

**TITLE 59**  
**PUBLIC OFFICERS IN GENERAL**  
**CHAPTER 4**  
**OATH OF OFFICE**

**59-401. LOYALTY OATH -- FORM.**

Before any officer elected or appointed to fill any office created by the laws of the state of Idaho enters upon the duties of his office, he must take and subscribe an oath, to be known as the official oath, which is as follows:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Idaho, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of (insert office) according to the best of my ability."

**59-402. TIME OF TAKING OATH.**

Whenever a different time is not prescribed by law the oath of office must be taken, subscribed and filed within ten (10) days after the officer has notice of his election or appointment, or before the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the commencement of his term of office, when no such notice has been given.

**59-403. BEFORE WHOM OATH TAKEN.**

Except when otherwise provided, the oath may be taken before any officer authorized to administer oaths.

**59-405. WHERE OATH FILED.**

Every oath of office, certified by the officer, before whom the same was taken, must be filed within the time required by law, except when otherwise specially directed, as follows:

1. The oath of all officers whose authority is not limited to any particular county, in the office of the secretary of state.
2. The oath of all officers elected or appointed for any county, district or precinct, in the offices [office] of the recorder of their respective counties. The oath for school district trustees shall be filed in the manner prescribed by section [33-501](#), Idaho Code.