

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-sixth Legislature Second Regular Session - 2022

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 720

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PERSONHOOD; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 5, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 5-346, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, NONHUMAN ANIMALS, AND INANIMATE OBJECTS SHALL NOT BE GRANTED PERSONHOOD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 3, Title 5, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 5-346, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

5-346. PERSONHOOD STATUS. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, environmental elements, artificial intelligence, nonhuman animals, and inanimate objects shall not be granted personhood in the state of Idaho. Nothing in this section revokes the status of legal person in or of any municipality, organization, corporation, or other legal or business entity recognized by the laws of the state of Idaho as such prior to July 1, 2022.

SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2022.