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State legislatures consider and enact laws that address the administration and use of forensic science by state justice systems. Issues addressed in these measures include the delegation of oversight responsibilities for forensic services, accreditation standards for forensic laboratories, access to post-conviction DNA testing, the collection and analysis of DNA samples from arrested and convicted individuals and procedures for eyewitness identification. Following is information on this state's legislative activity on forensic science issues. More information on forensic science policy from all 50 states and the District of Columbia is available on the NCSL forensic science page.

Administration of State Forensic Services ..... § 19-5503

The state administers its forensic services through the Bureau of Forensic Services in the Idaho State Police.

Convicted Offender DNA Analysis ..... § 29-5506

People convicted of any felony must submit a DNA sample to state officials. Sample collection applies to juveniles if they are tried as adults.

Post Conviction DNA Analysis ..... §§ 19-4901, 4902

The state allows an individual convicted of a crime to apply for post-conviction DNA testing. Their application must assert that the result of testing has scientific potential to show that it is more probable than not that the petitioner is innocent.

Remote Testimony by Laboratory Analysts ..... Crim. Court Rule 43.3

The state allows forensic testimony to be offered by video teleconference via simultaneous electronic transmission.