

****240 – School District Trustee Zones.** This policy has not been updated since 2001. During that time, the legislature has made minor modifications to the language in Idaho Code §33-313. For example, the law now requires a copy of the legal description of each trustee zone and map of the district showing how each trustee zone will appear to be filed with the county clerk. In addition, the reference to three-year trustee terms has been amended to reflect four-year trustee terms. This updated policy reflects these amendments to the statutes. Legal references are also updated.

The five (5) trustee zones for _____ School District will be as follows:

Trustee Zone No. 1

Include legal description.

Trustee Zone No. 2

Include legal description.

Trustee Zone No. 3

Include legal description.

Trustee Zone No. 4

Include legal description.

Trustee Zone No. 5

Include legal description.

REDEFINING TRUSTEE ZONES

The boundaries of the trustee zones in this district are to be defined and drawn so that, as reasonably as may be, each such zone shall have approximately the same population. *Trustee zones in this district will be determined to have approximately the same population when the populations of each trustee- zone do not vary by more than ten percent (10%).*

A proposal to redefine and change trustee zones of this district may be initiated by the board of trustees or by petition signed by not less than fifty (50) school electors residing in the district. If initiated by the board of trustees, such proposal will be initiated at the first meeting following the report of the decennial census. A petition to redefine and change trustee zones may be submitted to the board of trustees at any time. Within one hundred twenty (120) days following the report of the decennial census or the receipt of a petition to redefine and change the trustee zones, the board will prepare a proposal for a change which will equalize the population in each trustee zone and submit the proposal to the State Board of Education. The proposal will include a legal description of each trustee zone as the same would appear pursuant to the proposal, a map of the district showing how each trustee zone would appear, and the approximate population each trustee zone would have, should the proposal become effective. Any proposal to redefine the boundaries of the several trustee zones shall include the determination, where appropriate, the

[number of trustee zones in each district, and the date of expiration of the term of office for each trustee.](#)

The superintendent or designee will be authorized to review the decennial census, or any proposal to change trustee zone boundaries, and determine whether there has been a shift in population which causes the current trustee zones to not contain approximately the same populations. If it is determined that the population has changed so that the trustee zones are not of approximately the same population, the board will appoint a committee, composed of interested parties, to review the matter. The committee will propose to the board modifications to the trustee zone boundaries which are intended to equalize the population in the various trustee zones.

The State Board of Education will approve or disapprove of the proposal within sixty (60) days and give notice of its decision to the board [of trustees](#) in writing. If approved, the trustee zones will change pursuant to the proposal [and the district must file a copy of the legal description of each redefined trustee zone and a map of the district showing how each trustee zone will appear with the county clerk.](#) If disapproved, the board must submit a revised proposal to the State Board of Education within forty-five (45) days. [Trustee zones may be redefined and changed not more than once every five \(5\) years.](#)

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSAL TO REDEFINE TRUSTEE ZONES

At the next regular meeting of the board following the approval of the proposal, the board will appoint from its membership a trustee for each new trustee zone to serve as trustee until that incumbent trustee’s term expires. If the current board membership includes two (2) incumbent trustees from the same new trustee zone, the board will select the incumbent trustee with the most seniority as the trustee to serve the remainder of his or her term. If both incumbent trustees have equal seniority, the board will choose one (1) of the trustees by the drawing of lots. If there is a trustee vacancy in any trustee zone, the board will appoint an individual residing in the trustee zone to serve as trustee until the next annual meeting. [At the next trustee election, a trustee shall be elected to serve during the term specified in the election for the zone. The elected trustee shall assume office at the annual meeting of the board of trustees next following the election.](#)



LEGAL REFERENCE:

- Idaho Code Sections
 - 33-313 – Trustee Zones
 - 33-501 – Board of Trustees

ADOPTED:

AMENDED:

Language in text set forth in italics is optional.