

## **2017 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 8**

### **REDUCE THE 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT TO A SIMPLE MAJORITY IN ORDER TO CONVENE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, many school districts in Idaho may have a quorum present, however cannot enter into Executive Session because of the lack of a 2/3 vote of the governing board to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, school boards consisting of 5 or more members may be able to convene in regular session by having a simple majority present (3 of 5 member or 4 of 7 members – qualifying a quorum) instead are required to have 4 of the 5 or 5 of the 7 to conduct business in Executive Session due to the governing board language found in statute; and

**WHEREAS**, many times school boards will find themselves needing to address time-sensitive or emergent circumstances that fall under an Executive Session Category. Categories such as personnel matters, disciplinary issues, or student hearings all require a confidential handling by the board and fall under the Section 74-206, Idaho Code and cannot be addressed without the 2/3 vote to enter into the Executive Session;

**WHEREAS**, school boards today face unexpected multiple resignations, family circumstances, and other unplanned absences that render them unable to conduct business of a sensitive nature, because of the inability to obtain the 2/3 of the governing board.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho School Boards Association work to reduce the 2/3 majority vote requirement to a simple majority in order to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 74-206, Idaho Code.

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Due to the likelihood of not always being able to have a 2/3 majority of members present, the Idaho School Boards Association should actively work to reduce the 2/3 majority vote requirement stated in Section 74-206, Idaho Code to convene in Executive Session to a simple majority.

**Submitted by St. Maries Joint School District No. 41**

<b>PASSED</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>3587</b>
	<b>NAYES</b>	<b>293</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3880</b>