

TITLE 67
STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 68
ECONOMIC ESTIMATES

67-6801. ECONOMIC ESTIMATES COMMISSION CREATED. There is hereby established an economic estimates commission, the membership of which shall be the same as that of the state tax commission.

[67-6801, added 1980, ch. 380, Sec. 1, p. 966.]

67-6802. DUTIES OF COMMISSION. The economic estimates commission shall determine and publish prior to January 1 of each year the estimated total personal income for the following fiscal year for the state of Idaho, which estimate shall be in conformance with definitions used by the bureau of economic analysis, U.S. department of commerce, and shall be used in computing the appropriations limit for the legislature.

[67-6802, added 1980, ch. 380, Sec. 2, p. 966.]

67-6803. EXPENDITURE LIMITS. (a) The legislature shall not, by ongoing appropriation for any fiscal year, cause the expenditure of general fund revenues for that fiscal year to exceed five and one-third percent (5 1/3%) of the total personal income of the state for the ensuing fiscal year as determined by the economic estimates commission. One-time general fund appropriations are not to be included in the expenditure limit.

(b) In order to permit the transference of governmental functions between the federal and state governments and between the state government and its political subdivisions and school districts, without abridging the purpose of this act, adjustments to the appropriation percentage limitation of total personal income shall be specifically detailed in appropriations and shall be consistent with the following principles:

(1) If, by order of any court or by legislative enactment on or after January 1, 1980, the costs of a program or any portion thereof are transferred from a political subdivision of this state or school district to the state, the appropriation percentage limitation may be commensurately increased provided the tax revenues of the affected political subdivisions or school districts are commensurately decreased.

(2) If, by order of any court or by legislative enactment on or after January 1, 1980, the costs of a program or any portion thereof are transferred from the state to a political subdivision of this state, the appropriation percentage limitation shall be commensurately decreased, and the tax rates of the political subdivision may be commensurately increased.

(3) If funds provided by the federal government in support of an existing service or program are eliminated or significantly curtailed on or after January 1, 1980, the appropriation percentage limitation may be commensurately increased by the amount of the increased state costs incurred in providing such service or program or any portion thereof pursuant to an order of any court or by legislative enactment.

(4) If the costs of a program are transferred from the state to the federal government on or after January 1, 1980, the appropriation percentage limitation shall be commensurately decreased.

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