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First Regular Session - 2025

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 343

BY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AMENDING SECTION 21-806, IDAHO CODE, TO RE-VISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 22-208, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 22-306, IDAHO CODE, TO RE-VISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FAIR DISTRICT DIRECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 22-2410, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING WEED CONTROL AD-VISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 22-2721, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS; AMENDING SECTION 22-4302, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING WEATHER MODIFICATION DISTRICT TRUSTEES; AMENDING SECTION 25-2604, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PEST CONTROL DISTRICT COM-MISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 25-2612, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL DISTRICT DIRECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 27-119, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CEMETERY MAINTE-NANCE BOARD COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 31-1421, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 31-3705, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 31-3914, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A BOARD OF AMBULANCE SER-VICE COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 31-4210, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 31-4305, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 31-4707, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 31-4904, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REGIONAL SOLID WASTE OR DOMESTIC SEPTAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 33-2119, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TRUSTEES; AMENDING SECTION 33-2715, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PRO-VISIONS REGARDING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES; AMENDING SECTION 39-2803, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ABATEMENT DISTRICT TRUSTEES; AMENDING SECTION 40-2106, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 42-3114, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 42-3209, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 42-3707, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT DIRECTORS; AMENDING SEC-TION 42-5223, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING GROUND WATER DISTRICT DIRECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 43-319, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING IRRIGATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS; AMENDING SEC-TION 50-2006, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 67-4909, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING AUDITORIUM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS; AMENDING SEC-

1 TION 70-1404, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PORT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING APPLICABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 21-806, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 21-806. ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES. (1) At the next succeeding primary election following the creation of any such regional airport authority, the electors of each of the legislative districts within the participating counties within such region shall elect, on a nonpartisan basis, a member of the authority's permanent board of trustees, hereinafter referred to as the board, except that in the northern and north central regions, one (1) additional board member shall be elected from each such region at large. At the first such election, members elected from even-numbered legislative districts, together with the member elected at large from the northern region and the member elected at large from the north central region, shall be elected for four (4) year terms of office, and members elected from odd-numbered legislative districts shall be elected for two (2) year terms of office. Thereafter all such members shall be elected for four (4) year terms of office, and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. The term of office of members so elected shall commence on December 1 of the year in which they were elected.
- $\underline{(2)}$ Notice of the election and the conduct thereof shall be as prescribed in chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code. As a condition of voting, an elector shall meet the qualifications prescribed in section 34-402, Idaho Code, and in addition shall be a resident of the regional airport authority.
- (3) In any election for member of the board, if after the deadline for filing a declaration of intent as a write-in candidate, it appears that only one (1) qualified candidate has been nominated for that office, it shall not be necessary for the candidate to stand for election and the board shall declare such candidate elected as a member of the board and the secretary of the district shall immediately make and deliver to such person a certificate of election.
- $\underline{(4)}$ The person receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. If it be necessary to resolve a tie between two (2) or more persons, the interim board or the permanent board, as the case may be, shall determine by lot which thereof shall be declared elected. The clerk of the board shall promptly notify any person by mail of his election, enclosing a form of oath to be subscribed by him as herein provided.
- $\underline{(5)}$ Elections held pursuant to this section shall coincide with other elections held by the state of Idaho or any subdivision thereof, or any municipality or school district, subject to the provisions of sections 34-106 and 34-1401, Idaho Code.
- (6) Elections of board members shall, after the first such election, be held every other year in even-numbered years, and shall be held on such uniform day consistent with the provisions of section 34-106, Idaho Code, as the board shall determine. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by appointment of remaining members, for the expiration of such term of office. The board members shall take and subscribe the oath of office required in the case of

state officers and said oath shall be filed with the secretary of state. Members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties <u>pursuant to the provisions of section 59-509(b)</u>, <u>Idaho Code</u>. <u>Members shall not be provided with retirement benefits</u> or health care benefits.

SECTION 2. That Section 22-208, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

22-208. EXPENSES OF BOARD MEMBERS. The members of the county fair board shall <u>not</u> be paid <u>but shall be reimbursed pursuant to the provisions of section 59-509(b), Idaho Code, for their actual and necessary expenses out of the funds provided for fair purposes, upon approval of claims for the same by the board of county commissioners. <u>Members shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits</u>.</u>

SECTION 3. That Section 22-306, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

22-306. COMPENSATION AND MILEAGE OF DIRECTORS. Said directors shall receive as compensation thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per diem while actually engaged in the business of the district and the mileage rate established by the state board of examiners pursuant to the authority in section 67-2008, Idaho Code, for state officers, agents and employees for each mile actually and necessarily traveled while transacting such business. Directors shall not be paid but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses pursuant to the provisions of section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. Directors shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.

SECTION 4. That Section 22-2410, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 22-2410. WEED CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEES. (1) Control agencies or authorities may appoint persons to a weed control advisory committee, who shall be persons knowledgeable of noxious weeds and the damage done by such weeds. The members of the advisory committee shall be residents of or landowners in one (1) of the counties included in the cooperative weed management area, and shall be appointed for renewable terms of two (2) years.
 - (2) It shall be the function of each weed control advisory committee to:
 - (a) Assist in planning and carrying out noxious weed control programs within or across county, state or federal boundaries as may be provided by cooperative agreement among the participating parties for control of noxious weeds in cooperative weed management areas; and
 - (b) Act as liaison to other weed control advisory committees; and
 - (c) Provide a forum for public input on matters relating to the control of noxious weeds.
- (3) Members of the advisory committee $\underline{\text{shall not be paid but}}$ may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses when on committee business $\underline{\text{pursuant}}$ to the provisions of section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. Expense payments may be made from the noxious weed fund. Members shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.

(4) Advisory committees have no executive powers and act in an advisory capacity only.

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48 49 SECTION 5. That Section 22-2721, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

22-2721. ELECTION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE OF SUPER-VISORS. (1) The governing body of the district shall consist of five (5) supervisors, elected or appointed as provided in this chapter. Elections shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of this section and the uniform district election law, chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code. If at any time the supervisors of a district deem it necessary, upon majority vote of the district board, they may increase the number of supervisors to seven (7) or decrease the number of supervisors to five (5). If increased, the additional supervisors shall then be appointed as outlined in this section until such time as regular district elections for two (2) supervisors in each district. At that time, those districts having seven (7) supervisors shall then elect four (4) supervisors for four (4) year terms. The two (2) supervisors appointed by the district shall be persons who are by training and experience qualified to perform the specialized services that will be required of them in the performance of their duties. In the event the supervisors of a district, upon majority vote of the district board, deem it necessary to reduce the number of supervisors to five (5), there must either be two (2) vacant positions on the board or two (2) of the supervisors must first volunteer to give up their seats. Written notification of the reduction in supervisors, signed by the district board chairman, shall then be sent to the state soil and water conservation commission. Such notification shall also be sent to the secretary of state to ensure only two (2) or three (3) supervisors shall be on the ballot for the next election cycle. All supervisors shall be landowners or farmers of the district where they are elected or appointed and shall be registered to vote in the state of Idaho.

(2) Within thirty (30) days after the date of issuance by the secretary of state of a certificate of organization of a soil conservation district, nominating petitions may be filed with the state soil and water conservation commission to nominate candidates for supervisors of each district. county clerk shall conduct the election for the district in compliance with chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code, and shall be the election official for the district. The election official shall have authority to extend the time within which nominating petitions may be filed. Nominating petitions shall be filed with the secretary of the district, and no such nominating petition shall be accepted by the election official unless it shall be subscribed by not less than five (5) persons who are qualified electors owning land or residing within the boundaries of the district. The election official shall give due notice of an election to be held, subject to the provisions of section 34-106, Idaho Code, for the election of three (3) supervisors for the district. The names of all nominees on behalf of whom such nominating petitions have been filed within the time herein designated shall appear upon ballots, with directions to choose three (3) names to indicate the voter's preference. The three (3) candidates who receive the largest number, respectively, of the votes cast in such election shall be the elected supervisors for such district.

- (3) All elections in districts shall be conducted by the county clerk. Such election shall be held on the first Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November in each even-numbered year. Such elections shall be in compliance with the provisions of chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code, and shall be supervised and conducted by the county clerk. The cost of conducting such elections shall be borne by the county that conducted the election. The county clerk shall certify to the soil and water conservation district the names of the elected supervisors. The soil and water conservation district shall issue certificates of election to each elected supervisor so certified. The county clerk or county clerks of the county or counties in which the district is located shall conduct the election for the soil conservation district, and the county clerk must provide a ballot for the district election and must provide a process that allows only qualified electors of the district to vote in that district's election.
- (4) In any election for supervisor, if, after the deadline for filing a declaration of intent as a write-in candidate, it appears that the number of qualified candidates who have been nominated is equal to the number of supervisors to be elected, it shall not be necessary for the candidates to stand for election. The board of supervisors shall declare such candidates elected as supervisors, and the soil and water conservation district shall immediately make and deliver to such persons certificates of election.
- (5) The supervisors shall designate a chairman and may, from time to time, change such designation. The term of office of each supervisor shall be four (4) years commencing on the first day of January next following election, except that the two (2) supervisors who are first appointed shall be designated to serve for terms of two (2) years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. The selection of successors to fill an unexpired term or for a full term shall be made by a vote of the majority of the supervisors duly qualified and acting at the time the vacancy shall arise, and the supervisors shall certify the name of the appointed supervisor to the state soil and water conservation commission. In the event supervisors fail to appoint a replacement within ninety (90) days following a vacancy, and the vacancy results in the loss of a quorum of the district board, the governor shall appoint a replacement sufficient to reestablish a quorum of the district board. The soil conservation district shall issue a certificate of such appointment.
- (6) A quorum shall consist of three (3) supervisors for those districts with a total of five (5) supervisors and four (4) supervisors for those districts with a total of seven (7) supervisors, and the concurrence of a majority in any matter within their duties shall be required for its determination. A supervisor shall be entitled to expenses, including travel expense expenses, necessarily incurred in the discharge of duties pursuant to the provisions of section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. A supervisor shall receive no compensation for services from regular district funds, county funds authorized in section 22-2726, Idaho Code, or state funds authorized in section 22-2727, Idaho Code. A supervisor shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.
- (7) In the event the district has a special project, approved by the state soil and water conservation commission, making project funds available from federal or other sources, a supervisor may receive compensation

not to exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per day plus actual and necessary expenses from project funds for services directly related to the project.

- (8) The supervisors may employ a secretary, technical experts, and such other officers, agents, and employees, permanent and temporary, as they may require and shall determine their qualifications, duties and compensation. The supervisors may call upon the attorney general of the state for such legal services as they may require or may employ their own counsel and legal staff. The supervisors may delegate to their chairman, to one (1) or more supervisors, or to one (1) or more agents or employees such powers and duties as they may deem proper. The supervisors shall furnish to the state soil and water conservation commission, upon request, copies of such ordinances, rules, orders, contracts, forms and other documents as they shall adopt or employ and such other information concerning the supervisors' activities as the commission may require in the performance of the commission's duties under this chapter.
- (9) The supervisors shall provide for the execution of surety bonds for all employees and officers entrusted with funds or property; shall provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all proceedings and of all resolutions and orders issued or adopted; and shall provide for independent financial audits in accordance with the provisions of section 67-450B, Idaho Code. Supervisors shall be subject to recall in accordance with the provisions of chapter 17, title 34, Idaho Code.
- (10) The supervisors may invite the legislative body of a municipality or county located near the territory comprised within the district to designate a representative to advise and consult with the supervisors of the district on all questions of program and policy that may affect the property, water supply, or other interests of such municipality or county.

SECTION 6. That Section 22-4302, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

WEATHER MODIFICATION FUND -- CREATION -- ADMINISTRATION. The 22-4302. board of trustees of a weather modification district shall conduct the affairs of the district. The board of trustees shall certify a budget to the board of county commissioners to fund the operations of the district. The budget preparation, hearings and approval shall be the same as required for any county budget. The certification of the budget to the board of county commissioners shall be as required for other taxing districts. The board of county commissioners may levy annually upon all taxable property in the weather modification district, a tax not to exceed four (4) mills, to be collected and paid into the county treasury and apportioned to a fund to be designated the "weather modification" fund, which is hereby created. Such fund shall be used by the district for the gathering of information upon, aiding in or conducting programs for weather control or modification, and such activities related to weather modification programs as are necessary to insure the full benefit of such programs. Moneys in the fund may be paid out only on order of the board of trustees. The board of trustees shall serve without compensation pursuant to the provisions of section 59-509(a), Idaho Code. Moneys in the fund shall not be used to provide retirement benefits or health care benefits for the trustees.

SECTION 7. That Section 25-2604, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

CONTROL DISTRICTS. (1) The board of commissioners of any county in the state may create special control districts in the county for the control of agricultural pests infesting any such district, may levy an annual tax, not exceeding two hundredths per cent (.02%) of market value for assessment purposes of all property within such district, and may appoint three (3) commissioners to govern the affairs of the pest control district. Pest control district commissioners shall serve without compensation pursuant to the provisions of section 59-509(a), Idaho Code, and shall not be provided with health care benefits or retirement benefits. The pest control district, through the authority of the board of commissioners may require the landowners or their agents in such control district to either control such agricultural pests on their own lands in such district within a specified time, or to pay the cost of controlling them if the same are controlled by agents of the district after failure of the landowner, or his agent, to perform such duty within the time limited in any notice to such owner, or agent. Cost of control services performed by employees of a pest control district shall constitute a lien against the property and any water right appurtenant thereto at the time of rendition of such service and shall be collectable as any other taxes. Charges for control services performed by a control district shall be determined by the board of county commissioners but in no case shall charges exceed the actual cost of performing such service. Such control district may be established in any precinct in the county.

- (2) Before the same shall be established, however, it shall be necessary that a petition be filed with the clerk of the board of commissioners requesting the creation of the same, which petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified electors of each precinct included in the proposed control district.
- (3) The commissioners shall order a public hearing on such petition at a time and place to be fixed in such order, of which hearing notice shall be given in such manner as the commissioners may order, which time, however, shall not be less than fourteen (14) days from the giving of the said notice. After such hearing, said board may by order create such control district not less than fourteen (14) days after such hearing, fix its boundaries, provide for a control program in such district and create the necessary machinery to carry out such program unless a petition of protest has been filed with the clerk of the board of commissioners. Said petition of protest shall meet the same requirements as to the number of signers and for the same number of precincts and for the same district boundaries as petitions in favor previously filed and shall be filed with the clerk of the board of commissioners not later than fourteen (14) days following said hearing.
- $\underline{(4)}$ In the event that a petition of protest is filed, the board of commissioners shall not declare the creation of a control district but shall call an election, subject to the provisions of section 34-106, Idaho Code, for the purpose of determining whether or not a control district shall be created. The cost of conducting the election shall be paid from any county fund, the use of which for this purpose is not prohibited by statute. The

election shall be conducted in each precinct within the proposed control district according to the provisions of chapter 14, title 34, Idaho Code, and shall require the employment of two (2) election judges and one (1) clerk for each precinct. A qualified elector is any individual who is qualified to vote pursuant to the requirements of section 34-104, Idaho Code.

SECTION 8. That Section 25-2612, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

25-2612. ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL DISTRICTS. (1) There are hereby established five (5) animal damage control districts in the state of Idaho.

- (a) Animal damage control district number 1 shall consist of the counties of Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Shoshone.
- (b) Animal damage control district number 2 shall consist of the counties of Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley and Washington.
- (c) Animal damage control district number 3 shall consist of the counties of Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls.
- (d) Animal damage control district number 4 shall consist of the counties of Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida and Power.
- (e) Animal damage control district number 5 shall consist of the counties of Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison and Teton.
- (2) A board of directors for each animal damage control district is hereby created. The board of directors of an animal damage control district shall consist of one (1) director appointed by the board of county commissioners from each of the participating counties within the district. Nomination for directors shall be made to the county commissioners by livestock and agriculturally oriented groups which have a vested and economic interest in the animal damage control program, and appointees must have a substantial vested and economic interest in the livestock or other agricultural industry. The length of term shall be two (2) years. A director shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by order of the district animal damage control board, and shall be entitled to expense reimbursement in the same manner as a county employee; compensation and expense. Such reimbursement shall be pursuant to section 59-509(b), Idaho Code, and shall be made from the moneys available to the district animal damage control board. A director shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.
- (3) The board of directors shall meet at least annually. Such meeting shall be called at the direction of the chairman of the board or by a majority of the directors in that district. At said annual meeting, the board of directors shall organize by electing from amongst its members a chairman, a vice chairman, and such other officers as may be necessary. They shall also establish operating rules for the board and approve annual work plans for the animal damage control programs. After the annual meeting, the board of directors shall meet at such times and places as are required by the board's rules.

(4) The board of directors shall have authority to receive and disperse funds from any source for the purpose of controlling predatory animal and other vertebrate pest damage in the district. Any moneys received by the board shall be maintained on deposit in a bank or trust company designated as a state depository, and may be dispersed from such account only over the signature of at least two (2) members of the board.

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- (5) All contracts and agreements between the board of directors and any agency, unit of government, association, organization or private party shall be reduced to writing, and shall be maintained as a part of the official records of the board.
- SECTION 9. That Section 27-119, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 27-119. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF CEMETERY MAINTENANCE BOARD COM-MISSIONERS. The Pursuant to section 59-509(n), Idaho Code, cemetery maintenance board commissioners may receive compensation of not more than twentyfive dollars (\$25.00) fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for each day spent engaged in meetings of the board that are properly noticed and posted under the Idaho open meetings law, chapter 2, title 74, Idaho Code, or on district business authorized by the board; provided that no commissioner shall receive per diem payments totaling more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) during any fiscal year of the district for their services as commissioners. Commissioners also shall receive the amount of their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties pursuant to section 59-509(n), Idaho Code. The board shall fix the compensation, if any, to be paid to the commissioners and other officers named in this chapter, and of the agents and employees of the board to be paid out of the treasury of the district. Commissioners shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.
- SECTION 10. That Section 31-1421, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 31-1421. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES -- LIABILITY. (1) Fire protection district commissioners may receive reasonable compensation for their services as commissioners. The fire protection board shall fix commissioner benefits and compensation for the fiscal year. Compensation for performing district business shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per day meeting of the fire protection board that is properly noticed and posted pursuant to the Idaho open meetings law, chapter 2, title 74, Idaho Code. ## a city, county, state or federal declaration of emergency or disaster exists within the boundaries of the fire protection district, the board may set special compensation for commissioners by a resolution that shall be applied to commissioner compensation only upon a majority vote of the board and shall continue only for as long as the city, county, state or federal declaration of emergency or disaster remains in effect within the boundaries of the fire protection district. District business shall include time spent preparing for and attending regular and special board meetings and meetings of committees established by the board. Additional compensation, if approved by a majority of the fire protection board, may be calculated for commissioners

who attend county or state agency meetings, educational classes, seminars and other miscellaneous district business. Commissioners may also participate in the district's employee benefit package in the same manner as employees or volunteers. Any proposed commissioner benefits and annual compensation shall be published as a separate line item in the annual budget of the fire protection district. Compensation and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties shall be pursuant to the provisions of section 59-509(q), Idaho Code. Compensation shall be subject to an annual limit of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). Commissioners shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.

- (2) Actual expenses of commissioners for travel, and other district expenses approved by the board, shall be paid to the commissioners in addition to their annual compensation and benefits. The payment for expenses shall be paid from the funds of the fire protection district on either a per diem basis or upon the presentation of itemized receipts to the treasurer.
- (3) The board shall fix the annual compensation and benefits to be paid to the other officers, agents and employees of the fire district, which shall be paid out of the treasury of the fire district.
- (4) The district shall be liable and responsible for the actions and omissions of the commissioners, officers, agents and employees of the district, when the commissioners, officers, agents and employees are performing their duties within the course and scope of their employment with the district and on behalf of the district.

SECTION 11. That Section 31-3705, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 31-3705. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS -- OFFICERS --MEETINGS. (1) In cases where the city and county are jointly operating such hospital, and where a hospital or hospitals are being operated by a joint county-city hospital authority, the members of said hospital board or board of trustees shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners and the city council in such manner as may be agreed between them, and where either county or city is alone operating the jointly owned hospital, by the board of county commissioners of the county or the council of the city which is so operating the same. All members of the board shall be subject to removal at any time by the body appointing them, but unless removed shall hold office until the second Monday in the first month of the hospital's fiscal year next following the date of their appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided, that members of the board of trustees of a joint county-city hospital authority may be removed only for conviction of a felony, mental incapacity, failure to attend meetings of the board as required in the bylaws of the board, or other good and sufficient cause.
- (2) The officers of the hospital board shall be a president, secretary and treasurer and such other officers as the board shall designate, all of whom shall be elected by such board. The president must be a member of the board but the secretary and treasurer need not be. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the board to keep an accurate and complete record of all acts and proceedings of the board. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds coming into the custody of the board and he shall per-

form such other duties as are herein specified, and he shall give bond in such amount as shall be fixed by the board in the same manner and on the same terms and conditions as required for the official bonds of county officers. All officers of the hospital board shall be subject to removal by said board at any time. The hospital board and any of its officers or members may be paid reasonable per diem compensation for attending a properly noticed and posted meeting of the hospital board, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per day as provided for in section 59-509(q), Idaho Code, as shall be authorized by the board and/or council authorized to appoint the members of the board. Compensation shall be subject to an annual limit of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). Members of the board shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.

(3) Meetings of the hospital board shall be held at such time and place and under such rules and regulations as the board may establish. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority vote of the members present at any meeting properly called shall govern as to all questions coming before the meeting.

SECTION 12. That Section 31-3914, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 31-3914. CORPORATE POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF AMBULANCE SERVICE COMMISSIONERS. A board of ambulance service commissioners shall have discretionary powers to manage and conduct the business and affairs of the district. The discretionary powers shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - (1) To sue and be sued;

- (2) To purchase, hold, sell, and convey real property, make such contracts, and purchase, hold, sell, and dispose of such personal property as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of this chapter;
- (3) To levy and apply such taxes for purposes under its exclusive jurisdiction as are authorized by law and to approve the annual district budget by resolution of the board;
 - (4) To make and execute all necessary contracts;
- (5) To adopt such rules and resolutions as may be necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities;
- (6) To hire, pay, promote, discipline, and terminate district employees, contractors, and agents, or to delegate such powers;
- (7) To set compensation and benefit levels for employees, commissioners, contractors, and agents; provided, however, that commissioners shall not be paid but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses pursuant to the provisions of section 59-509(b), Idaho Code, and commissioners shall not be entitled to health care benefits or retirement benefits; and
- (8) To charge and collect reasonable fees for services provided to residents of the ambulance service district or city, in accordance with the provisions of sections 63-1311 and 63-1311A, Idaho Code.

SECTION 13. That Section 31-4210, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

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31-4210. COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT ----QUALIFICATIONS TENURE. (1) When a governing body of a county adopts a resolution as aforesaid, it shall appoint five (5) or seven (7) persons as commissioners of the authority created for said county. Commissioners of the authority shall serve terms of five (5) years. If the governing body of a county appoints five (5) persons as commissioners of the authority, the commissioners who are first appointed shall be designated to serve for terms of one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), and five (5) years, except that all vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. If the governing body of a county appoints seven (7) persons as commissioners of the authority, the commissioners who are first appointed shall be designated to serve terms as follows: one (1) commissioner for a one (1) year term, two (2) commissioners for two (2) year terms, two (2) commissioners for three (3) year terms, one (1) commissioner for a four (4) year term and one (1) commissioner for a five (5) year term, except that all vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. Upon resolution by a governing body of a county, after an authority has been created with either five (5) or seven (7) commissioners, the number of commissioners may be increased from five (5) to seven (7) or reduced from seven (7) to five (5). No commissioner of any authority may be an officer or employee of the county for which the authority is created. A commissioner shall hold office until his successor has been appointed and qualified. A certificate of appointment or reappointment of any commissioner shall be filed with the clerk and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of such commissioner. The service of a housing assistance recipient appointed as a commissioner pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 1437(b) shall be contingent upon his continued receipt of housing assistance. A commissioner shall receive no compensation for his services for the authority in any capacity, but he shall be entitled to the necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of his duties pursuant to section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. A commissioner shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.

(2) The powers of each authority shall be vested in the commissioners. A majority of the appointed commissioners shall constitute a quorum of the authority for the purpose of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by the authority upon a vote of a majority of the commissioners present. The bylaws of the authority shall designate which of the commissioners appointed shall be the first chairman and such chairman shall serve in the capacity of chairman until the expiration of his term of office as commissioner. When the office of the chairman of the authority thereafter becomes vacant, the commissioners shall select a chairman from their number, a vice chairman, and may employ a secretary, an executive director who shall serve as an at-will employee of the commissioners, technical experts and such other officers, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties and compensation. For such legal services as it may require, an authority may call upon the prosecuting attorney of the county or may employ its own counsel and legal staff. An authority may delegate to one (1) or more of its agents or employees such powers or duties as it may deem proper.

SECTION 14. That Section 31-4305, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 31-4305. DIRECTORS -- QUALIFICATIONS -- VACANCY -- COMPENSATION -- TERM. (1) Each district shall be governed by a board of three (3) directors who shall manage and conduct the business and affairs of such district and all powers granted to such district by this chapter shall be exercised by such board or its duly authorized officers and agents.
- (2) At any time after the creation of the district, the board of directors may, by resolution duly adopted, increase the size of the board from three (3) members to five (5) members. The resolution shall provide for the designation of five (5) director's subdistricts. A qualified elector shall be appointed by the board to each of the newly created director's positions, one (1) of whom shall serve until the first district election thereafter held, and one (1) of whom shall serve until the second district election thereafter held.
- (3) Every director appointed or elected shall be a qualified elector and a resident of such district. Not more than one (1) director shall reside in the same director's subdistrict. Each director shall take and subscribe an oath of office before assuming any duties, which oath shall be filed in the records of the board. Any vacancy occurring in the office of director, other than by expiration of the term of office, shall be filled by appointment by the board for the unexpired term. The directors shall receive no compensation for their services as a director but shall be entitled to reimbursement for the amount of their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties pursuant to section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. The directors shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits. Following the term of the initial appointment, a director shall be elected for a term of four (4) years which shall begin on the first day of January of the year following such election and shall continue until a successor is elected and has qualified.
- SECTION 15. That Section 31-4707, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 31-4707. EXPENSES OF BOARD MEMBERS. The members of the county museum board shall be paid their actual and necessary expenses out of the funds provided for museum purposes <u>pursuant to the provisions of section 59-509(b)</u>, <u>Idaho Code</u>, upon approval of claims for the same by the board of county commissioners. <u>Board members shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.</u>
- SECTION 16. That Section 31-4904, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 31-4904. DISTRICT BOARD -- QUORUM -- MEETINGS. A district shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of not less than three (3) members, hereinafter referred to as the district board, which shall be vested with the authority, control and supervision of the district. The district board shall consist of one (1) commissioner from each participating county, appointed by the commissioners of the participating county. If the district

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includes only two (2) counties, the commissioners of the two (2) participating counties shall jointly appoint a third member of the district board. Ex officio, nonvoting members may be appointed by the district board. The district board shall designate one (1) of its members as president, shall appoint a treasurer, who need not be a member of the district board, and shall establish such other officers as it deems necessary. The district board shall adopt bylaws for its own operation and establish such regular meeting dates and times as it shall deem necessary. A majority of the voting members of the district board shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the quorum present shall be sufficient to take any action. A member of the district board shall serve for a two (2) year term and may be reappointed by the commissioners appointing such member. Any member may be removed by the commissioners who originally appointed such member, at any time and for any reason. Any vacancy shall be filled by the original appointing commissioners. Members of a district board shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in attending board meetings or conducting other district business under such rules as the district board may adopt consistent with the provisions of section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. Members shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits. Regular and special meetings of a district board shall be conducted in compliance with chapter 2, title 74, Idaho Code.

SECTION 17. That Section 33-2119, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-2119. APPOINTMENT, OUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE OF COMMISSION-ERS. (1) When the board of trustees of a junior college district adopts a resolution as set forth in the preceding section, the clerk of said board shall promptly transmit a certified copy of said resolution to the governor of the state of Idaho, and the governor shall promptly thereafter appoint three (3) persons as commissioners of the commission created for said district. The governor shall certify to the clerk of the district the names of the persons so appointed, and the clerk shall notify said persons in writing of their appointment and the term for which each of them is appointed. The commissioners who are first appointed shall be designated to serve for terms of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years respectively, from the date of their appointment, but thereafter commissioners shall be appointed as aforesaid for a term of office of 3 years, except that all vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. No commissioner may be an officer of or employee of the junior college district for which the commission is created. A commissioner shall hold office until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. A certificate of the appointment or reappointment of any commissioner shall be filed with the clerk, and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of such commissioner. A commissioner shall receive no compensation for his services for the authority in any capacity, but he shall be entitled to the necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of his duties pursuant to the provisions of section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. Commissioners shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.

 $\underline{(2)}$ The powers of each commission shall be vested in the commissioners thereof in office from time to time. Two (2) commissioners shall consti-

tute a quorum of the authority for the purpose of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by the authority upon a vote of a majority of the commissioners present. The by-laws of the commission shall designate which of the commissioners appointed shall be the first chairman, and such chairman shall serve in the capacity of chairman until the expiration of his term of office as commissioner. When the office of the chairman thereafter becomes vacant, the commissioners shall select a chairman from their number. The commissioners shall select from their number a vice-chairman, and may employ a secretary (who may be executive director), technical experts and such other officers, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties and compensation. The persons employed by the commission may be employees of the junior college district but shall not be trustees of the district. For such legal services as it may require, the commission may employ its own counsel. The commission may delegate to one (1) or more of its agents or employees such powers or duties as it may deem proper.

SECTION 18. That Section 33-2715, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 33-2715. BOARD OF TRUSTEES -- SELECTION -- NUMBER -- QUALIFICATIONS -- TERM -- OATH -- APPOINTMENT OF FIRST BOARD. (1) Each library district shall be governed by a board of trustees of five (5) members elected or appointed as provided by law, who at the time of their selection and during their terms of office shall be qualified electors of the district and if trustee zones have been established under section 33-2718, Idaho Code, shall be a resident of the trustee zone. Trustees shall be elected at each trustee election, held on the uniform election date in May. The regular term of a trustee shall be for four (4) years, or until his successor has been elected and qualified. Within ten (10) days after his appointment an appointed trustee shall qualify and assume the duties of his office. An elected trustee shall qualify and assume the duties of his office at the annual meeting. All trustees qualify by taking the oath of office required of state officers, to be administered by one (1) of the present trustees or by a trustee retiring.
- (2) Following the initial establishment of a library district, the board of county commissioners of the home county within five (5) days shall appoint the members of the first board of trustees, who shall serve until the next election of trustees held in an odd-numbered year or until their successors are elected and qualified in an odd-numbered year. The initial election of three (3) trustees shall be for terms of two (2) years, and subsequent regular terms shall be for four (4) years. The initial and subsequent election of two (2) trustees shall be for terms of four (4) years. Addition of new territory to an existing library district shall not be considered an initial establishment. The first board of trustees shall be sworn by a member of the board of county commissioners of the home county of the district.
- (3) At its first meeting, and after each trustee election, the board shall organize and elect from its membership a chairman and other officers necessary to conduct the affairs of the district.
- (4) Members of the board shall serve without salary but shall receive their actual and necessary expenses while engaged in business of the dis-

trict pursuant to section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. Members shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.

- (5) For the purpose of achieving an orderly transition from terms of six
 (6) years to terms of four (4) years, the following schedule shall be followed:
 - (a) Trustees elected in 2023 or earlier shall serve the remainder of the regular six (6) year term for which they were most recently elected; and
 - (b) Trustees elected in 2025 or later shall serve regular terms of four
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SECTION 19. That Section 39-2803, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

39-2803. SELECTION OF OFFICIALS OF ABATEMENT DISTRICTS. A board of trustees shall be appointed from those residing within the area of the proposed abatement district to govern the abatement district. The trustees appointed shall at the first meeting of each year elect a president, secretary, and treasurer to serve during the ensuing year. The officers of the board shall be bonded to the extent of five hundred dollars (\$500) to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) each as set by the county commissioners. The members of the board shall be appointed by the county commissioners of the county they are to represent. When two (2) or more counties or portions thereof comprise an abatement district, the selection of trustees will be made by mutual agreement of the county commissioners concerned. A board of trustees may have three (3) or five (5) members, as determined by the county commissioners. Each trustee shall be a resident property owner and a registered voter. Trustees shall be appointed for four (4) years on staggered appointments. To initiate the board, at least one (1) member shall be appointed for two (2) years, one (1) for three (3) years, and one (1) for four (4) years. Subsequent appointments shall be for four (4) years. Trustees shall serve without compensation but will be reimbursed for necessary expenses involved with the performance of their official duties pursuant to section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. Trustees shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits. The county health officer and the county agent shall be ex officio members of the board. Whenever two (2) or more counties or portions thereof are included in the district, the health officer and county agent for each county shall be ex officio members of the board. The directors or heads of the following state departments or their designated representatives shall be considered ex officio members of the board and may be called upon for their advice and assistance in the handling of abatement problems affecting their direct interests: agriculture, fish and game, lands, transportation, water resources, and health and welfare.

SECTION 20. That Section 40-2106, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

40-2106. AUTHORITY BOARD. (1) Each authority shall have a governing board appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governing bodies of counties, incorporated cities and highway districts located wholly or partially within the authority.

(2) The board initially shall be composed of not less than five (5) members selected as follows: two (2) members representing each board of county commissioners; one (1) member representing highway district commissions wholly or partially contained within the region; two (2) members representing each city with a population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more; and one (1) member representing each city with a population of less than twenty-five thousand (25,000). Board composition subsequently may be modified pursuant to subsection (7) of this section.

- (3) Board members shall be appointed by resolution of the appointing agency and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing agency. Board members may be elected officials of the appointing agency or they may be representatives empowered by the agency to act in its best interests. The highway district board member shall be appointed by the board of commissioners of the highway district in counties with a single county-wide highway district or, in counties with more than one (1) highway district, by the board of county commissioners in consultation with all highway district commissions wholly or partially contained within the region.
- (4) Ex officio members may be appointed to the authority board by any city or commission or by the board itself and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing entity.
- (5) Board Pursuant to section 59-509(n), Idaho Code, board members may be compensated forty dollars (\$40.00) fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day in the actual performance of duties, but the total amount to be received as compensation shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per year. Actual expenses shall be paid in addition to compensation pursuant to section 59-509(n), Idaho Code. The payment for expenses shall be paid from funds of the authority upon presentation of itemized vouchers, signed by the board member and under oath made to the secretary of the authority. Board members shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.
- (6) The authority shall be liable and responsible for the actions of the board members and employees of the authority when the board members and employees are performing their duties on behalf of the authority.
- (7) Composition of the board may be modified from time to time by the board, provided that:
 - (a) The board adopts by majority vote at a regularly scheduled meeting a statement of intent to revise the board composition and a complete description of the proposed revision; and
 - (b) The board submits the statement of intent and proposed revision to the chief elected official of each city and commission within the authority for review and comment; and
 - (c) Each city or commission is provided a minimum of sixty (60) days in which to comment; and
 - (d) The board adopts a resolution revising the board composition by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all board members at a regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION 21. That Section 42-3114, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-3114. COMPENSATION OF COMMISSIONERS. The commissioners of the district shall fix the compensation they shall each receive for their services, not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) per day <u>pursuant to section 59-509(q)</u>, Idaho Code, and shall fix the reimbursement they shall each receive for their travel and their necessary expenses for each day they shall be away from their place of residence and engaged in the business of their office, subject to the limits provided in section 67-2008, Idaho Code. The commissioners shall present an itemized account under oath on forms prescribed by the board. The per diem established pursuant to this section shall be limited to the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year. The commissioners shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.

SECTION 22. That Section 42-3209, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 42-3209. ORGANIZATION OF BOARD -- ACCOUNTS OF TREASURER -- COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS -- ANNUAL AUDIT -- REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS. (1) After taking oath and filing bonds, the board shall choose one (1) of its members as chairman of the board and president of the district and shall elect a secretary and a treasurer of the board and of the district, who may or may not be members of the board. The secretary and the treasurer may be one person. Such board shall adopt a seal and the secretary shall keep, in a well-bound book, a record of all its proceedings, minutes of all meetings, certificates, contracts, bonds given by employees and all corporate acts, which shall be open to inspection of all owners of real property in the district as well as to all other interested parties.
- $\underline{(2)}$ The treasurer shall keep strict and accurate accounts of all money received by and disbursed for and on behalf of the district in permanent records. He shall file with the clerk of the court, at the expense of the district, a corporate fidelity bond in an amount not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of his office.
- (3) Each Pursuant to section 59-509(n), Idaho Code, each member of the board shall receive as compensation for his service a sum not in excess of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meeting, payable monthly. A meeting shall be properly noticed and posted pursuant to the Idaho open meetings law, chapter 2, title 74, Idaho Code, for the compensation provided for in this subsection to apply. Compensation shall be subject to a limit of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per year. No member of the board shall receive any compensation as an employee of the district or otherwise, other than that herein provided, and no member of the board shall be interested in any contract or transaction with the district except in his official representative capacity. No member of the board shall be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.
- $\underline{(4)}$ It shall be the duty of the board of directors to cause an audit to be made of all financial affairs of the district during each year ending November 30 as required in section 67-450B, Idaho Code.
- (5) The court having jurisdiction of the district shall have the power to remove directors for cause shown, on petition, notice and hearing.

SECTION 23. That Section 42-3707, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-3707. APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE OF DIRECTORS. (1) The governing body of the district shall consist of three (3) directors elected or appointed as provided hereinabove. The director appointed by the commission shall be an owner of land within the district and shall be a person who by training and experience is qualified to perform the specialized service which will be required in the performance of his duties hereunder. The term of office of each director shall be four (4) years, except that the director first appointed by the state soil and water conservation commission shall be designated to serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of his appointment. A director shall hold office until his successor has been elected or appointed, and has qualified. Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term by a majority of the directors duly qualified and acting at the time the vacancy shall arise. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of a majority in any matter within their duties shall be required for its determination. A director shall receive no compensation for his service, but shall be entitled to expenses, including traveling expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of his duties pursuant to section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. A director shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.

(2) The directors may employ a secretary, technical experts, and such other employees, permanent and temporary, as they may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. The directors may employ their own counsel and legal staff. The directors may delegate to their chairman, to one (1) or more directors, or to agents or employees such powers and duties as they may deem proper and necessary. The directors shall furnish to the state soil and water conservation commission, upon request, copies of such documents or other information concerning the directors' activities as said commission may require in the performance of its duties under this chapter. The directors shall provide for the keeping of a record of all proceedings, resolutions, regulations and orders issued or adopted; shall provide for an annual audit of its accounts, and shall provide for the execution of surety bonds by any employee or officer who shall be entrusted with funds or property of the district.

SECTION 24. That Section 42-5223, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-5223. BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- OFFICERS -- MEETINGS -- COMPENSATION -- VACANCIES. (1) The board of directors annually shall elect a chairman from their number and shall appoint a secretary and a treasurer to hold office at the pleasure of the board. Upon appointment the treasurer shall execute and file with the secretary an official bond in such amount as may be fixed by the board of directors, and shall thereafter from time to time execute and file such further bonds as may be required by the board in amounts fixed by it, which amounts shall be at least fifty percent (50%) of the maximum probable amount of money in the treasurer's hands at any one (1) time. All such official bonds shall be executed by a lawfully qualified surety company.

(2) The board of directors shall designate an office of the district.

(3) The board of directors shall hold a regular monthly meeting in the district's office on the first Tuesday in every month or such date each month as it shall fix by resolution, and such special meetings as may be required for the proper transaction of business. Special meetings may be held on seventy-two (72) hours' notice of the chairman or a majority of the members. A majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be necessary to constitute the action of the board. All meetings of the board shall be public and all records of the board shall be open to the inspection of any member water user, or representative thereof during business hours.

- (4) The Pursuant to section 59-509(n), Idaho Code, members of the board of directors shall fix the compensation board members shall receive up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for each day spent attending the meetings of the board of directors that are properly noticed and posted under the Idaho open meetings law, chapter 2, title 74, Idaho Code, or while engaged in official business under the order of the board, subject to an annual maximum of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200), together with actual and necessary expenses. The term "actual and necessary expenses" shall include all traveling and lodging expenses necessarily incurred by any director when absent from his residence in the performance of the duties of his office. Board members shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits. The board shall fix the compensation to be paid to the other officers of the district.
- (5) In case of a vacancy in the office of director occurring otherwise than by the expiration of a term, the remaining members of the board of directors shall fill such vacancy by appointing a ground water user who is a member of the district or a representative thereof, possessing full voting qualifications under this chapter and the qualifications of the director whose office has become vacant to serve the remainder of the term.

SECTION 25. That Section 43-319, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS. The members of the board of directors shall fix the compensation board members shall receive up to one hundred dollars (\$100) per day pursuant to section 59-509(q), Idaho Code, for each day spent attending the properly noticed and posted meetings of the board, or while engaged in official business under the order of the board and actual and necessary expenses. The per diem provided for in this section shall be subject to an annual maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year. The term "actual and necessary expenses," shall be deemed to include all traveling expenses and hotel expenses necessarily incurred by any director when absent from his residence in the performance of the duties of his office. Board members shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits. The board shall fix the compensation to be paid to the other officers named in this title, to be paid out of the treasury of the district: provided, that such board shall, upon the petition of fifty (50) or a majority of the freeholders within such district, submit to the electors, at any general election, a schedule of salaries and fees to be paid hereunder. Such petition must be presented to the board twenty (20) days prior to a general election, and the result of the election shall

be determined and declared in all respects as other elections are determined and declared under this title.

SECTION 26. That Section 50-2006, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

50-2006. URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY.

- (1) (a) There is hereby created in each municipality an independent public body corporate and politic to be known as the "urban renewal agency" that was created by resolution as provided in section 50-2005, Idaho Code, before July 1, 2011, for the municipality; provided, that such agency shall not transact any business or exercise its powers hereunder until or unless the local governing body has made the findings prescribed in section 50-2005, Idaho Code.
- (b) An urban renewal agency created after July 1, 2011, shall not transact any business or exercise its powers provided for in this chapter until a majority of qualified electors, voting in a citywide or countywide election, depending on the municipality in which such agency is created, vote to authorize such agency to transact business and exercise its powers provided for in this chapter. If prior to July 1, 2011, the local governing body has made the findings prescribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, then such agency shall transact business and shall exercise its powers hereunder and is not subject to the requirements of this paragraph.
- (2) Upon satisfaction of the requirements under subsection (1) of this section, the urban renewal agency is authorized to transact the business and exercise the powers hereunder by a board of commissioners to be established as follows:
 - (a) Unless provided otherwise in this section, the mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the local governing body, shall appoint a board of commissioners of the urban renewal agency, which shall consist of not less than three (3) commissioners nor more than nine (9) commissioners. In the order of appointment, the mayor shall designate the number of commissioners to be appointed, and the term of each, provided that the original term of office of no more than two (2) commissioners shall expire in the same year. The commissioners shall serve for terms not to exceed five (5) years, from the date of appointment, except that all vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term.
 - (b) For inefficiency or neglect of duty or misconduct in office, a commissioner may be removed by a majority vote of the local governing body only after a hearing and after he shall have been given a copy of the charges at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing and have had an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel. Any commission position that becomes vacant at a time other than the expiration of a term shall be filled by the mayor or chair of the board of county commissioners, if that is the local governing body, by and with the advice and consent of the local governing body, including the mayor, if applicable, and shall be filled for the unexpired term.
 - (c) By enactment of an ordinance, the local governing body may appoint and designate, from among its members, members of the board of commissioners of the urban renewal agency, provided that such representation

shall be less than a majority of the board of commissioners of the urban renewal agency of the members of the local governing body on and after July 1, 2017, in which case all the rights, powers, duties, privileges, and immunities vested by the urban renewal law of 1965, and as amended, in an appointed board of commissioners, shall be vested in the local governing body, which shall, in all respects when acting as an urban renewal agency, be acting as an arm of state government, entirely separate and distinct from the municipality, to achieve, perform, and accomplish the public purposes prescribed and provided by said urban renewal law of 1965, and as amended.

- (d) By enactment of an ordinance, the local governing body may terminate the appointed board of commissioners and thereby appoint and designate itself as the board of commissioners of the urban renewal agency for not more than one (1) calendar year.
- (e) By enactment of an ordinance, the local governing body may provide that the board of commissioners of the urban renewal agency shall be elected at an election held for such purpose on one (1) of the November dates provided in section 34-106, Idaho Code, and the ordinance may provide term limits for the commissioners. In this case, all the rights, powers, duties, privileges, and immunities vested by the urban renewal law of 1965, and as amended, in an appointed board of commissioners, shall be vested in the elected board of commissioners of the urban renewal agency, which shall, in all respects when acting as an urban renewal agency, be acting as an arm of state government, entirely separate and distinct from the municipality, to achieve, perform, and accomplish the public purposes prescribed and provided by said urban renewal law of 1965, and as amended. The provisions of chapter 66, title 67, Idaho Code, shall apply to elected commissioners, and the county election law shall apply to the person running for commissioner as if the person were running for county commissioner. In the event of a vacancy in an elected commissioner position, the replacement shall be appointed by the mayor or chair of the board of county commissioners, if that is the local governing body, by and with the advice and consent of the local governing body, and shall be filled for the unexpired term.
- (3) In all instances, a member of the board of commissioners of the urban renewal agency must be a resident of the county where the urban renewal agency is located or is doing business.
- (4) A commissioner shall receive no compensation for his services but shall be entitled to the necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of his duties pursuant to section 59-509(b), Idaho Code. Commissioners shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits. Each commissioner shall hold office until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. A certificate of the appointment or reappointment of any commissioner shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of such commissioner.
 - (5) (a) The powers of an urban renewal agency shall be exercised by the commissioners thereof. A majority of the commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business and exercising the powers of the agency and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by

 the agency upon a vote of a majority of the commissioners present, unless in any case the bylaws shall require a larger number.

- (b) The commissioners shall elect the chairman, cochairman, or vice chairman for a term of one (1) year from among their members. An agency may employ an executive director, technical experts, and such other agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. For such legal service as it may require, an agency may employ or retain its own counsel and legal staff.
- (c) An agency authorized to transact business and exercise powers under this chapter shall file, with the local governing body, on or before March 31 of each year a report of its activities for the preceding calendar year, which report shall include the financial data and audit reports required under sections 67-1075 and 67-1076, Idaho Code. The agency shall be required to hold a public meeting to report these findings and take comments from the public. At the time of filing the report, the agency shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the community a notice to the effect that such report has been filed with the municipality and the state controller and that the report is available for inspection during business hours in the office of the city clerk or county recorder, in the office of the agency, and at all times on the website of the state controller.
- (d) An urban renewal agency shall have the same fiscal year as a municipality and shall be subject to the same audit requirements as a municipality. An urban renewal agency shall be required to prepare and file with its local governing body an annual financial report and shall prepare, approve, and adopt an annual budget for filing with the local governing body, for informational purposes. A budget means an annual estimate of revenues and expenses for the following fiscal year of the agency.
- (6) An urban renewal agency shall comply with the public records law pursuant to chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code, open meetings law pursuant to chapter 2, title 74, Idaho Code, the ethics in government law pursuant to chapter 4, title 74, Idaho Code, and the competitive bidding provisions of chapter 28, title 67, Idaho Code.
- (7) Upon dissolution of the urban renewal agency, title to all property of the urban renewal agency shall revert to the municipality.

SECTION 27. That Section 67-4909, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

67-4909. ORGANIZATION OF BOARD -- ACCOUNTS OF TREASURER -- COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS -- ANNUAL AUDIT -- REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS. (1) After taking oath and filing bonds, the board shall choose one (1) of its members as chairman of the board and president of the district, and shall elect a secretary and a treasurer of the board and of the district, who may or may not be members of the board. The secretary and the treasurer may be one (1) person. Such board shall adopt a seal and the secretary shall keep, in a well-bound book, a record of all its proceedings, minutes of all meetings, certificates, contracts, bonds given by employees and all corporate acts which shall be open to inspection to all interested parties.

 $\underline{(2)}$ The treasurer shall keep strict and accurate accounts of all money received by and disbursed for and on behalf of the district, in permanent records. He shall file with the clerk of the court, at the expense of the district, a corporate fidelity bond in an amount not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

- $\underline{(3)}$ Each member of the board shall receive as compensation for his service a sum not in excess of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per annum. No member of the board shall receive any compensation as an employee of the district or otherwise, other than that herein provided and no member of the board shall be interested in any contract or transaction with the district except in his official representative capacity. No member of the board shall be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the board of directors to cause an audit to be made of all financial affairs of the district during each year ending November 30th as required in section 67-450B, Idaho Code.
- (5) The court having jurisdiction of the district shall have the power to remove directors for cause shown, on petition, notice and hearing.
- SECTION 28. That Section 70-1404, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 70-1404. PER DIEM -- REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES. There shall be paid to each of the port commissioners from the funds of the district, not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for each day spent attending meetings, or while engaged of the district that are properly noticed and posted or engaging in port business authorized by the port commission. The per diem provided for in this section shall be pursuant to section 59-509(n), Idaho Code, and subject to an annual limit of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200). In addition, such commissioners and the agents and employees of the district shall be entitled to be reimbursed upon order of the commission, from funds of the district, for all reasonable sums expended by them in furthering the business of the port subject to the limitations provided for in section 59-509(n), Idaho Code. Commissioners shall not be provided with retirement benefits or health care benefits.
- SECTION 29. APPLICABILITY. Any official already receiving health care or retirement benefits from his or her district prior to the effective date of this act shall continue to receive such benefits, if otherwise eligible, until the end of the plan year, in the case of health care plans, or fiscal year, in the case of retirement benefits.
- SECTION 30. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.