A helpful person on the FreeBSD-questions mailing list gave me the
answer: I had not installed one of the Linux compatibility packages
that was needed. I now have IDL running just fine under FreeBSD.

> I don't know about FreeBSD internals, but the IDL 5.2 ist based on
> glibc2, maybe that is the problem...

The Linux compatibility stuff in FreeBSD includes the appropriate Linux
libraries and allows it to run most Linux binaries directly.

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