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Speaker Bedke Helps to Keep Idaho Primary Election on May 19

BOISE, Idaho – Governor Brad Little, Speaker of the House Scott Bedke, other legislative leaders, and Secretary of State Lawrence Denney are working to make sure the Idaho election process runs as normal as possible in these trying times. The primary election will remain on May 19, but it will be conducted through the absentee process by mail. This change was made after it became apparent there would be a shortage of polling places and poll workers due to COVID-19 concerns.

“We will continue to take every necessary precaution to minimize the spread of the novel coronavirus. A free and fair election is not just ‘necessary,’ it is the very underpinning of our American system of government,” said Speaker Bedke. “This change protects the health of Idahoans while ensuring that their voices are still heard at the polls.”

You can cast your ballot in this primary the same way you would cast an absentee ballot, but do it as soon as you can. Idaho’s county clerks will streamline and expedite the voting process to make sure it remains accessible and fair.

Request an absentee ballot here: <https://idahovotes.gov/vote-early-idaho/>.

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