

WARNING

It is a felony for anyone to sign any initiative or referendum petition with any name other than his own, or to knowingly sign his name more than once for the measure, or to sign such petition when he is not a qualified elector.

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Honorable Ben Ysursa, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho:

"We, the undersigned citizens and qualified electors of the State of Idaho, respectfully demand that the following proposed law, to-wit:

AN INITIATIVE ALLOWING SCHOOL BOARDS TO PERMIT THE BIBLE TO BE STUDIED AS LITERATURE AND FOR ITS INFLUENCE ON HISTORY

AN INITIATIVE RECOGNIZING THE 1963 DECLARATION OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT IN THE CASE ABINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT V. SCHEMPP, THAT THE BIBLE IS WORTH STUDYING FOR ITS LITERARY QUALITIES AND ITS INFLUENCE ON HISTORY. RECOGNIZING FURTHER THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT HAS AFFIRMED THAT TEACHING THE BIBLE OR RELIGION OBJECTIVELY AS PART OF A SECULAR PROGRAM OF EDUCATION, IS PERMITTED UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

DECLARING IT LAWFUL FOR ANY LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD IN IDAHO TO ALLOW THE APPROVAL AND OFFERING OF AN ELECTIVE BIBLE COURSE IN ITS PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

REQUIRING THAT, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND CULTURAL LITERACY AND, AT THE SAME TIME, FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL AND STATE CONSTITUTIONS, ELECTIVE BIBLE CURRICULA, AT ALL TIMES, BE PRESENTED OBJECTIVELY AND SECULARLY AND THAT SECTARIAN OR DENOMINATIONAL DOCTRINE NEVER BE ENDORSED OR PROMOTED

RELATING TO IDAHO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ENACTING SECTION 33-1619, IDAHO CODE,
be it enacted by an initiative of the people:

SECTION 1. That Section 33-1619, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby enacted to read as follows:

33-1619. ELECTIVE CURRICULA CONCERNING THE BIBLE. Recognizing that the United States Supreme Court declared in Abington v. Schempp (1963), that “(t)he Bible is worthy of study for its literary and historic qualities” and that “such study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as a part of a secular program of education” is consistent with the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, it shall be lawful for any local school board in Idaho to allow for elective Bible course curricula to be approved and offered in its public secondary schools. To help promote academic excellence and cultural literacy in a manner that is consistent with the federal and state constitutions, any elective Bible curricula shall at all times be presented objectively as a part of a secular program of education, and shall not be used at any time to endorse or promote sectarian or denominational doctrine.”

shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Idaho, for their approval or rejection at the regular General Election, to be held on the 2 day of November, A.D., 2010, and each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a qualified elector of the State of Idaho; my residence and post office are correctly written after my name.

Signature	Printed Name	Residence Street and Number	City or Post Office	Date
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STATE OF IDAHO

ss.

County of _____

I, _____, being first duly sworn, say: That I am a resident of the State of Idaho and at least eighteen (18) years of age: that every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition signed his or her name thereto in my presence: I believe that each has stated his or her name, post-office address and residence correctly, that each signer is a qualified elector of the State of Idaho, and a resident of the county of _____.

Signed _____

Post-office address _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____

(Notary Seal)

Signed _____

Notary Public

Residing At _____

My Commission expires on _____