

ABSENTEE BALLOT AMENDMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to absentee ballots.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ changes the date by which an election officer is required to mail absentee ballots.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-3-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 309

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **20A-3-305** is amended to read:

20A-3-305. Mailing of ballot to voter -- Enclose self-addressed envelope --

Affidavit.

(1) (a) Upon timely receipt of an absentee voter application properly filled out and signed less than 30 days before the election, the election officer shall either:

(i) give the applicant an official absentee ballot and envelope to vote in the office; or

(ii) mail an official absentee ballot, postage paid, to the absentee voter and enclose an envelope printed as required in Subsection (2).

(b) [~~Twenty-eight~~] No later than 21 days before election day, the election officer shall mail an official absentee ballot, postage paid, to all absentee voters, other than to a uniformed-service voter or an overseas voter, who have submitted a properly filled out and signed absentee voter application before the day on which the ballots are mailed and enclose an envelope printed as required by Subsection (2).

33 (2) The election officer shall ensure that:

34 (a) the name, official title, and post office address of the election officer is printed on
35 the front of the envelope; and

36 (b) a printed affidavit in substantially the following form is printed on the back of the
37 envelope:

38 "County of _____ State of _____

39 I, _____, solemnly swear that: I am a qualified resident voter of the _____ voting precinct
40 in _____ County, Utah and that I am entitled to vote in that voting precinct at the next election.

41 I am not a convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

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Signature of Absentee Voter"

44 (3) If the election officer determines that the absentee voter is required to show valid
45 voter identification, the election officer shall:

46 (a) issue the voter a provisional ballot in accordance with Section 20A-3-105.5;

47 (b) instruct the voter to include a copy of the voter's valid voter identification with the
48 return ballot;

49 (c) provide the voter clear instructions on how to vote a provisional ballot; and

50 (d) comply with the requirements of Subsection (2).

Legislative Review Note
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