

RESOLUTION PROCESS

Unlike most state bars, the Idaho State Bar cannot take positions on legislative matters, rules of court, or substantive rules governing the bar itself at its Annual Meeting, or by act of its Bar Commissioners, without first submitting such matters to the membership through the Resolution Process.

Process

The Resolution Process is set forth in Idaho Bar Commission Rule 906. Briefly summarized, the Resolution Process is as follows:

Submission & Circulation of Resolutions

Resolutions may be submitted by a District Bar Association, by the Board of Commissioners, the Idaho Supreme Court, by a bar Section or committee, or by an individual member of the bar.

Resolutions submitted by a District Bar Association, Idaho Supreme Court, or the Board of Commissioners are automatically included in the resolution process.

Resolutions submitted from other sources are presented to the first meeting of District Bar representatives and the Board of Commissioners for consideration. This body votes on whether to circulate the resolution to the membership. Resolutions that are approved at this meeting are then mailed to each member of the Idaho State Bar. Included in the packet is discussion of the purpose of the resolution and the text of each resolution.

Resolution Meetings

District Bar meetings are held in each of the seven districts.

Voting

Each judge and active member of the Idaho State Bar shall be entitled to one vote on each question presented. Questions shall be determined by the total ayes and nays cast statewide.

Members in attendance at a resolution meeting will be provided a ballot to vote on resolutions. Members not in attendance at the meeting will be mailed a ballot after the resolution meeting in their district. Ballots may be completed and submitted at the resolution meetings, or mailed, faxed or delivered to the Idaho State Bar office. **All ballots must be signed and are due in the Idaho State Bar office by the close of business on Monday, December 4, 2020.**

Amendments

After voting on a resolution as presented at the resolution meeting, District Bar members may vote to offer an amendment to a proposed resolution. Only members attending a resolution meeting will be able to vote on proposed amendments. Thus a District may instruct its representative to offer an amendment at the second meeting of District Bar Presidents.

Conclusion of Process

After all resolution meetings are concluded, the District Bar Representatives meet again on December 11, 2020. At that meeting, the representatives are to cast their votes in accordance with the votes cast by the members of their district bar association. The district representatives may cast votes on amendments as they see fit.

The final versions of successful resolutions are then forwarded to the appropriate recipients.

As of September 2020, the Idaho State Bar voting membership breakdown is as follows:

District	Eligible voters	% of total eligible voters
1	453	8.2%
2	220	4.0%
3	308	5.6%
4	2251	41%
5	312	5.7%
6	214	3.9%
7	421	7.7%
out of state active	1314	23.9%
Total	5493	100.00%