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ABOUT IAC

The Idaho Association of Counties (IAC), formed in 1976, is a non-profit, non-partisan service organization dedicated to the improvement of county government. It was designed and incorporated by county elected officials to provide services, research, uniformity, and coordination among member counties, in order for the county elected officials to serve their constituents better.

OUR MISSION

IAC promotes county interests, advocates good public policy on behalf of Idaho counties and provides education and training to assist Idaho county officials in performance of public service.



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2017 IAC LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

Idaho Whistleblower Act

Idaho Code §6-2104(2)

- Adds language to be consistent with the other sections of the statute to fulfill the legislative intent of the Act.
- Provides protection for employees who report waste or violation of law, rule, or regulation.

Recording Fee for Irrigation Districts

Idaho Code §43-711

- The current fee for recording or filing delinquency lists is not consistent with other recording fees for irrigation districts.

Record Retention of Digital Media for County Sheriffs' Offices

Idaho Code §31-871

- Establishes a reasonable standard for counties for retention of digital media recordings, such as body and dash cameras and jail surveillance videos.
- The volume and the size of digital media files are too costly to store under current temporary records classification.
- Encourages the use of digital recording devices and allows for the video footage to be preserved to ensure public accountability and for the protection of the counties against liability.

Missed Property Roll

Idaho Code §63-811(c)

- Allows the Auditor to deliver missed property roll to the Treasurer as soon as possible.
- Current law restricts delivery to after the 1st Monday in March.
- Allows taxpayers to get notice of prior year's tax due more timely and taxing districts to receive tax distributions sooner.

County Open Meeting Notices

Idaho Code §31-710 and §74-204

- Resolves a conflict in statutes as to the public notice required for special meetings held by county elected officials.
- Idaho Code §31-710 requires 5 days notice for county special meetings, while Idaho Code §74-204 requires 24-hour notice for all other political subdivisions.

Equity for Providing Magistrate Courts

Idaho Code §1-2218

- Support the review of the sharing of expenses for providing magistrate court services with the cities that utilize county courthouses.

Early Voting

Idaho Code §34-1012

- Eliminates the proclamation of voters' name requirements for early voting.
- Saves money and streamlines voting process.

Retirement Rule of 80

Idaho Code §59-1303

- Provides for the addition of professions that are POST certified to be included in the Rule of 80 for retirement purposes.
- Will include juvenile detention officers, juvenile and misdemeanor probation officers, and emergency communications officers.
- Will assist agencies in recruiting employees for these vital public safety professions.
- Will reduce employee turnover in these stressful positions.

COUNTY ISSUES TO WATCH

- Regional Behavioral Health and Crisis Centers
- County Indigency, State Catastrophic Health Care Program, and the future of healthcare in Idaho
- Public Defense Standards
- Certification and training standards for Emergency Communications Officers
- Lower threshold for property tax exemption for qualified projects under Idaho Code §63-602NN