

# IDAHO **FREEDOM** INDEX





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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

During an Idaho House floor debate earlier this year, state Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, said outside bill ratings aren't welcome in lawmakers' deliberations.

Wood, who couldn't summon the courage to utter our name, was speaking about the Idaho Freedom Index.

Please know 2020 was a banner year for the Idaho Freedom Index, our flagship project. IFF launched the Index in 2012 to help you hold lawmakers accountable for their votes. This year, it earned unprecedented attention from legislators, lobbyists, and Idahoans.

A select few highlights demonstrate the Index's formidability. Web traffic to the Index and IFF analyses surged more than 40 percent above 2019 levels. This year, lawmakers talked about the Idaho Freedom Index in public meetings more than a dozen times. Finally, lobbyists, who once scoffed at the Index, beat a path to our office seeking assistance to improve their legislation.

I want to recognize those who worked tirelessly to bring about this banner year. First, IFF donors deserve immense credit. Their support makes this service available in our state. Next, I bring to your attention IFF Policy Analyst Lindsay Atkinson, who coordinated the Index and evaluated countless bills. Finally, a heartfelt thank you goes to IFF Vice President Fred Birnbaum and Parrish Miller. Both worked long hours and dove deep into legislation to write analyses.

I understand the Idaho Freedom Index makes some lawmakers uncomfortable. Accountability to voters causes discomfort for legislators who say one thing on the campaign trail but do another in the Statehouse. That's why we'll continue to produce the Idaho Freedom Index — welcome or not.

Yours for freedom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wayne Hoffman

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**DISTRICT 1**

Sen. Jim Woodward	<b>F</b>	<b>59.0%</b>
Rep. Heather Scott	<b>A+</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
Rep. Sage Dixon	<b>B-</b>	<b>81.4%</b>

**DISTRICT 2**

Sen. Steve Vick	<b>C+</b>	<b>77.3%</b>
Rep. Vito Barbieri	<b>B</b>	<b>84.6%</b>
Rep. Tim Remington*	<b>C+</b>	<b>78.2%</b>

**DISTRICT 3**

Sen. Don Cheatham	<b>D-</b>	<b>62.6%</b>
Rep. Ron Mendive	<b>B+</b>	<b>89.0%</b>
Rep. Tony Wisniewski	<b>A</b>	<b>94.4%</b>

**DISTRICT 4**

Sen. Mary Souza	<b>F</b>	<b>55.9%</b>
Rep. Jim Addis	<b>C-</b>	<b>73.2%</b>
Rep. Paul Amador	<b>D</b>	<b>64.9%</b>

**DISTRICT 5**

Sen. David Nelson	<b>F</b>	<b>48.2%</b>
Rep. Bill Goesling	<b>F</b>	<b>57.6%</b>
Rep. Caroline Troy	<b>F</b>	<b>58.2%</b>

**DISTRICT 6**

Sen. Dan Johnson	<b>D-</b>	<b>61.2%</b>
Rep. Thyra Stevenson	<b>B+</b>	<b>89.6%</b>
Rep. Mike Kingsley	<b>B-</b>	<b>83.1%</b>

**DISTRICT 7**

Sen. Carl Crabtree	<b>B-</b>	<b>81.7%</b>
Rep. Priscilla Giddings	<b>A</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
Rep. Paul Shepherd	<b>C+</b>	<b>76.8%</b>

**DISTRICT 8**

Sen. Steven Thayn	<b>F</b>	<b>52.4%</b>
Rep. Terry Gestrin	<b>B-</b>	<b>80.7%</b>
Rep. Dorothy Moon	<b>A-</b>	<b>91.8%</b>

**DISTRICT 9**

Sen. Abby Lee	<b>F</b>	<b>46.3%</b>
Rep. Ryan Kerby	<b>D-</b>	<b>60.2%</b>
Rep. Judy Boyle	<b>C+</b>	<b>77.9%</b>

**DISTRICT 10**

Sen. Jim Rice	<b>D-</b>	<b>61.2%</b>
Rep. Greg Chaney	<b>C+</b>	<b>77.1%</b>
Rep. Jarom Wagoner	<b>F</b>	<b>53.9%</b>

**DISTRICT 11**

Sen. Patti Anne Lodge	<b>F</b>	<b>47.6%</b>
Rep. Tammy Nichols	<b>B+</b>	<b>88.3%</b>
Rep. Scott Syme	<b>D-</b>	<b>61.9%</b>

**DISTRICT 12**

Sen. Todd Lakey	<b>F</b>	<b>51.8%</b>
Rep. Robert Anderst	<b>F</b>	<b>57.4%</b>
Rep. Rick Youngblood	<b>F</b>	<b>57.8%</b>

**DISTRICT 13**

Sen. Jeff Agenbroad	<b>F</b>	<b>54.8%</b>
Rep. Brent Crane	<b>C</b>	<b>76.0%</b>
Rep. Gary Collins	<b>C</b>	<b>74.0%</b>

**DISTRICT 14**

Sen. C. Scott Grow	<b>F</b>	<b>53.7%</b>
Rep. Mike Moyle	<b>B-</b>	<b>81.2%</b>
Rep. Gayann DeMordaunt	<b>C+</b>	<b>77.7%</b>

**DISTRICT 15**

Sen. Fred Martin	<b>F</b>	<b>51.1%</b>
Rep. Steve Berch	<b>F</b>	<b>38.3%</b>
Rep. Jake Ellis	<b>F</b>	<b>39.6%</b>

**DISTRICT 16**

Sen. Grant Burgoyne	<b>F</b>	<b>37.9%</b>
Rep. John McCrostie	<b>F</b>	<b>39.0%</b>
Rep. Rob Mason	<b>F</b>	<b>43.7%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>17</b>	Sen. Maryanne Jordan	<b>F</b>	<b>46.5%</b>
	Rep. John Gannon	<b>F</b>	<b>41.6%</b>
	Rep. Sue Chew	<b>F</b>	<b>39.4%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>18</b>	Sen. Janie Ward-Engelking	<b>F</b>	<b>39.6%</b>
	Rep. Ilana Rubel	<b>F</b>	<b>40.5%</b>
	Rep. Brooke Green	<b>F</b>	<b>39.8%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>19</b>	Sen. Cherie Buckner-Webb	<b>F</b>	<b>41.6%</b>
	Rep. Melissa Wintrow	<b>F</b>	<b>36.1%</b>
	Rep. Lauren Necochea	<b>F</b>	<b>37.2%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>20</b>	Sen. Chuck Winder	<b>F</b>	<b>49.8%</b>
	Rep. Joe Palmer	<b>C-</b>	<b>72.5%</b>
	Rep. James Holtzclaw	<b>C-</b>	<b>72.7%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>21</b>	Sen. Regina Bayer	<b>B</b>	<b>85.2%</b>
	Rep. Steven Harris	<b>B+</b>	<b>88.7%</b>
	Rep. Megan Kiska	<b>D+</b>	<b>69.0%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>22</b>	Sen. Lori Den Hartog	<b>D-</b>	<b>61.2%</b>
	Rep. John Vander Woude	<b>C</b>	<b>74.0%</b>
	Rep. Jason Monks	<b>C</b>	<b>75.5%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>23</b>	Sen. Bert Brackett	<b>F</b>	<b>52.2%</b>
	Rep. Christy Zito	<b>A+</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
	Rep. Megan Blanksma	<b>C-</b>	<b>71.2%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>24</b>	Sen. Lee Heider	<b>F</b>	<b>50.2%</b>
	Rep. Linda Wright Hartgen	<b>F</b>	<b>57.8%</b>
	Rep. Lance Clow	<b>F</b>	<b>59.1%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>25</b>	Sen. Jim Patrick	<b>F</b>	<b>49.6%</b>
	Rep. Clark Kauffman	<b>F</b>	<b>53.0%</b>
	Rep. Laurie Lickley	<b>F</b>	<b>54.3%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>26</b>	Sen. Michelle Stennett	<b>F</b>	<b>40.5%</b>
	Rep. Sally Toone	<b>F</b>	<b>36.1%</b>
	Rep. Muffy Davis	<b>F</b>	<b>42.9%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>27</b>	Sen. Kelly Anthon	<b>D-</b>	<b>60.4%</b>
	Rep. Scott Bedke	<b>F</b>	<b>57.8%</b>
	Rep. Fred Wood	<b>F</b>	<b>52.4%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>28</b>	Sen. Jim Guthrie	<b>F</b>	<b>52.9%</b>
	Rep. Randy Armstrong	<b>C+</b>	<b>78.8%</b>
	Rep. Kevin Andrus	<b>C+</b>	<b>79.0%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>29</b>	Sen. Mark Nye	<b>F</b>	<b>41.4%</b>
	Rep. Elaine Smith	<b>F</b>	<b>45.9%</b>
	Rep. Chris Abernathy	<b>F</b>	<b>38.5%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>30</b>	Sen. Dean Mortimer	<b>F</b>	<b>59.3%</b>
	Rep. Gary Marshall	<b>F</b>	<b>58.4%</b>
	Rep. Wendy Horman	<b>D+</b>	<b>66.9%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>31</b>	Sen. Steve Bair	<b>D+</b>	<b>68.9%</b>
	Rep. Julianne Young	<b>A-</b>	<b>92.4%</b>
	Rep. Neil Anderson	<b>F</b>	<b>50.2%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>32</b>	Sen. Mark Harris	<b>D-</b>	<b>61.7%</b>
	Rep. Chad Christensen	<b>A+</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
	Rep. Marc Gibbs	<b>F</b>	<b>54.1%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>33</b>	Sen. Dave Lent	<b>D-</b>	<b>60.1%</b>
	Rep. Bryan Zollinger	<b>A</b>	<b>95.0%</b>
	Rep. Barbara Ehardt	<b>B+</b>	<b>87.9%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>34</b>	Sen. Brent Hill	<b>F</b>	<b>47.6%</b>
	Rep. Doug Ricks	<b>D</b>	<b>63.6%</b>
	Rep. Britt Raybould	<b>D</b>	<b>63.6%</b>

<b>DISTRICT</b> <b>35</b>	Sen. Van Burtenshaw	<b>F</b>	<b>55.1%</b>
	Rep. Rod Furniss	<b>D-</b>	<b>63.2%</b>
	Rep. Jerald Raymond	<b>F</b>	<b>52.4%</b>

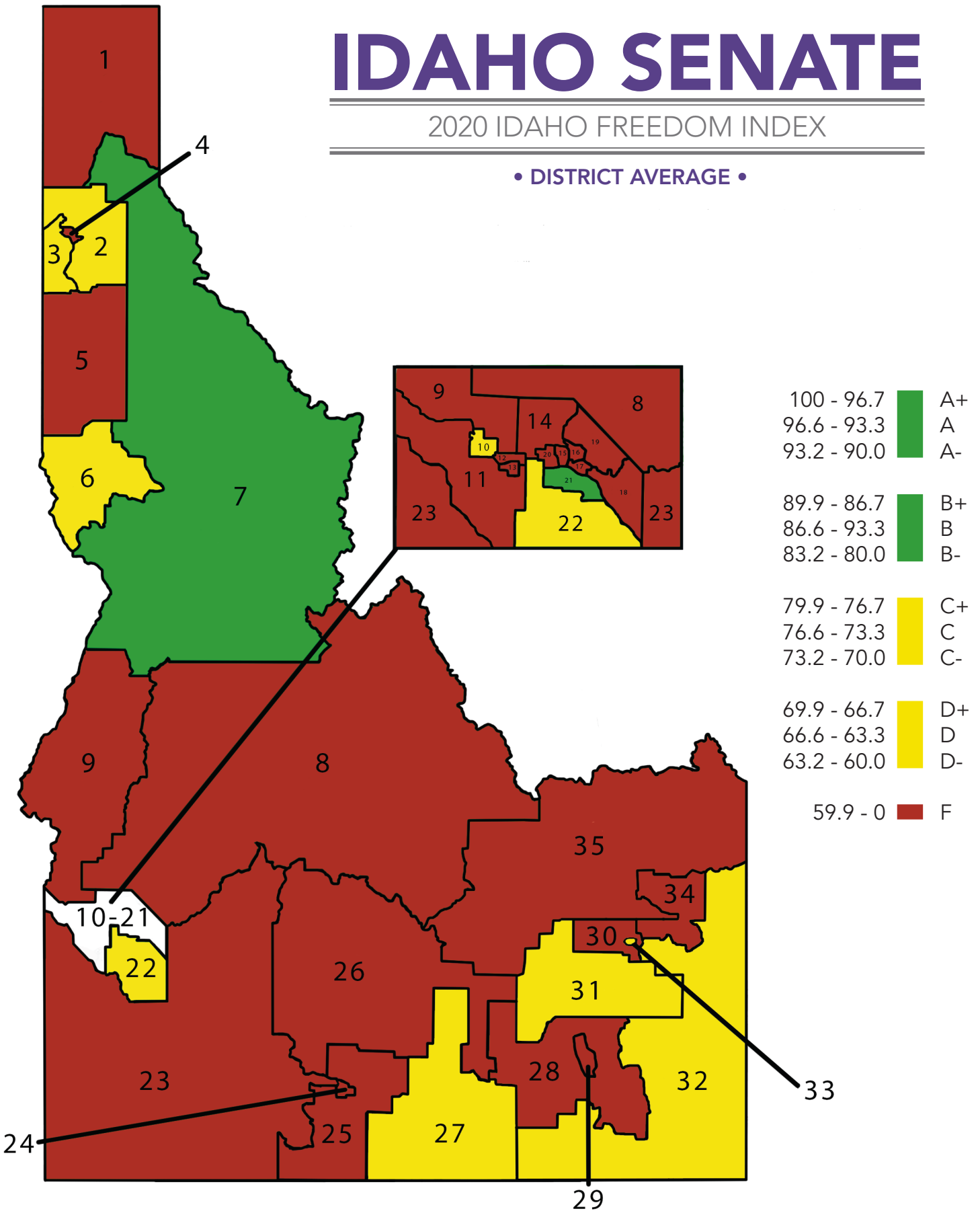
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\* Rep. Tim Remington was sworn in to the Idaho House on January 30, 2020. Most House members could have earned 231 total points during the 2020 session. Remington could have earned up to 216.

# IDAHO SENATE

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## FAST FACTS

58.2%  
SENATE  
GOP  
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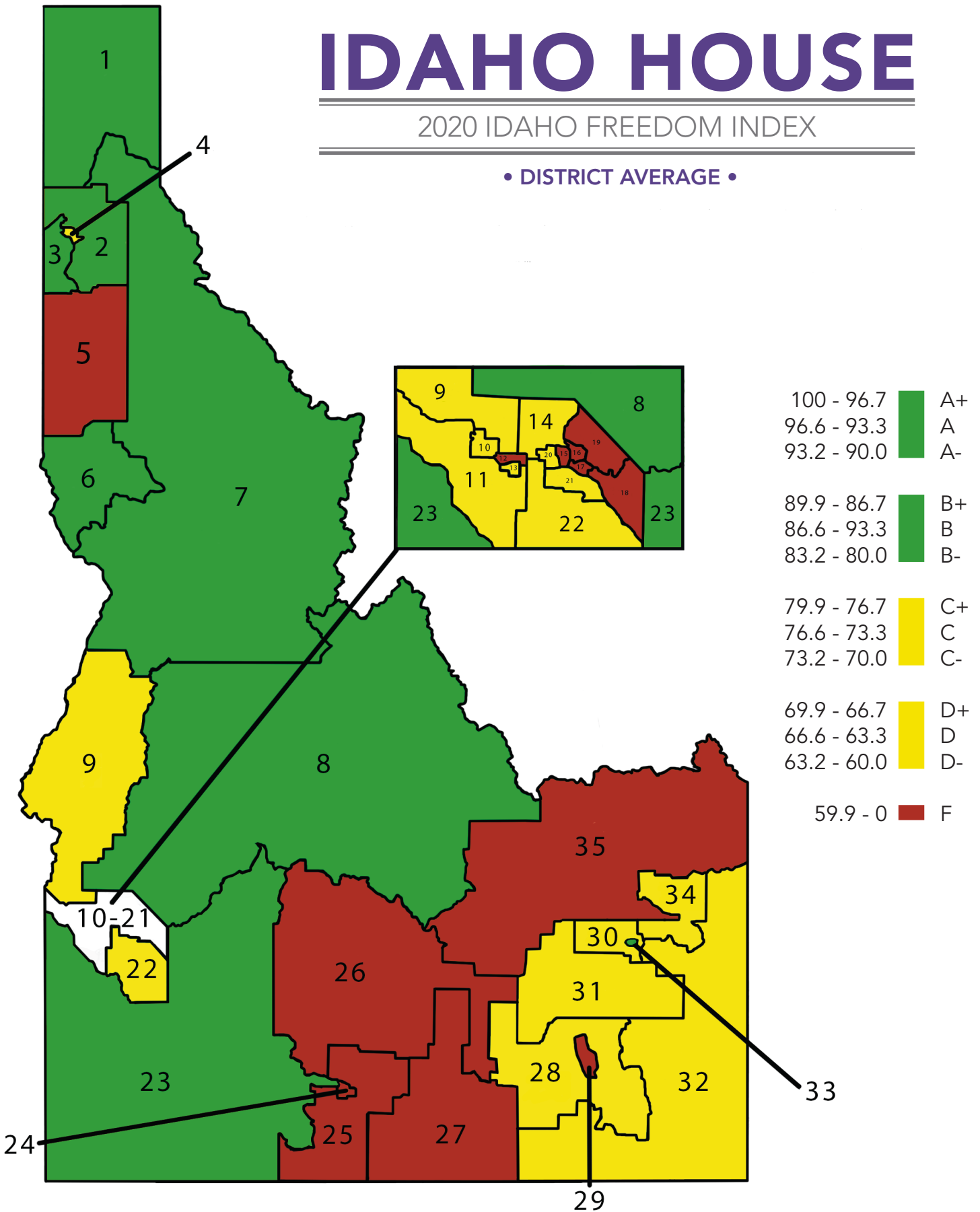
42.3%  
SENATE  
DEM  
AVERAGE

HIGHEST SENATE GOP: **SEN. REGINA BAYER**  
 HIGHEST SENATE DEM: **SEN. DAVID NELSON**  
 LOWEST SENATE GOP: **SEN. ABBY LEE**  
 LOWEST SENATE DEM: **SEN. GRANT BURGOYNE**

# IDAHO HOUSE

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73.2%  
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39.9%  
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HIGHEST HOUSE GOP: REP. CHAD CHRISTENSEN  
 HIGHEST HOUSE DEM: REP. ELAINE SMITH  
 LOWEST HOUSE GOP: REP. NEIL ANDERSON  
 LOWEST HOUSE DEM: REPS. TOONE, WINTROW



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