

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 695

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE
2 ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-451A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEG-
3 ISLATIVE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, TO PROVIDE FOR MONEYS IN THE FUND, TO PRO-
4 VIDE THAT MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED, TO PRO-
5 VIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR EXPENDITURES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR
6 A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LEGISLATIVE DEFENSE FUND AND TO
7 PROVIDE THAT OF THE AMOUNT TRANSFERRED, FIFTY PERCENT SHALL BE AVAIL-
8 ABLE TO THE SENATE AND FIFTY PERCENT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

11 SECTION 1. That Chapter 4, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
12 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
13 ignated as Section 67-451A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

14 67-451A. LEGISLATIVE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND CREATED. There is hereby
15 created in the state treasury the legislative legal defense fund. The leg-
16 islative legal defense fund shall consist of such moneys as are placed into
17 it by appropriations and shall be continuously appropriated to the senate
18 and house of representatives. The legislative legal defense fund shall be
19 specifically exempt from the provisions of chapter 35, title 67, Idaho Code,
20 and from the provisions of chapter 36, title 67, Idaho Code. The president
21 pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives
22 are hereby authorized to make expenditures out of the fund for any necessary
23 legal expenses of the legislature.

24 SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated, and the State Controller shall
25 transfer, \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Legislative Legal Defense
26 Fund, on July 1, 2012, or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Of the amount
27 transferred, fifty percent (50%) shall be available to the Senate and fifty
28 percent (50%) to the House of Representatives.