

REVISED AGENDA

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 • 2:00 p.m. • Room 25 House Building

1. Committee Business

- Call to order and welcome
- Approval of the minutes of the August 15, 2012, meeting

2. Issues Related to an Emergency on Election Day

In the September meeting, committee members asked what provisions can be made in the event that an emergency impacts voting on Election Day. Committee staff will present possible options for addressing this situation and issues to consider related to state and federal constitutional provisions, and report on how other states have addressed this issue.

- Committee staff

3. Draft Legislation "Elections During Declared Emergency"

This legislation would authorize the lieutenant governor, during a declared emergency, to establish alternative methods and deadlines for returning an absentee or military-overseas ballot. This is a continuation of the discussion in the September meeting.

- Committee staff

4. Draft Legislation "Personal Use of Campaign Funds"

Rep. Grover is sponsoring legislation that would require a municipality or a county to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of campaign funds for personal expenditures. In the September meeting, the Lieutenant Governor's Office was asked to work with committee staff to prepare a new draft for committee review.

- Rep. Keith Grover

5. Draft Legislation "Boards and Commissions Amendments"

The current draft of this legislation includes the repeal of the:

- Antidiscrimination and Labor Advisory Council;
- Motorcycle Rider Education Program Advisory Committee;
- Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council;
- Citizens and County Officials Advisory Committee;
- Municipal Government Fiscal Committee;
- Utah Pioneer Communities Program; and
- Forestry, Fire and State Lands Advisory Council.

Other boards and commissions may be added prior to final passage. Public comment will be invited specifically on the recent addition of the Forestry, Fire and State Lands Advisory Council to the bill and on other topics related to the intent of the bill.

- Committee staff

6. Draft Legislation "Candidate Amendments"

This legislation requires that a vote cast for a candidate who dies, resigns, or is disqualified to be counted for the replacement candidate; increases the filing fee for most candidates; and authorizes certain candidates located outside the state to file a declaration of candidacy through a designated agency if certain conditions are met.

- Committee staff

7. Draft Legislation "Lieutenant Governor Candidate Amendments"

This legislation amends the deadlines and requirements for a person to file a declaration of candidacy for the office of lieutenant governor.

- Committee staff

8. Draft Legislation "Absentee Ballot Amendments"

This legislation requires a person who distributes and collects absentee ballot applications to register and receive training, establishes criminal and civil penalties, and establishes a deadline by which an absentee ballot may be mailed.

- Committee staff

9. Draft Legislation "Campaign Finance Reporting Penalties"

This legislation standardizes the fines issued by the lieutenant governor for violations of campaign finance reporting laws.

- Rep. Keith Grover

10. Draft Legislation "Election Code Criminal Provisions"

This legislation standardizes criminal provisions in Title 20A, Election Code.

- Rep. Keith Grover

11. Committee Business / Adjourn