

Legislative Report
Idaho Library Association Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 6, 2004

The Law Revision Task Force met April 29, 2004 and again on August 19, 2004 to debrief the 2004 session and make preliminary plans and strategy for the 2005 session. The Law Revision Task Force proposes that the following changes to Idaho Code be supported by the Executive Board and the General Membership of the Idaho Library Association.

- 33-2724. TAXES FOR THE SUPPORT OF LIBRARY DISTRICT...For the maintenance and operation of the library district, the board of trustees may also levy upon the taxable property within the district a tax not to exceed one-tenth percent (.10%) (Six hundredths percent (.06%)) of market value for assessment purposes.
- 63-1311A. ADVERTISEMENT OF AND HEARING ON FEE INCREASES...add Section (3) the provisions of this section shall not apply to a proposed fee increase of one dollar (\$1.00) or less.

Other issues discussed at the August 19, 2004 Law Revision Task Force were:

1. The possibility of the 30% voter turnout requirement to pass a levy increase.
2. The possibility of the proposal to change library district from a property tax levy to household fee.
3. The possibility of an amendment that would allow areas to exclude themselves from existing library districts.

NEXT STEPS

1. The Legislative breakfast is scheduled for January 20, 2004. Please invite your legislators and plan to attend yourself if at all possible. The majority of legislators in attendance last year asked if there was a librarian from their own districts there to speak with them.
2. Since there are three possible negative proposals this year, it is important to monitor the listserv and other communications and be prepared to contact your legislators telling them how pending legislation will affect their constituents.
3. Please let your legislators know how important the LiLI databases are to Idaho citizens.

