

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 511

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO BALLOTS; AMENDING SECTION 34-903, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVI-  
2 SIONS REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENT OF CANDIDATE NAMES ON BALLOTS AND TO  
3 MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN  
4 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 34-903, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 34-903. SECRETARY OF STATE TO PRESCRIBE FORM AND CONTENTS OF ALL BAL-  
10 LOTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS. (1) The secretary of state shall, in a manner  
11 consistent with the election laws of this state, prescribe the form for  
12 all ballots, absentee ballots, diagrams, sample ballots, ballot labels,  
13 voting machine labels or booklets, certificates, notices, declarations of  
14 candidacy, affidavits of all types, lists, applications, poll books, tally  
15 sheets, registers, rosters, statements, and abstracts if required by the  
16 election laws of this state.

17 (2) The secretary of state shall prescribe the arrangement of the mat-  
18 ter to be printed on each kind of ballot and label, including:

19 (a) The placement and listing of all offices, candidates and issues  
20 upon which voting is statewide, which shall be uniform throughout the  
21 state.

22 (b) The listing of all other candidates required to file with him, and  
23 the order of listing all offices and issues upon which voting is not  
24 statewide.

25 (3) The names of candidates for legislative or special district offices  
26 shall be printed only on the ballots and ballot labels furnished to voters of  
27 such district.

28 (4) (a) The names of candidates ~~which~~ that appear on election ballots  
29 for federal, state, county, and city offices shall be rotated in the  
30 manner determined by the secretary of state.

31 (b) The names of candidates that appear on election ballots for other  
32 offices shall be rotated in the manner determined by the secretary of  
33 state for any political entity whose number of registered voters at the  
34 last general election exceeds one hundred thousand (100,000).

35 (c) The order of candidates for office in all other elections shall be  
36 determined by applying the first letter of each candidate's last name  
37 to a random alphabet selected prior to each election by the secretary of  
38 state.

39 (5) No candidate's name may appear on a ballot for more than one (1) par-  
40 tisan office or one (1) judicial office, except that a candidate for precinct  
41 committeeman may seek one (1) additional office upon the same ballot. The

1 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the election of electors of  
2 president and ~~vice-president~~ vice president of the United States.

3 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
4 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
5 July 1, 2022.