; thence north 41°28'30" west
 16 762.95 feet; thence north 72°52'00" west 134.45 feet; to a point which is
 17 north 358.29 feet from the corner common to Sections 16, 17, 20 and 21, town-
 18 ship thirty-eight (38) north, range 2 west, Boise Meridian; thence north
 19 72°52'00" west 2007.63 feet; thence south 48°22'30" west 949.70 feet; thence
 20 north 88°25'15" west 1485.48 feet; thence south 45°57'45" west 770.90 feet;
 21 thence north 82°46'15" west 750.35 feet; thence south 43°28'45" west 1160.84
 22 feet; thence south 65°32'00" west 804.18 feet; thence south 46°29'30" west
 23 527.72 feet; thence south 53°01'15" west 717.00 feet; to a point which is
 24 south 2073.86 feet from the one-quarter corner common to Sections 18 and 19
 25 township thirty-eight (38) north, range 2 west, Boise Meridian; thence south
 26 53°01'15" west 685.19 feet; thence south 30°54'30" west 1373.34 feet; thence
 27 south 84°44'45" west 1151.76 feet; thence south 21°04'00" east 1132.26 feet;
 28 thence south 05°04'00" west 902.41 feet; thence south 78°56'15" west 493.86
 29 feet; to a point which is south 657.49 feet from the corner common to Sections
 30 24, 19, 31 and 25, township thirty-eight (38) north, range 3 west and range
 31 2 west, Boise Meridian; thence south 78°56'15" west 136.97 feet; thence
 32 north 87°54'15" west 2370.65 feet; thence south 73°27'15" west 1216.03 feet;
 33 thence south 34°56'45" west 2443.32 feet; thence south 55°35'15" west 258.89
 34 feet; to a point which is south 447.50 feet from the one-quarter corner com-
 35 mon to Sections 26 and 25, township thirty-eight (38) north, range 3 west,
 36 Boise Meridian; thence south 55°35'15" west 2071.08 feet; thence south
 37 42°55'30" west 1609.29 feet; to a point which is located west 2811.85 feet
 38 from the corner common to Sections 26, 25, 36 and 35, township thirty-eight
 39 (38) north, range 3 west, Boise Meridian; thence south 44°33'29" west 950.95
 40 feet; thence south 07°36'44" west 869.85 feet; thence south 28°34'42" west
 41 740.46 feet; thence south 30°26'40" west 397.99 feet; thence south 03°38'57"
 42 west 618.32 feet; thence south 38°21'12" west 690.57 feet; thence south
 43 54°22'07" west 56.90 feet; thence south 69°39'54" west 343.03 feet; thence
 44 south 82°19'22" west 333.65 feet; thence south 65°55'57" west 647.97 feet;
 45 thence south 63°14'18" west 784.25 feet; thence north 85°46'49" west 1140.68
 46 feet; thence south 37°18'55" west 820.62 feet; thence south 30°42'01"
 47 west 840.83 feet; thence south 02°55'30" east 1395.50 feet; thence south
 48 10°47'35" west 233.84 feet; thence south 52°26'42" west 474.82 feet; thence
 49 south 31°23'33" west 1307.49 feet; thence south 15°45'00" west 732.84 feet;
 50 thence south 10°27'38" east 755.37 feet; to a point which is east 662.51

feet and north 02°06'09" west 8.57 feet from the corner common to Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, township thirty-seven (37) north, range 3 west, Boise Meridian, which corner is marked by a Brass Cap Monument set 1556.70 feet east of said corner set by James W. Grow, R.L.S. #749; thence south 02°06'09" east 317.10 feet; thence south 11°10'52" west 528.81 feet; thence south 33°23'33" west 1343.54 feet; thence south 18°47'37" east 514.74 feet; thence south 18°33'57" west 902.43 feet; thence south 10°36'14" west 654.11 feet; thence south 21°02'12" west 343.00 feet; thence south 31°52'33" west 896.41 feet; to a point that is west 983.97 feet and north 05°04'43" east 80.67 feet from the corner common to Sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, township thirty-seven (37) north, range 3 west, Boise Meridian, being marked by a 5/8" iron pin set in a mound of stone by James W. Grow, R.L.S. #749, and by a Brass Cap Monument set 1136.66 feet west of said section corner; thence south 05°04'43" west 488.49 feet; thence south 15°20'14" west 272.28 feet; thence south 27°52'57" west 661.93 feet; thence south 57°36'12" west 456.93 feet; thence south 21°50'14" west 385.38 feet; thence south 12°45'28" east 367.96 feet; thence south 67°00'39" east 464.34 feet; thence south 22°07'05" west 1097.33 feet; thence south 33°13'49" west 576.62 feet; thence south 13°03'47" east 296.08 feet; thence south 34°16'41" west 1198.35 feet; thence south 21°36'07" west 183.18 feet; to a point on the north line of Section 21, township thirty-seven (37) north, range 3 west, Boise Meridian, said point being east 1482.32 feet from the northwest corner of said Section 21, which corner is marked by a Brass Cap Monument lying east 1845.18 feet from said corner; thence west along the middle line of township thirty-seven (37) north to the point of beginning.

County seat--Moscow.

SECTION 2. That Section 31-142, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

31-142. SHOSHONE COUNTY. Shoshone county is described as follows: beginning at a point where the township line between townships forty-one (41) and forty-two (42) north, intersects the western boundary of the state of Montana;

Eastern boundary. Thence in a northerly direction along the said boundary and with the Bitterroot range of mountains until the said range turns in a westerly direction and is called Coeur d'Alene.

Northern boundary. Thence with the said Coeur d'Alene range of mountains in a westerly direction until a point is attained on the west line of section twenty-two (22), township fifty-four (54) north, range one (1) east, being the northwest corner of Shoshone county with Bonner county to the north and west;

Western boundary. Thence south along the section lines, approximately 2 and 3 quarter miles to the southwest corner of section thirty-four (34), township fifty-four (54) north, range one (1) east;

Thence west along the township line, approximately 0.64 chains (42 feet) to the northwest corner of section three (3), township fifty-three (53) north, range one (1) east;

Thence south along the section lines, approximately 2 miles to the southwest corner of section ten (10), township fifty-three (53) north, range one (1) east;

1 Thence east along the section line, approximately 1 half mile to the
2 south quarter corner of section ten (10), township fifty-three (53) north,
3 range one (1) east;

4 Thence south along the midsection lines, approximately 4 miles to the
5 south quarter corner of section thirty-four (34), township fifty-three (53)
6 north, range one (1) east, being the southeast corner of Bonner county with
7 Shoshone county to the south and east;

8 Thence west along the township line, approximately 32.24 chains (2,128
9 feet) to the northwest corner of section three (3), township fifty-two (52)
10 north, range one (1) east, being the northeast corner of Kootenai county with
11 Bonner county to the north and Shoshone county to the east;

12 Thence south along the section lines, approximately 12 miles to the
13 southwest corner of section thirty-four (34), township fifty-one (51)
14 north, range one (1) east;

15 Thence east along the township line, approximately 1 half mile to the
16 north quarter corner of section three (3), township fifty (50) north, range
17 one (1) east;

18 Thence south along the midsection lines, approximately 6 miles to the
19 south quarter corner of section thirty-four (34), township fifty (50) north,
20 range one (1) east;

21 Thence west along the township line, approximately 3.74 chains (247
22 feet) to the north quarter corner of section three (3), township forty-nine
23 (49) north, range one (1) east;

24 Thence south along the midsection lines, approximately 2 miles to the
25 south quarter corner of section ten (10), township forty-nine (49) north,
26 range one (1) east;

27 Thence west along the section line, approximately 1 quarter mile to the
28 west sixteenth corner of sections ten (10) and fifteen (15), township forty-
29 nine (49) north, range one (1) east;

30 Thence south along the sixteenth section subdivision lines, approx-
31 imately 4 miles to the west sixteenth corner of section thirty-four (34),
32 township forty-nine (49) north, range one (1) east;

33 Thence west along the township line, approximately 3.40 chains
34 (224 feet) to the west sixteenth corner of section three (3), township
35 forty-eight (48) north, range one (1) east;

36 Thence south along the sixteenth section subdivision lines, approx-
37 imately 5 and 1 half miles to the center west sixteenth corner of section
38 thirty-four (34), township forty-eight (48) north, range one (1) east;

39 Thence west along the section subdivision line, approximately 90 feet
40 to a duly surveyed property corner monument;

41 Thence south along the property line, approximately 1 half mile to a
42 duly surveyed property corner monument on the township line;

43 Thence east along the township line, approximately 90 feet to the west
44 sixteenth corner of section thirty-four (34), township forty-eight (48)
45 north, range one (1) east;

46 Thence east along the township line, approximately 1 quarter mile to the
47 south quarter corner of section thirty-four (34), township forty-eight (48)
48 north, range one (1) east;

1 Thence east along the township line, approximately 1.55 chains (102
2 feet) to the north quarter corner of section three (3), township forty-seven
3 (47) north, range one (1) east;

4 Thence south along the midsection lines, approximately 3 miles to the
5 south quarter corner of section fifteen (15), township forty-seven (47)
6 north, range one (1) east, being the southeast corner of Kootenai county with
7 Shoshone county to the east and south;

8 Thence west along the section line, approximately 1 half mile to the
9 northwest corner of section twenty-two (22), township forty-seven (47)
10 north, range one (1) east, being the northeast corner of Benewah county with
11 Kootenai county to the north and Shoshone county to the east;

12 Thence south along the section lines, approximately 2 miles to the
13 southwest corner of section twenty-seven (27), township forty-seven (47)
14 north, range one (1) east;

15 Thence east along the section line approximately 1 half mile to the
16 south quarter corner of section twenty-seven (27), township forty-seven
17 (47) north, range one (1) east;

18 Thence south along the midsection lines, approximately 4 miles to the
19 south quarter corner of section fifteen (15), township forty-six (46) north,
20 range one (1) east;

21 Thence west along the section line approximately 1 quarter mile to the
22 west sixteenth corner of section fifteen (15) and section twenty-two (22),
23 township forty-six (46) north, range one (1) east;

24 Thence south along the sixteenth section subdivision line, approxi-
25 mately 1 mile to the west sixteenth corner of section twenty-two (22) and
26 section twenty-seven (27), township forty-six (46) north, range one (1)
27 east;

28 Thence east along the section line approximately 1 quarter mile to the
29 north quarter corner of section twenty-seven (27), township forty-six (46)
30 north, range one (1) east;

31 Thence south along the midsection lines, approximately 2 miles to the
32 south quarter corner of section thirty-four (34), township forty-six (46)
33 north, range one (1) east;

34 Thence west along the township line, approximately 1 half mile to the
35 northwest corner of section three (3), township forty-five (45) north, range
36 one (1) east;

37 Thence south along the section lines, approximately 6 miles to the
38 southwest corner of section thirty-four (34), township forty-five (45)
39 north, range one (1) east;

40 Thence east along the township line, approximately 14.24 chains (940
41 feet) to the west sixteenth corner of section three (3), township forty-four
42 (44) north, range one (1) east;

43 Thence south along the sixteenth section subdivision lines, approxi-
44 mately 12 miles to the west sixteenth corner of section thirty-four (34),
45 township forty-three (43) north, range one (1) east, being the southeast
46 corner of Benewah county with Shoshone county to the east and south;

47 Thence west along the township line, approximately 15.50 chains (1,023
48 feet) to the northwest corner of section three (3), township forty-two (42)
49 north, range one (1) east, being the northeast corner of Latah county with
50 Benewah county to the north and Shoshone county to the east;

1 Thence south along the section lines, approximately 2 miles to the
2 southwest corner of section ten (10), township forty-two (42) north, range
3 one (1) east;

4 Thence east along the section line, approximately 1 half mile to the
5 south quarter corner of section ten (10), township forty-two (42) north,
6 range one (1) east;

7 Thence south along the midsection line, approximately 2 miles to the
8 south quarter corner of section twenty-two (22), township forty-two (42)
9 north, range one (1) east;

10 Thence west along the section line, approximately 1 quarter mile to the
11 west sixteenth corner of sections twenty-two (22) and twenty-seven (27);

12 Thence west along the section line, 90 feet to a duly surveyed property
13 corner monument;

14 Thence south along the property line, approximately 1 half mile to a
15 duly surveyed property corner monument;

16 Thence east along the section subdivision line, 90 feet to the center
17 west sixteenth corner of section twenty-seven (27);

18 Thence south along sixteenth section subdivision lines, approximately
19 1 and 1 half miles to the west sixteenth corner of sections thirty-four (34)
20 and three (3), township forty-two (42) north and township forty-one (41)
21 north, range one (1) east, being the southwest corner of Shoshone county with
22 Latah county to the west and ~~Clearwater county to the south;~~

23 Southern boundary. Thence east on the said township line to the inter-
24 section of the same with the boundary line of the state of Montana, the place
25 of beginning.

26 County seat--Wallace.

27 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
28 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
29 July 1, 2025.