## PREFERENTIAL VOTING FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS

## 2015 GENERAL SESSION <br> STATE OF UTAH

## LONG TITLE

## General Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code to provide for preferential voting in primary races for certain offices where more than two candidates are seeking the nomination of the same political party for the same office.

## Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- provides for preferential voting in primary races for certain offices where more than two candidates are seeking the nomination of the same political party for the same office;
- requires an individual who casts a preferential vote to indicate the individual's first and subsequent preferences for nomination;
- provides that a candidate in a race that is subject to preferential voting must receive more than $50 \%$ of the valid votes cast, in accordance with the preferential voting process described in this bill, to receive the nomination;
- describes the ballot for preferential voting and provides instructions for voting the ballot;
- describes the procedures to be used in canvassing and evaluating ballots in a primary race conducted by preferential ballot, including procedures for excluding a candidate in each phase of a preferential vote canvass;
- describes requirements for forms and records; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.


## Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

## Other Special Clauses:

None

## Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:
20A-1-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapters 17, 31, 231, 362, and 391
20A-1-303, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 1
20A-1-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 20
20A-3-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 75
20A-4-101, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 225
20A-4-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 177
20A-4-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 390
20A-4-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 251
20A-4-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 309
20A-4-401, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 92
20A-5-404, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 9
20A-9-403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 17
20A-9-409, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 17
63I-1-220, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 231

## ENACTS:

20A-4-303.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953
20A-6-203.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section 20A-1-102 is amended to read:

## 20A-1-102. Definitions.

As used in this title:
(1) "Active voter" means a registered voter who has not been classified as an inactive voter by the county clerk.
(2) "Automatic tabulating equipment" means apparatus that automatically examines and counts votes recorded on paper ballots or ballot sheets and tabulates the results.
(3) (a) "Ballot" means the storage medium, whether paper, mechanical, or electronic, upon which a voter records the voter's votes.
(b) "Ballot" includes ballot sheets, paper ballots, electronic ballots, and secrecy envelopes.
(4) "Ballot label" means the cards, papers, booklet, pages, or other materials that:
(a) contain the names of offices and candidates and statements of ballot propositions to be voted on; and
(b) are used in conjunction with ballot sheets that do not display that information.
(5) "Ballot proposition" means a question, issue, or proposal that is submitted to voters on the ballot for their approval or rejection including:
(a) an opinion question specifically authorized by the Legislature;
(b) a constitutional amendment;
(c) an initiative;
(d) a referendum;
(e) a bond proposition;
(f) a judicial retention question;
(g) an incorporation of a city or town; or
(h) any other ballot question specifically authorized by the Legislature.
(6) "Ballot sheet":
(a) means a ballot that:
(i) consists of paper or a card where the voter's votes are marked or recorded; and
(ii) can be counted using automatic tabulating equipment; and
(b) includes punch card ballots and other ballots that are machine-countable.
(7) "Bind," "binding," or "bound" means securing more than one piece of paper together with a staple or stitch in at least three places across the top of the paper in the blank space reserved for securing the paper.
(8) "Board of canvassers" means the entities established by Sections 20A-4-301 and 20A-4-306 to canvass election returns.
(9) "Bond election" means an election held for the purpose of approving or rejecting the proposed issuance of bonds by a government entity.
(10) "Book voter registration form" means voter registration forms contained in a bound book that are used by election officers and registration agents to register persons to vote.
(11) "Business reply mail envelope" means an envelope that may be mailed free of charge by the sender.
(12) "By-mail voter registration form" means a voter registration form designed to be
completed by the voter and mailed to the election officer.
(13) "Canvass" means the review of election returns and the official declaration of election results by the board of canvassers.
(14) "Canvassing judge" means a poll worker designated to assist in counting ballots at the canvass.
(15) "Contracting election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or interlocal agreement with a provider election officer.
(16) "Convention" means the political party convention at which party officers and delegates are selected.
(17) "Counting center" means one or more locations selected by the election officer in charge of the election for the automatic counting of ballots.
(18) "Counting judge" means a poll worker designated to count the ballots during election day.
(19) "Counting poll watcher" means a person selected as provided in Section 20A-3-201 to witness the counting of ballots.
(20) "Counting room" means a suitable and convenient private place or room, immediately adjoining the place where the election is being held, for use by the poll workers and counting judges to count ballots during election day.
(21) "County officers" means those county officers that are required by law to be elected.
(22) "Date of the election" or "election day" or "day of the election":
(a) means the day that is specified in the calendar year as the day that the election occurs; and
(b) does not include:
(i) deadlines established for absentee voting; or
(ii) any early voting or early voting period as provided under Chapter 3, Part 6, Early Voting.
(23) "Elected official" means:
(a) a person elected to an office under Section 20A-1-303 or Section 20A-4-303.5;
(b) a person who is considered to be elected to a municipal office in accordance with Subsection 20A-1-206(1)(c)(ii); or
(c) a person who is considered to be elected to a local district office in accordance with Subsection 20A-1-206(3)(c)(ii).
(24) "Election" means a regular general election, a municipal general election, a statewide special election, a local special election, a regular primary election, a municipal primary election, and a local district election.
(25) "Election Assistance Commission" means the commission established by Public Law 107-252, the Help America Vote Act of 2002.
(26) "Election cycle" means the period beginning on the first day persons are eligible to file declarations of candidacy and ending when the canvass is completed.
(27) "Election judge" means a poll worker that is assigned to:
(a) preside over other poll workers at a polling place;
(b) act as the presiding election judge; or
(c) serve as a canvassing judge, counting judge, or receiving judge.
(28) "Election officer" means:
(a) the lieutenant governor, for all statewide ballots and elections;
(b) the county clerk for:
(i) a county ballot and election; and
(ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
(c) the municipal clerk for:
(i) a municipal ballot and election; and
(ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
(d) the local district clerk or chief executive officer for:
(i) a local district ballot and election; and
(ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section $20 \mathrm{~A}-5-400.1$ or 20A-5-400.5; or
(e) the business administrator or superintendent of a school district for:
(i) a school district ballot and election; and
(ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5.
(29) "Election official" means any election officer, election judge, or poll worker.
(30) "Election results" means:
(a) for an election other than a bond election, the count of votes cast in the election and the election returns requested by the board of canvassers; or
(b) for bond elections, the count of those votes cast for and against the bond proposition plus any or all of the election returns that the board of canvassers may request.
(31) "Election returns" includes the pollbook, the military and overseas absentee voter registration and voting certificates, one of the tally sheets, any unprocessed absentee ballots, all counted ballots, all excess ballots, all unused ballots, all spoiled ballots, the ballot disposition form, and the total votes cast form.
(32) "Electronic ballot" means a ballot that is recorded using a direct electronic voting device or other voting device that records and stores ballot information by electronic means.
(33) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.
(34) (a) "Electronic voting device" means a voting device that uses electronic ballots.
(b) "Electronic voting device" includes a direct recording electronic voting device.
(35) "Inactive voter" means a registered voter who has:
(a) been sent the notice required by Section 20A-2-306; and
(b) failed to respond to that notice.
(36) "Inspecting poll watcher" means a person selected as provided in this title to witness the receipt and safe deposit of voted and counted ballots.
(37) "Judicial office" means the office filled by any judicial officer.
(38) "Judicial officer" means any justice or judge of a court of record or any county court judge.
(39) "Local district" means a local government entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Local Districts, and includes a special service district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.
(40) "Local district officers" means those local district board members that are required by law to be elected.
(41) "Local election" means a regular county election, a regular municipal election, a
municipal primary election, a local special election, a local district election, and a bond election.
(42) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a local district, or a local school district.
(43) "Local special election" means a special election called by the governing body of a local political subdivision in which all registered voters of the local political subdivision may vote.
(44) "Multi-candidate primary race" means a primary race in which more than two candidates qualify for placement on the primary election ballot for the same political party and for the same office, if the office is one of the following:
(a) a United States congressional office;
(b) a state legislative office;
(c) governor;
(d) attorney general;
(e) state treasurer;
(f) state auditor; or
(g) a partisan, elected county office.
[(44)] (45) "Municipal executive" means:
(a) the mayor in the council-mayor form of government defined in Section 10-3b-102; or
(b) the mayor in the council-manager form of government defined in Subsection 10-3b-103(6).
[(45)] (46) "Municipal general election" means the election held in municipalities and, as applicable, local districts on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year for the purposes established in Section 20A-1-202.
$[(46)](47)$ "Municipal legislative body" means the council of the city or town in any form of municipal government.
[(47)] (48) "Municipal office" means an elective office in a municipality.
[(48)] (49) "Municipal officers" means those municipal officers that are required by law to be elected.
[(49)] (50) "Municipal primary election" means an election held to nominate
candidates for municipal office.
$[(50)](51)$ "Official ballot" means the ballots distributed by the election officer to the poll workers to be given to voters to record their votes.
[(51)] (52) "Official endorsement" means:
(a) the information on the ballot that identifies:
(i) the ballot as an official ballot;
(ii) the date of the election; and
(iii) the facsimile signature of the election officer; and
(b) the information on the ballot stub that identifies:
(i) the poll worker's initials; and
(ii) the ballot number.
[(52)] (53) "Official register" means the official record furnished to election officials by the election officer that contains the information required by Section 20A-5-401.
$[(53)]$ (54) "Paper ballot" means a paper that contains:
(a) the names of offices and candidates and statements of ballot propositions to be voted on; and
(b) spaces for the voter to record the voter's vote for each office and for or against each ballot proposition.
[(54)] (55) "Pilot project" means the election day voter registration pilot project created in Section 20A-4-108.
[(55)] (56) "Political party" means an organization of registered voters that has qualified to participate in an election by meeting the requirements of Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures.
$[(56)](57)$ "Pollbook" means a record of the names of voters in the order that they appear to cast votes.
$[(57)](58)$ "Polling place" means the building where voting is conducted.
[(58)] (59) (a) "Poll worker" means a person assigned by an election official to assist with an election, voting, or counting votes.
(b) "Poll worker" includes election judges.
(c) "Poll worker" does not include a watcher.
[(59)] (60) "Position" means a square, circle, rectangle, or other geometric shape on a
ballot in which the voter marks the voter's choice.
[(60)] (61) "Primary convention" means the political party conventions held during the year of the regular general election.
$[(61)](62)$ "Protective counter" means a separate counter, which cannot be reset, that:
(a) is built into a voting machine; and
(b) records the total number of movements of the operating lever.
[(62)] (63) "Provider election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or interlocal agreement with a contracting election officer to conduct an election for the contracting election officer's local political subdivision in accordance with Section 20A-5-400.1.
[(63)] (64) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot voted provisionally by a person:
(a) whose name is not listed on the official register at the polling place;
(b) whose legal right to vote is challenged as provided in this title; or
(c) whose identity was not sufficiently established by a poll worker.
[(64)] (65) "Provisional ballot envelope" means an envelope printed in the form required by Section 20A-6-105 that is used to identify provisional ballots and to provide information to verify a person's legal right to vote.
[(65)] (66) "Qualify" or "qualified" means to take the oath of office and begin performing the duties of the position for which the person was elected.
[(66)] (67) "Receiving judge" means the poll worker that checks the voter's name in the official register, provides the voter with a ballot, and removes the ballot stub from the ballot after the voter has voted.
[(67)] (68) "Registration form" means a book voter registration form and a by-mail voter registration form.
[(68)] (69) "Regular ballot" means a ballot that is not a provisional ballot.
[(69)] (70) "Regular general election" means the election held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year for the purposes established in Section 20A-1-201.
[(70)] (71) "Regular primary election" means the election on the fourth Tuesday of June of each even-numbered year, to nominate candidates of political parties and candidates for nonpartisan local school board positions to advance to the regular general election.
[(71)] (72) "Resident" means a person who resides within a specific voting precinct in Utah.
$[(72)](73)$ "Sample ballot" means a mock ballot similar in form to the official ballot printed and distributed as provided in Section 20A-5-405.
$[(73)](74)$ "Scratch vote" means to mark or punch the straight party ticket and then mark or punch the ballot for one or more candidates who are members of different political parties.
$[(74)](75)$ "Secrecy envelope" means the envelope given to a voter along with the ballot into which the voter places the ballot after the voter has voted it in order to preserve the secrecy of the voter's vote.
$[(75)]$ (76) "Special election" means an election held as authorized by Section 20A-1-203
$[(76)](77)$ "Spoiled ballot" means each ballot that:
(a) is spoiled by the voter;
(b) is unable to be voted because it was spoiled by the printer or a poll worker; or
(c) lacks the official endorsement.
$[(77)](78)$ "Statewide special election" means a special election called by the governor or the Legislature in which all registered voters in Utah may vote.
$[(78)](79)$ "Stub" means the detachable part of each ballot.
[(79)] (80) "Substitute ballots" means replacement ballots provided by an election officer to the poll workers when the official ballots are lost or stolen.
$[(80)](81)$ "Ticket" means each list of candidates for each political party or for each group of petitioners.
$[(81)](82)$ "Transfer case" means the sealed box used to transport voted ballots to the counting center.
$[(82)](83)$ "Vacancy" means the absence of a person to serve in any position created by statute, whether that absence occurs because of death, disability, disqualification, resignation, or other cause.
(84) "Valid," as it relates to a preferential vote cast in a multi-candidate primary race, means that the ballot is marked in a manner that permits the vote to be counted during the applicable canvassing phase, in accordance with Subsection 20A-4-303.5(4) or (5), as
applicable.
$[(83)](85)$ "Valid voter identification" means:
(a) a form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter which may include:
(i) a currently valid Utah driver license;
(ii) a currently valid identification card that is issued by:
(A) the state; or
(B) a branch, department, or agency of the United States;
(iii) a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;
(iv) a currently valid United States passport; or
(v) a currently valid United States military identification card;
(b) one of the following identification cards, whether or not the card includes a photograph of the voter:
(i) a valid tribal identification card;
(ii) a Bureau of Indian Affairs card; or
(iii) a tribal treaty card; or
(c) two forms of identification not listed under Subsection [(83)] (85)(a) or (b) but that bear the name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct, which may include:
(i) a current utility bill or a legible copy thereof, dated within the 90 days before the election;
(ii) a bank or other financial account statement, or a legible copy thereof;
(iii) a certified birth certificate;
(iv) a valid Social Security card;
(v) a check issued by the state or the federal government or a legible copy thereof;
(vi) a paycheck from the voter's employer, or a legible copy thereof;
(vii) a currently valid Utah hunting or fishing license;
(viii) certified naturalization documentation;
(ix) a currently valid license issued by an authorized agency of the United States;
(x) a certified copy of court records showing the voter's adoption or name change;
(xi) a valid Medicaid card, Medicare card, or Electronic Benefits Transfer Card;
(xii) a currently valid identification card issued by:
(A) a local government within the state;
(B) an employer for an employee; or
(C) a college, university, technical school, or professional school located within the state; or
(xiii) a current Utah vehicle registration.
$[(84)](86)$ "Valid write-in candidate" means a candidate who has qualified as a write-in candidate by following the procedures and requirements of this title.
$[(85)](87)$ "Voter" means a person who:
(a) meets the requirements for voting in an election;
(b) meets the requirements of election registration;
(c) is registered to vote; and
(d) is listed in the official register book.
$[(86)] \underline{(88)}$ "Voter registration deadline" means the registration deadline provided in Section 20A-2-102.5.
$[(87)](89)$ "Voting area" means the area within six feet of the voting booths, voting machines, and ballot box.
$[(88)] \underline{(90)}$ "Voting booth" means:
(a) the space or compartment within a polling place that is provided for the preparation of ballots, including the voting machine enclosure or curtain; or
(b) a voting device that is free standing.
[(89)] (91) "Voting device" means:
(a) an apparatus in which ballot sheets are used in connection with a punch device for piercing the ballots by the voter;
(b) a device for marking the ballots with ink or another substance;
(c) an electronic voting device or other device used to make selections and cast a ballot electronically, or any component thereof;
(d) an automated voting system under Section 20A-5-302; or
(e) any other method for recording votes on ballots so that the ballot may be tabulated by means of automatic tabulating equipment.
$[(90)](92)$ "Voting machine" means a machine designed for the sole purpose of
recording and tabulating votes cast by voters at an election.
$[(91)]$ (93) "Voting poll watcher" means a person appointed as provided in this title to witness the distribution of ballots and the voting process.
[(92)] (94) "Voting precinct" means the smallest voting unit established as provided by law within which qualified voters vote at one polling place.
$[(93)](95)$ "Watcher" means a voting poll watcher, a counting poll watcher, an inspecting poll watcher, and a testing watcher.
$[(94)](96)$ "Western States Presidential Primary" means the election established in Chapter 9, Part 8, Western States Presidential Primary.
[(95)] (97) "Write-in ballot" means a ballot containing any write-in votes.
$[(96)](98)$ "Write-in vote" means a vote cast for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot according to the procedures established in this title.

Section 2. Section 20A-1-303 is amended to read:

## 20A-1-303. Determining results.

(1) (a) [Whern] Except as provided in Section 20A-4-303.5, when one person is to be elected or nominated, the person receiving the highest number of votes at any:
(i) election for any office to be filled at that election is elected to that office; and
(ii) primary for nomination for any office is nominated for that office.
(b) When more than one person is to be elected or nominated, the persons receiving the highest number of votes at any:
(i) election for any office to filled at that election are elected to that office; and
(ii) primary for nomination for any office are nominated for that office.
(2) Any ballot proposition submitted to voters for their approval or rejection:
(a) passes if the number of "yes" votes is greater than the number of "no" votes; and
(b) fails if:
(i) the number of "yes" votes equal the number of "no" votes; or
(ii) the number of "no" votes is greater than the number of "yes" votes.

Section 3. Section 20A-1-304 is amended to read:

## 20A-1-304. Tie votes.

[(1) Exeept as provided in Subsection (2), if two or more eandidates for a position have an equal and the highest number of votes for any office, the eleetion offieer shall determine by
fot which eandidate is selected in a publie meeting in the presence of each person subject to the tie within 30 days of the eanvass or within 30 days of the recount if one is requested or held.]
(1) Except for a multi-candidate primary race, and except as provided in Subsection (2), if two or more candidates for a position have an equal and the highest number of votes for any office, the election officer shall, in a public meeting held within 30 days after the day on which the canvass is completed, determine the candidate selected, by lot, in the presence of each candidate subject to the tie.
(2) For any municipal primary election, if two or more candidates for a position have an equal and the highest number of votes for any office, the election officer shall determine by lot which candidate is selected in a public meeting in the presence of each person subject to the tie within five days of the canvass or within five days of the recount if one is requested or held.

Section 4. Section 20A-3-105 is amended to read:

## 20A-3-105. Marking and depositing ballots.

(1) (a) $[\mathrm{ff}]$ Except as provided in Subsection (5)(a), if a paper ballot is used, the voter, upon receipt of the ballot, shall go to a voting booth and prepare the voter's ballot by marking the appropriate position with a mark opposite the name of each candidate of the voter's choice for each office to be filled.
(b) A mark is not required opposite the name of a write-in candidate.
(c) If a ballot proposition is submitted to a vote of the people, the voter shall mark in the appropriate square with a mark opposite the answer the voter intends to make.
(d) Before leaving the booth, the voter shall:
(i) fold the ballot so that its contents are concealed and the stub can be removed; and
(ii) if the ballot is a provisional ballot, place the ballot in the provisional ballot envelope and complete the information printed on the envelope.
(2) (a) (i) [ff] Subject to Subsection (5)(b), if a punch card ballot is used, the voter shall insert the ballot sheet into the voting device and mark the ballot sheet according to the instructions provided on the device.
(ii) If the voter is issued a ballot sheet with a long stub without a secrecy envelope, the voter shall record any write-in votes on the long stub.
(iii) If the voter is issued a ballot sheet with a secrecy envelope, the voter shall record any write-in votes on the secrecy envelope.
(b) After the voter has marked the ballot sheet, the voter shall either:
(i) place the ballot sheet inside the secrecy envelope, if one is provided; or
(ii) fold the long stub over the face of the ballot sheet to maintain the secrecy of the vote if the voter is issued a ballot sheet with a long stub without a secrecy envelope.
(c) If the ballot is a provisional ballot, the voter shall place the ballot sheet in the provisional ballot envelope and complete the information printed on the envelope.
(3) (a) [If] Subject to Subsection (5)(b), if a ballot sheet other than a punch card is used, the voter shall mark the ballot sheet according to the instructions provided on the voting device or ballot sheet.
(b) The voter shall record a write-in vote by:
(i) marking the position opposite the area for entering a write-in candidate; and
(ii) entering the name of the valid write-in candidate for whom the voter wishes to vote for by means of:
(A) writing;
(B) a label; or
(C) entering the name using the voting device.
(c) If the ballot is a provisional ballot, the voter shall place the ballot sheet in the provisional ballot envelope and complete the information printed on the envelope.
(4) (a) [ff] Subject to Subsection (5)(b), if an electronic ballot is used, the voter shall:
(i) insert the ballot access card into the voting device; and
(ii) make the selections according to the instructions provided on the device.
(b) The voter shall record a write-in vote by:
(i) marking the appropriate position opposite the area for entering a write-in candidate; and
(ii) using the voting device to enter the name of the valid write-in candidate for whom the voter wishes to vote.
(5) (a) When a paper ballot is used, a voter shall vote in a multi-candidate primary race by:
(i) placing the number 1 in the space opposite the name of the candidate who is the
voter's first preference as the party's nominee for the office; and
(ii) placing consecutively increasing whole numbers in the spaces opposite all of the
other candidates' names to indicate the voter's order of preference for the remaining candidates to be selected as the party's nominee for the office, in the event that the voter's first preference is not selected as the nominee.
(b) When a ballot other than a paper ballot is used, a voter shall vote in a multi-candidate primary race by, in accordance with the instructions on the ballot:
(i) indicating the candidate who is the voter's first preference as the party's nominee for the office; and
(ii) indicating the voter's order of preference for the remaining candidates to be the party's nominee for the office, in the event that the voter's first preference is not selected as the nominee.
$[(5)]$ (6) After preparation of the ballot:
(a) if a paper ballot or punch card ballot is used:
(i) the voter shall:
(A) leave the voting booth; and
(B) announce [his] the voter's name to the poll worker in charge of the ballot box;
(ii) the poll worker in charge of the ballot box shall:
(A) clearly and audibly announce the name of the voter and the number on the stub of the voter's ballot;
(B) if the stub number on the ballot corresponds with the number previously recorded in the official register, and bears the initials of the poll worker, remove the stub from the ballot; and
(C) return the ballot to the voter;
(iii) the voter shall, in full view of the poll workers, cast [this] the voter's vote by depositing the ballot in the ballot box; and
(iv) if the stub has been detached from the ballot:
(A) the poll worker may not accept the ballot; and
(B) the poll worker shall:
(I) treat the ballot as a spoiled ballot;
(II) provide the voter with a new ballot; and
(III) dispose of the spoiled ballot as provided in Section 20A-3-107;
(b) if a ballot sheet other than a punch card is used:
(i) the voter shall:
(A) leave the voting booth; and
(B) announce [his] the voter's name to the poll worker in charge of the ballot box;
(ii) the poll worker in charge of the ballot box shall:
(A) clearly and audibly announce the name of the voter and the number on the stub of the voter's ballot; and
(B) if the stub number on the ballot corresponds with the number previously recorded in the official register, and bears the initials of the poll worker, return the ballot to the voter; and
(iii) the voter shall, in full view of the poll workers, cast [this] the voter's vote by depositing the ballot in the ballot box; and
(c) if an electronic ballot is used, the voter shall:
(i) cast the voter's ballot;
(ii) remove the ballot access card from the voting device; and
(iii) return the ballot access card to a designated poll worker.
$[(6)](7)$ A voter voting a paper ballot in a regular primary election shall, after marking the ballot:
(a) (i) if the ballot is designed so that the names of all candidates for all political parties are on the same ballot, detach the part of the paper ballot containing the names of the candidates of the party [he] the voter has voted from the remainder of the paper ballot;
(ii) fold that portion of the paper ballot so that its face is concealed; and
(iii) deposit it in the ballot box; and
(b) (i) fold the remainder of the paper ballot, containing the names of the candidates of the parties that the elector did not vote; and
(ii) deposit it in a separate ballot box that is marked and designated as a blank ballot box.
[(7)] (8) (a) Each voter shall mark and cast or deposit the ballot without delay and shall leave the voting area after voting.
(b) A voter may not:
(i) occupy a voting booth occupied by another, except as provided in Section 20A-3-108;
(ii) remain within the voting area more than 10 minutes; or
(iii) occupy a voting booth for more than five minutes if all booths are in use and other voters are waiting to occupy them.
$[(8)](9)$ If the official register shows any voter as having voted, that voter may not reenter the voting area during that election unless that voter is an election official or watcher.
$[(9)] \underline{(10)}$ The poll workers may not allow more than four voters more than the number of voting booths into the voting area at one time unless those excess voters are:
(a) election officials;
(b) watchers; or
(c) assisting voters with a disability.

Section 5. Section 20A-4-101 is amended to read:

## 20A-4-101. Counting paper ballots during election day.

(1) Each county legislative body or municipal legislative body that has voting precincts that use paper ballots and each poll worker in those voting precincts shall comply with the requirements of this section.
(2) (a) Each county legislative body or municipal legislative body shall provide:
(i) two sets of ballot boxes for all voting precincts where both receiving and counting judges have been appointed; and
(ii) a counting room for the use of the poll workers counting the ballots during the day.
(b) At any election in any voting precinct in which both receiving and counting judges have been appointed, when at least 20 votes have been cast, the receiving judges shall:
(i) close the first ballot box and deliver it to the counting judges; and
(ii) prepare and use another ballot box to receive voted ballots.
(c) [Upon] Except as provided in Subsection (2)(f), upon receipt of the ballot box, the counting judges shall:
(i) take the ballot box to the counting room;
(ii) count the votes on the regular ballots in the ballot box;
(iii) place the provisional ballot envelopes in the envelope or container provided for them for return to the election officer; and
(iv) when they have finished counting the votes in the ballot box, return the emptied box to the receiving judges.
(d) (i) During the course of election day, whenever there are at least 20 ballots contained in a ballot box, the receiving judges shall deliver that ballot box to the counting judges for counting; and
(ii) the counting judges shall immediately count the regular ballots and segregate the provisional ballots contained in that box.
(e) The counting judges shall continue to exchange the ballot boxes and count ballots until the polls close.
(f) (i) The director of elections, within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, describing the procedures that a counting judge is required to follow for counting ballots in a multi-candidate primary race.
(ii) When counting ballots in a multi-candidate primary race, a counting judge shall comply with the procedures established under Subsection (2)(f)(i).
(3) Counting poll watchers appointed as provided in Section 20A-3-201 may observe the count.
[(4) The counting judges shall apply the standards and requirements of Section 20A-4-105 to resolve any questions that arise as they count the ballots.]
(4) To resolve questions that arise during the counting of ballots, a counting judge shall apply the standards and requirements of:
(a) Section 20A-4-105; and
(b) for a multi-candidate primary race, Subsection 20A-4-303.5(4) or (5), as applicable.

Section 6. Section 20A-4-102 is amended to read:

## 20A-4-102. Counting paper ballots after the polls close.

(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2), as soon as the polls have been closed and the last qualified voter has voted, the election judges shall count the ballots by performing the tasks specified in this section in the order that they are specified.
[(b) The election judges shall apply the standards and requirements of Seetion 20A-4-105 to resolve any questions that arise as they eount the ballots.]
(b) To resolve questions that arise during the counting of ballots, an election judge shall apply the standards and requirements of:
(i) Section 20A-4-105; and
(ii) for a multi-candidate primary race, Subsection 20A-4-303.5(4) or (5), as applicable.
(2) (a) First, the election judges shall count the number of ballots in the ballot box.
(b) (i) If there are more ballots in the ballot box than there are names entered in the pollbook, the judges shall examine the official endorsements on the ballots.
(ii) If, in the unanimous opinion of the judges, any of the ballots do not bear the proper official endorsement, the judges shall put those ballots in an excess ballot file and not count them.
(c) (i) If, after examining the official endorsements, there are still more ballots in the ballot box than there are names entered in the pollbook, the judges shall place the remaining ballots back in the ballot box.
(ii) One of the judges, without looking, shall draw a number of ballots equal to the excess from the ballot box.
(iii) The judges shall put those excess ballots into the excess ballot envelope and not count them.
(d) When the ballots in the ballot box equal the number of names entered in the pollbook, the judges shall count the votes.
(3) The judges shall:
(a) place all unused ballots in the envelope or container provided for return to the county clerk or city recorder; and
(b) seal that envelope or container.
(4) The judges shall:
(a) place all of the provisional ballot envelopes in the envelope provided for them for return to the election officer; and
(b) seal that envelope or container.
(5) (a) In counting the votes, the election judges shall read and count each ballot separately.
(b) In regular primary elections the judges shall:
(i) count the number of ballots cast for each party;
(ii) place the ballots cast for each party in separate piles; and
(iii) count all the ballots for one party before beginning to count the ballots cast for other parties.
(6) (a) In all elections, the counting judges shall, except as provided in Section 20A-4-303.5:
(i) count one vote for each candidate designated by the marks in the squares next to the candidate's name;
(ii) count one vote for each candidate on the ticket beneath a marked circle, excluding any candidate for an office for which a vote has been cast for a candidate for the same office upon another ticket by the placing of a mark in the square opposite the name of that candidate on the other ticket;
(iii) count each vote for each write-in candidate who has qualified by filing a declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-601;
(iv) read every name marked on the ballot and mark every name upon the tally sheets before another ballot is counted;
(v) evaluate each ballot and each vote based on the standards and requirements of Section 20A-4-105;
(vi) write the word "spoiled" on the back of each ballot that lacks the official endorsement and deposit it in the spoiled ballot envelope; and
(vii) read, count, and record upon the tally sheets the votes that each candidate and ballot proposition received from all ballots, except excess or spoiled ballots.
(b) Election judges need not tally write-in votes for fictitious persons, nonpersons, or persons clearly not eligible to qualify for office.
(c) The judges shall certify to the accuracy and completeness of the tally list in the space provided on the tally list.
(d) When the judges have counted all of the voted ballots, they shall record the results on the total votes cast form.
(7) Only election judges and counting poll watchers may be present at the place where counting is conducted until the count is completed.

Section 7. Section 20A-4-105 is amended to read:
20A-4-105. Standards and requirements for evaluating voter's ballot choices.
(1) [Each] Except as otherwise provided in Subsection 20A-4-303.5(4) or (5) for a multi-candidate primary race, each person counting ballots shall apply the standards and requirements of this section to resolve any questions that arise as ballots are counted.
(2) Except as provided in Subsection (11), Subsection 20a-3-105(5), or Section 20A-4-303.5, if a voter marks more names than there are persons to be elected to an office, or if for any reason it is impossible to determine the choice of any voter for any office to be filled, the counter may not count that voter's ballot for that office.
(3) [7he] Except as otherwise provided in Section 20A-4-303.5, a counter shall count a defective or incomplete mark on any paper ballot if:
(a) it is in the proper place; and
(b) there is no other mark or cross on the paper ballot indicating the voter's intent to vote other than as indicated by the defective mark.
(4) (a) When the voter has marked the ballot so that it appears that the voter has voted more than one straight ticket, the election judges may not count any votes for party candidates.
(b) The election judges shall count the remainder of the ballot if it is voted correctly.
(5) [A] Except as provided in Section 20A-4-303.5, a counter may not reject a ballot marked by the voter because of marks on the ballot other than those marks allowed by this section unless the extraneous marks on a ballot or group of ballots show an intent by a person or group to mark their ballots so that their ballots can be identified.
(6) (a) In counting the ballots, the counters shall give full consideration to the intent of the voter.
(b) The counters may not invalidate a ballot because of mechanical and technical defects in voting or failure on the part of the voter to follow strictly the rules for balloting required by Chapter 3, Voting.
(7) The counters may not reject a ballot because of any error in:
(a) stamping or writing any official endorsement; or
(b) delivering the wrong ballots to any polling place.
(8) The counter may not count any paper ballot that does not have the official endorsement by an election officer.
(9) The counter may not count any ballot proposition vote or candidate vote for which the voter is not "legally entitled to vote" as used in Section 20A-4-107.
(10) If the counter discovers that the name of a candidate voted for is misspelled or that the initial letters of a candidate's given name are transposed or omitted in part or altogether, the counter shall count the voter's vote for that candidate if it is apparent that the voter intended to
vote for that candidate.
(11) The counter shall count a vote for the president and the vice president of any political party as a vote for the presidential electors selected by the political party.
(12) In counting the valid write-in votes, if, by casting a valid write-in vote, a voter has cast more votes for an office than that voter is entitled to vote for that office, the judges shall count the valid write-in vote as being the obvious intent of the voter.

Section 8. Section 20A-4-106 is amended to read:

## 20A-4-106. Paper ballots -- Sealing.

(1) (a) (i) At all elections using paper ballots, as soon as the counting judges have read and tallied the ballots, they shall string the counted, excess, and spoiled ballots on separate strings.
(ii) After the ballots are strung, they may not be examined by anyone, except when examined during a recount conducted under the authority of Section 20A-4-303.5 or 20A-4-401.
(b) The judges shall carefully seal all of the strung ballots in a strong envelope.
(2) (a) For regular primary elections, after all the ballots have been counted, certified to, and strung by the judges, they shall seal the ballots cast for each of the parties in separate envelopes.
(b) The judges shall:
(i) seal each of the envelopes containing the votes of each of the political parties in one large envelope; and
(ii) return that envelope to the county clerk.
(c) The judges shall:
(i) destroy the ballots in the blank ballot box; or
(ii) if directed to do so by the election officer, return them to the election officer for destruction.
(3) As soon as the judges have counted all the votes and sealed the ballots they shall sign and certify the pollbooks.
(4) (a) The judges, before they adjourn, shall:
(i) enclose and seal the official register, the posting book, the pollbook, the ballot disposition form, the military and overseas absentee voter registration and voting certificates,
one of the tally sheets, and any unprocessed absentee ballots in a strong envelope or pouch;
(ii) ensure that all counted ballots, all excess ballots, and all spoiled ballots have been strung and placed in a separate envelope or pouch as required by Subsection (1);
(iii) place all unused ballots, all spoiled ballots, one tally list, and a copy of the ballot disposition form in a separate envelope or pouch;
(iv) place all provisional ballots in a separate envelope or pouch; and
(v) place the total votes cast form and the judges' vouchers requesting compensation for services rendered in a separate pouch.
(b) Before enclosing the official register in the envelope or pouch, the election judges shall certify it substantially as follows:
"We, the undersigned, judges of election for precinct $\qquad$ , (jurisdiction) $\qquad$ ,
Utah, certify that the required entries have been made for the election held
$\qquad$ (month $\backslash$ daylyear), including:
a list of the ballot numbers for each voter;
the voters' signatures, except where a judge has signed for the absentee voters;
a list of information surrounding a voter who is challenged,
including any affidavits; and
a notation for each time a voter was assisted with a ballot."
(5) Each judge shall:
(a) write his name across the seal of each envelope or pouch;
(b) mark on the exterior of the envelope or pouch:
(i) the word "ballots" or "returns" or "unused ballots," or "provisional ballots" or other words plainly indicating the contents of the packages; and
(ii) the number of the voting precinct.

Section 9. Section 20A-4-303.5 is enacted to read:
20A-4-303.5. Counting ballots and evaluating votes for multi-candidate primary
race.
(1) As used in this section:
(a) "Candidate base" means the product of:
(i) .09 ; and
(ii) 2.718 raised to the candidate base power.
(b) "Candidate base power" means the product of
(i) -0.0000625 ; and
(ii) the number of valid votes counted for all candidates in a canvassing phase of a
multi-candidate primary race.
(c) "Recount threshold" means the lesser of:
(i) the product of the voter base and the candidate base; or
(ii) 0.25 .
(d) "Voter base" means the product of:
(i) 0.0028 ; and
(ii) 2.718 raised to the voter base power.
(e) "Voter base power" means the product of:
(i) 0.025 ; and
(ii) the number of candidates in the multi-candidate primary race.
(2) In a multi-candidate primary race, the board of canvassers shall:
(a) (i) conduct the first phase of the canvass by counting the valid first preference votes
for each candidate; and
(ii) if, after complying with Subsection (6), one of the candidates receives more than $50 \%$ of the valid first preference votes counted, declare that candidate nominated;
(b) if, after counting the valid first preference votes for each candidate and complying with Subsection (6), no candidate receives more than $50 \%$ of the valid first preference votes counted, conduct the second phase of the canvass by:
(i) after complying with Subsection (7), excluding from the multi-candidate primary race:
(A) the candidate who received the fewest valid first preference votes counted; or
(B) in the event of a tie for the fewest valid first preference votes counted, one of the candidates who tied for receiving the fewest valid first preference votes, determined by the election officer by lot, in accordance with Subsection (8);
(ii) adding, to the valid first preference votes counted for the remaining candidates, the valid second preference votes cast for the remaining candidates by the voters who cast a valid $\underline{\text { first preference vote for the excluded candidate; and }}$
(iii) if, after adding the votes in accordance with Subsection (2)(b)(ii), and complying
with Subsection (6), one candidate receives more than $50 \%$ of the valid votes counted, declaring that candidate nominated; or
(c) if, after adding the valid second preference votes in accordance with Subsection (2)(b)(ii), and complying with Subsection (6), no candidate receives more than $50 \%$ of the valid votes counted, conduct subsequent phases of the canvass by continuing the process described in Subsection (2)(b), until a candidate receives more than $50 \%$ of the valid votes counted, as follows:
(i) after complying with Subsection (7), excluding from consideration the candidate who has the fewest valid votes counted from consideration or, in the event of a tie for the fewest valid votes counted, excluding one of the candidates who received the fewest valid votes counted, by lot, in accordance with Subsection (8); and
(ii) adding the next valid preferential vote cast by each voter whose vote was counted for the last excluded candidate to one of the remaining candidates, in the order of the next preference indicated by the voter, until, after complying with Subsection (6), one of the candidates receives more than $50 \%$ of the valid votes counted.
(3) The board of canvassers shall declare the first candidate who receives more than $50 \%$ of the valid votes counted under the process described in Subsection (2) to be the nominee.
(4) When a paper ballot is used:
(a) a valid preferential vote is cast for all phases of a multi-candidate primary race if the voter:
(i) indicates the voter's first preference by marking a candidate with the number one and by marking the remaining candidates with consecutive increasing whole numbers;
(ii) places any mark, other than a number, in the square opposite one candidate, places the number two in the square opposite the name of another candidate, and marks the remaining candidates with consecutive increasing whole numbers, in which case the mark that is not a number will be counted as the voter's first preference; or
(iii) indicates the voter's first preference in the manner described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) or (ii), places the number two in the square opposite the name of another candidate, marks the remaining candidates with consecutive increasing whole numbers, and leaves the square opposite one candidate blank, in which case the candidate with the blank square will be
counted as the voter's last preference;
(b) a valid preferential vote is cast for a particular phase of a multi-candidate primary race if, using the criteria described in Subsection (4)(a), the voter indicates the voter's preference for that phase and all previous phases; and
(c) notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a) or (b), a preferential vote is not valid to be counted in a multi-candidate primary race for a phase for which more than one square opposite a candidate's name in the race contains the same number, or for any subsequent phase.
(5) The director of elections, within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, describing the procedures to determine whether a valid preferential vote is cast, using a ballot other than a paper ballot, for a multi-candidate primary race.
(6) The board of canvassers shall order that a recount be conducted of the valid votes counted in the applicable phase of the canvass if the difference between the number of votes counted for the candidate who received the most valid votes for the applicable phase of the canvass and any other candidate in the race is equal to or less than the product of the following, rounded up to the nearest whole number:
(a) the total number of valid votes counted for all candidates in the applicable phase of the canvass for the race; and
(b) the recount threshold.
(7) Before excluding a candidate from a multi-candidate primary race under Subsection (2), the board of canvassers shall order that a recount be conducted of the valid votes counted in the applicable canvassing phase if the difference between the number of votes counted for the candidate who received the fewest valid votes in the applicable canvassing phase of the race and any other candidate in the race is equal to or less than the product of the following, rounded up to the nearest whole number:
(a) the total number of valid votes counted for all candidates in that canvassing phase;
and
(b) the recount threshold.
(8) For each phase of a canvass after the first phase, if, after a recount is completed under Subsection (7), two or more candidates tie as having the fewest valid votes counted at that point in the canvass, the election official shall eliminate one of those candidates from
consideration by lot in the following manner:
(a) publicly announce:
(i) the names of the candidates who received the fewest valid votes for that phase of the canvass;
(ii) the office for which the candidates described in Subsection (8)(a)(i) are running, and
(iii) the manner that will be used to eliminate one of the candidates by lot;
(b) cast the lot in the presence of at least two election officials and any counting poll watchers who are present and desire to witness the casting of the lot; and
(c) sign a public document that certifies the result of the lot and includes the signature of each individual who witnessed the casting of the lot.
(9) For a multi-candidate primary race, if, after eliminating all but two of the candidates in the race and after a recount is completed under Subsection (6), the two remaining candidates have an equal number of valid votes counted in the latest canvassing phase, the election officer shall, in a public meeting held within 30 days after the day on which the canvass is completed, determine the nominee by lot in the presence of each person subject to the tie.

Section 10. Section 20A-4-304 is amended to read:
20A-4-304. Declaration of results -- Canvassers' report.
(1) Each board of canvassers shall:
(a) except as provided in Section 20A-4-303.5, declare "elected" or "nominated" those persons who:
(i) had the highest number of votes; and
(ii) sought election or nomination to an office completely within the board's jurisdiction;
(b) declare:
(i) "approved" those ballot propositions that:
(A) had more "yes" votes than "no" votes; and
(B) were submitted only to the voters within the board's jurisdiction;
(ii) "rejected" those ballot propositions that:
(A) had more "no" votes than "yes" votes or an equal number of "no" votes and "yes"
votes; and
(B) were submitted only to the voters within the board's jurisdiction;
(c) certify the vote totals for persons and for and against ballot propositions that were submitted to voters within and beyond the board's jurisdiction and transmit those vote totals to the lieutenant governor; and
(d) if applicable, certify the results of each local district election to the local district clerk.
(2) (a) As soon as the result is declared, the election officer shall prepare a report of the result, which shall contain:
(i) the total number of votes cast in the board's jurisdiction;
(ii) the names of each candidate whose name appeared on the ballot;
(iii) the title of each ballot proposition that appeared on the ballot;
(iv) each office that appeared on the ballot;
(v) from each voting precinct:
(A) the number of votes for each candidate; [and]
(B) for each multi-candidate primary race, the number of valid preferential votes cast for each candidate for each potential canvassing phase and the candidates excluded in each canvassing phase; and
$[(\mathrm{B})](\mathrm{C})$ the number of votes for and against each ballot proposition;
(vi) the total number of votes given in the board's jurisdiction to each candidate, and for and against each ballot proposition;
(vii) the number of ballots that were rejected; and
(viii) a statement certifying that the information contained in the report is accurate.
(b) The election officer and the board of canvassers shall:
(i) review the report to ensure that it is correct; and
(ii) sign the report.
(c) The election officer shall:
(i) record or file the certified report in a book kept for that purpose;
(ii) prepare and transmit a certificate of nomination or election under the officer's seal to each nominated or elected candidate;
(iii) publish a copy of the certified report:
(A) in one or more conspicuous places within the jurisdiction;
(B) in a conspicuous place on the county's website; and
(C) in a newspaper with general circulation in the board's jurisdiction; and
(iv) file a copy of the certified report with the lieutenant governor.
(3) When there has been a regular general or a statewide special election for statewide officers, for officers that appear on the ballot in more than one county, or for a statewide or two or more county ballot proposition, each board of canvassers shall:
(a) prepare a separate report detailing the number of votes for each candidate and the number of votes for and against each ballot proposition; and
(b) transmit it by registered mail to the lieutenant governor.
(4) In each county election, municipal election, school election, local district election, and local special election, the election officer shall transmit the reports to the lieutenant governor within 14 days after the date of the election.
(5) In regular primary elections and in the Western States Presidential Primary, the board shall transmit to the lieutenant governor:
(a) the county totals for multi-county races, to be telephoned or faxed to the lieutenant governor:
(i) not later than the second Tuesday after the primary election for the regular primary election; and
(ii) not later than the Tuesday following the election for the Western States Presidential Primary; and
(b) a complete tabulation showing voting totals for all primary races, precinct by precinct, to be mailed to the lieutenant governor on or before the third Friday following the primary election.

Section 11. Section 20A-4-401 is amended to read:

## 20A-4-401. Recounts -- Procedure.

(1) (a) This section does not apply to a multi-candidate primary race.
$[(\mathrm{a})]$ (b) Except as provided in Subsection (1)[(b)](c), for a race between candidates, if the difference between the number of votes cast for a winning candidate in the race and a losing candidate in the race is equal to or less than $.25 \%$ of the total number of votes cast for all candidates in the race, that losing candidate may file a request for a recount in accordance with

Subsection (1)[(e)](d).
[(b)] (c) For a race between candidates where the total of all votes cast in the race is 400 or less, if the difference between the number of votes cast for a winning candidate in the race and a losing candidate in the race is one vote, that losing candidate may file a request for a recount in accordance with Subsection (1)[(e)](d).
$[(\mathrm{e})] \underline{(d)}$ A candidate who files a request for a recount under Subsection (1)[(a)or](b) or (c) shall file the request:
(i) for a municipal primary election, with the municipal clerk, within three days after the canvass; or
(ii) for all other elections, within seven days after the canvass with:
(A) the municipal clerk, if the election is a municipal general election;
(B) the local district clerk, if the election is a local district election;
(C) the county clerk, for races voted on entirely within a single county; or
(D) the lieutenant governor, for statewide races and multicounty races.
$[(\mathrm{d})]$ (e) The election officer shall:
(i) supervise the recount;
(ii) recount all ballots cast for that race;
(iii) reexamine all unopened absentee ballots to ensure compliance with Chapter 3, Part 3, Absentee Voting;
(iv) for a race where only one candidate may win, declare elected the candidate who receives the highest number of votes on the recount; and
(v) for a race where multiple candidates may win, declare elected the applicable number of candidates who receive the highest number of votes on the recount.
(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), for a ballot proposition or a bond proposition, if the proposition passes or fails by a margin that is equal to or less than $.25 \%$ of the total votes cast for or against the proposition, any 10 voters who voted in the election where the proposition was on the ballot may file a request for a recount within seven days of the canvass with the person described in Subsection (2)(c).
(b) For a ballot proposition or a bond proposition where the total of all votes cast for or against the proposition is 400 or less, if the difference between the number of votes cast for the proposition and the number of votes cast against the proposition is one vote, any 10 voters who
voted in the election where the proposition was on the ballot may file a request for a recount within seven days of the canvass with the person described in Subsection (2)(c).
(c) The 10 voters who file a request for a recount under Subsection (2)(a) or (b) shall file the request with:
(i) the municipal clerk, if the election is a municipal election;
(ii) the local district clerk, if the election is a local district election;
(iii) the county clerk, for propositions voted on entirely within a single county; or
(iv) the lieutenant governor, for statewide propositions and multicounty propositions.
(d) The election officer shall:
(i) supervise the recount;
(ii) recount all ballots cast for that ballot proposition or bond proposition;
(iii) reexamine all unopened absentee ballots to ensure compliance with Chapter 3, Part 3, Absentee Voting; and
(iv) declare the ballot proposition or bond proposition to have "passed" or "failed" based upon the results of the recount.
(e) Proponents and opponents of the ballot proposition or bond proposition may designate representatives to witness the recount.
(f) The voters requesting the recount shall pay the costs of the recount.
(3) Costs incurred by recount under Subsection (1) may not be assessed against the person requesting the recount.
(4) (a) Upon completion of the recount, the election officer shall immediately convene the board of canvassers.
(b) The board of canvassers shall:
(i) canvass the election returns for the race or proposition that was the subject of the recount; and
(ii) with the assistance of the election officer, prepare and sign the report required by Section 20A-4-304 or Section 20A-4-306.
(c) If the recount is for a statewide or multicounty race or for a statewide proposition, the board of county canvassers shall prepare and transmit a separate report to the lieutenant governor as required by Subsection 20A-4-304(3).
(d) The canvassers' report prepared as provided in this Subsection (4) is the official
result of the race or proposition that is the subject of the recount.
Section 12. Section 20A-5-404 is amended to read:

## 20A-5-404. Election forms -- Preparation and contents.

(1) (a) For each election, the election officer shall prepare, for each voting precinct, a:
(i) ballot disposition form;
(ii) total votes cast form;
(iii) tally sheet form; and
(iv) pollbook.
(b) For each election, the election officer shall:
(i) provide a copy of each form to each of those precincts using paper ballots; and
(ii) provide a copy of the ballot disposition form and a pollbook to each of those voting precincts using an automated voting system.
(2) The election officer shall ensure that the ballot disposition form contains a space for the judges to identify:
(a) the number of ballots voted;
(b) the number of substitute ballots voted, if any;
(c) the number of ballots delivered to the voters;
(d) the number of spoiled ballots;
(e) the number of registered voters listed in the official register;
(f) the total number of voters voting according to the pollbook; and
(g) the number of unused ballots.
(3) The election officer shall ensure that the total votes cast form contains:
(a) the name of each candidate appearing on the ballot, the office for which the candidate is running, and a blank space for the election judges to record the number of votes that the candidate received;
(b) for a multi-candidate primary race, the name of each candidate appearing on the ballot, the office for which the candidate is running, and blank spaces for the election judges to record the number of preferential votes counted for each candidate for each potential phase of the canvass;
$[(b)]$ (c) for each office, blank spaces for the election judges to record the names of write-in candidates, if any, and a blank space for the election judges to record the number of
votes that the write-in candidate received;
$[(\mathrm{e})](\mathrm{d})$ a heading identifying each ballot proposition and blank spaces for the election judges to record the number of votes for and against each proposition; and
$[(d)]$ (e) a certification, in substantially the following form, to be signed by the judges when they have completed the total votes cast form:

## "TOTAL VOTES CAST

At an election held at $\qquad$ in $\qquad$ voting precinct in $\qquad$ (name of entity
holding the election) and State of Utah, on $\qquad$ (month\daylyear), the following named persons received the number of votes annexed to their respective names for the following described offices: Total number of votes cast were as follows:

Certified by us $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ , , Judges of Election."
(4) The election officer shall ensure that the tally sheet form contains:
(a) for each office, the names of the candidates for that office, and blank spaces to tally the votes that each candidate receives;
(b) for a multi-candidate primary race, the name of each candidate for each office and blank spaces to tally the number of preferential votes counted for each candidate for each potential phase of the canvass;
[(b)] (c) for each office, blank spaces for the election judges to record the names of write-in candidates, if any, and a blank space for the election judges to tally the votes for each write-in candidate;
$[(\mathrm{e})](\mathrm{d})$ for each ballot proposition, a heading identifying the ballot proposition and the words "Yes" and "No" or "For" and "Against" on separate lines with blank spaces after each of them for the election judges to tally the ballot proposition votes; and
[(d)] (e) a certification, in substantially the following form, to be signed by the judges when they have completed the tally sheet form:
"Tally Sheet
We the undersigned election judges for voting precinct \# $\qquad$ , ___(entity holding the election) certify that this is a true and correct list of all persons voted for and ballot propositions voted on at the election held in that voting precinct on
$\qquad$ (date of election) and is a tally of the votes cast for each of those
persons. Certified by us $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ , Judges of Election."
(5) The election officer shall ensure that the pollbook:
(a) identifies the voting precinct number on its face; and
(b) contains:
(i) a section to record persons voting on election day, with columns entitled "Ballot Number" and "Voter's Name";
(ii) another section in which to record absentee ballots;
(iii) a section in which to record voters who are challenged; and
(iv) a certification, in substantially the following form:
"We, the undersigned, judges of an election held at $\qquad$ voting precinct, in $\qquad$ County, state of Utah, on $\qquad$ (month $\backslash$ daylyear), having first been sworn according to law, certify that the information listed in this book is a true statement of the number and names of the persons voting in the voting precinct at the election, and that the total number of persons voting at the election was $\qquad$ ."

Section 13. Section 20A-6-203.5 is enacted to read:

## 20A-6-203.5. Multi-candidate primary race ballot.

If, in a primary election, at least one of the races is a multi-candidate primary race, the portion of the ballot relating to that race shall:
(1) list each candidate who qualifies to be placed on the primary election ballot for that race; and
(2) opposite each candidate's name, include a place where a voter can indicate the voter's vote, in order of preference, for each candidate, as described in Subsection 20A-3-105(5).

Section 14. Section 20A-9-403 is amended to read:

## 20A-9-403. Regular primary elections.

(1) (a) Candidates for elective office that are to be filled at the next regular general election shall be nominated in a regular primary election by direct vote of the people in the manner prescribed in this section and, for a multi-candidate primary race, Subsection

20A-3-105(5) and Section 20A-4-303.5. The fourth Tuesday of June of each even-numbered year is designated as regular primary election day. Nothing in this section shall affect a candidate's ability to qualify for a regular general election's ballot as an unaffiliated candidate under Section 20A-9-501 or to participate in a regular general election as a write-in candidate under Section 20A-9-601.
(b) Each registered political party that chooses to have the names of its candidates for elective office featured with party affiliation on the ballot at a regular general election shall comply with the requirements of this section and shall nominate its candidates for elective office in the manner prescribed in this section.
(c) A filing officer may not permit an official ballot at a regular general election to be produced or used if the ballot denotes affiliation between a registered political party or any other political group and a candidate for elective office who was not nominated in the manner prescribed in this section or in Subsection 20A-9-202(4).
(d) Unless noted otherwise, the dates in this section refer to those that occur in each even-numbered year in which a regular general election will be held.
(2) (a) Each registered political party, in a statement filed with the lieutenant governor, shall:
(i) either declare their intent to participate in the next regular primary election or declare that the registered political party chooses not to have the names of its candidates for elective office featured on the ballot at the next regular general election;
(ii) if the registered political party participates in the upcoming regular primary election, identify one or more registered political parties whose members may vote for the registered political party's candidates and whether [or not persons] an individual identified as unaffiliated with a political party may vote for the registered political party's candidates; and
(iii) if the registered political party participates in the upcoming regular primary election, indicate whether [it] the party chooses to nominate unopposed candidates without their name appearing on the ballot, as described under Subsection (5)(c).
(b) A registered political party that is a continuing political party must file the statement described in Subsection (2)(a) with the lieutenant governor no later than 5 p.m. on November 15 of each odd-numbered year. An organization that is seeking to become a registered political party under Section 20A-8-103 must file the statement described in

Subsection (2)(b) no later than 5 p.m. on February 15.
(3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(e), a person who [has submitted] submits a declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-202 shall appear as a candidate for elective office on the regular primary ballot of the registered political party listed on the declaration of candidacy only if the person is certified by the appropriate filing officer as having submitted a set of nomination petitions that was:
(i) circulated and completed in accordance with Section 20A-9-405; and
(ii) signed by at least two percent of the registered political party's members who reside in the political division of the office that the person seeks.
(b) A candidate for elective office shall submit nomination petitions to the appropriate filing officer for verification and certification no later than $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on the final day in March. Candidates may supplement their submissions at any time on or before the filing deadline.
(c) The lieutenant governor shall determine for each elective office the total number of signatures that must be submitted under Subsection (3)(a)(ii) by counting the aggregate number of persons residing in each elective office's political division who have designated a particular registered political party on their voter registration forms as of November 1 of each odd-numbered year. The lieutenant governor shall publish this determination for each elective office no later than November 15 of each odd-numbered year.
(d) The filing officer shall:
(i) verify signatures on nomination petitions in a transparent and orderly manner;
(ii) for all qualifying candidates for elective office who submitted nomination petitions to the filing officer, issue certifications referenced in Subsection (3)(a) no later than 5 p.m. on the first Monday after the third Saturday in April;
(iii) consider active and inactive voters eligible to sign nomination petitions;
(iv) consider a person who signs a nomination petition a member of a registered political party for purposes of Subsection (3)(a)(ii) if the person has designated that registered political party as their preferred party affiliation on their voter registration form prior to 5 p.m. on the final day in March; and
(v) utilize procedures described in Section 20A-7-206.3 to verify submitted nomination petition signatures, or use statistical sampling procedures to verify submitted nomination petition signatures pursuant to rules issued by the lieutenant governor under Subsection (3)(f).
(e) Notwithstanding any other provision in Subsection (3), a candidate for lieutenant governor may appear on the regular primary ballot of a registered political party without submitting nomination petitions if the candidate files a declaration of candidacy and complies with Subsection 20A-9-202(3).
(f) The lieutenant governor shall issue rules that provide for the use of statistical sampling procedures for filing officers to verify signatures under Subsection (3)(d). The statistical sampling procedures shall reflect a bona fide effort to determine the validity of a candidate's entire submission, using widely recognized statistical sampling techniques. The lieutenant governor may also issue supplemental rules and guidance that provide for the transparent, orderly, and timely submission, verification, and certification of nomination petition signatures.
(g) The county clerk shall:
(i) review the declarations of candidacy filed by candidates for local boards of education to determine if more than two candidates have filed for the same seat;
(ii) place the names of all candidates who have filed a declaration of candidacy for a local board of education seat on the nonpartisan section of the ballot if more than two candidates have filed for the same seat; and
(iii) determine the order of the local board of education candidates' names on the ballot in accordance with Section 20A-6-305.
(4) (a) By 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday after the third Saturday in April, the lieutenant governor shall provide to the county clerks:
(i) a list of the names of all candidates for federal, constitutional, multi-county, and county offices who have received certifications under Subsection (3), along with instructions on how those names shall appear on the primary-election ballot in accordance with Section 20A-6-305; and
(ii) a list of unopposed candidates for elective office who have been nominated by a registered political party under Subsection (5)(c) and instruct the county clerks to exclude such candidates from the primary-election ballot.
(b) A candidate for lieutenant governor and a candidate for governor campaigning as joint-ticket running mates shall appear jointly on the primary-election ballot.
(c) After the county clerk receives the certified list from the lieutenant governor under

Subsection (4)(a), the county clerk shall post or publish a primary election notice in substantially the following form:
"Notice is given that a primary election will be held Tuesday, June $\qquad$ ,
$\qquad$ (year), to nominate party candidates for the parties and candidates for nonpartisan local school board positions listed on the primary ballot. The polling place for voting precinct
$\qquad$ is $\qquad$ . The polls will open at $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and continue open until $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. of the same day. Attest: county clerk."
(5) (a) [Candidates] (i) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(a)(ii), candidates, other than presidential candidates, receiving the highest number of votes cast for each office at the regular primary election are nominated by their registered political party for that office or are nominated as a candidate for a nonpartisan local school board position.
(ii) A candidate in a multi-candidate primary race who is declared nominated in accordance with Section 20A-4-303.5 is nominated by that candidate's registered political party for the office to which the race relates.
(b) If two or more candidates, other than presidential candidates, are to be elected to the office at the regular general election, those party candidates equal in number to positions to be filled who receive the highest number of votes at the regular primary election are the nominees of their party for those positions.
(c) A candidate who is unopposed for an elective office in the regular primary election of a registered political party is nominated by the party for that office without appearing on the primary ballot, provided that the party has chosen to nominate unopposed candidates under Subsection (2)(a)(iii). A candidate is "unopposed" if no person other than the candidate has received a certification under Subsection (3) for the regular primary election ballot of the candidate's registered political party for a particular elective office.
(6) (a) [Whert] Except as otherwise provided in Section 20A-4-303.5, if a tie vote occurs in any primary election for any national, state, or other office that represents more than one county, the governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general shall, at a public meeting called by the governor and in the presence of the candidates involved, select the nominee by lot cast in whatever manner the governor determines.
(b) [When] Except as otherwise provided in Section 20A-4-303.5, if a tie vote occurs in any primary election for any county office, the district court judges of the district in which
the county is located shall, at a public meeting called by the judges and in the presence of the candidates involved, select the nominee by lot cast in whatever manner the judges determine.
(7) The expense of providing all ballots, blanks, or other supplies to be used at any primary election provided for by this section, and all expenses necessarily incurred in the preparation for or the conduct of that primary election shall be paid out of the treasury of the county or state, in the same manner as for the regular general elections.

Section 15. Section 20A-9-409 is amended to read:

## 20A-9-409. Primary election provisions relating to qualified political party.

(1) The fourth Tuesday of June of each even-numbered year is designated as a regular primary election day.
(2) A qualified political party that nominates one or more candidates for an elective office under Section 20A-9-407 and does not have a candidate qualify as a candidate for that office under Section 20A-9-408, may, but is not required to, participate in the primary election for that office.
(3) A qualified political party that has only one candidate qualify as a candidate for an elective office under Section 20A-9-408 and does not nominate a candidate for that office under Section 20A-9-407, may, but is not required to, participate in the primary election for that office.
(4) A qualified political party that nominates one or more candidates for an elective office under Section 20A-9-407 and has one or more candidates qualify as a candidate for that office under Section 20A-9-408 shall participate in the primary election for that office.
(5) A qualified political party that has two or more candidates qualify as candidates for an elective office under Section 20A-9-408 and does not nominate a candidate for that office under Section 20A-9-407 shall participate in the primary election for that office.
(6) For a multi-candidate primary race, the nominee for a qualified political party that voluntarily participates in a primary election for that race under Subsection (2), or is required to participate in a primary election under Subsection (4) or (5), shall be determined in accordance with Section 20A-4-303.5.

Section 16. Section 63I-1-220 is amended to read:
63I-1-220. Repeal dates, Title 20A.
On January 1, 2017:
(1) Subsection 20A-1-102[(54)](55) is repealed.
(2) Subsection 20A-2-102.5(1) the language that states "20A-4-108, or" is repealed.
(3) Subsection 20A-2-201(3) the language that states "Except as provided in Subsection 20A-4-108(5)," is repealed.
(4) Subsection 20A-2-202(3)(a) the language that states "Except as provided in Subsection 20A-4-108(6)," is repealed.
(5) Subsection 20A-2-204(5)(a) the language that states "Except as provided in Subsection 20A-4-108(7)," is repealed.
(6) Subsection 20A-2-205(7)(a) the language that states "Except as provided in Subsection 20A-4-108(8)," is repealed.
(7) Subsection 20A-2-206(8)(b) the language that states "Except as provided in Subsection 20A-4-108(9)," is repealed.
(8) Subsection 20A-2-307(2)(a) is repealed.
(9) Subsection 20A-4-107(2)(b) the language that states "Except as provided in Subsection 20A-4-108(10)," is repealed.
(10) Subsection 20A-4-107(3) the language that states "or if the voter is, in accordance with the pilot project, registered to vote under Subsection 20A-4-108(10)," is repealed.
(11) Subsection 20A-4-107(4) the language that states "Except as provided in Subsection 20A-4-108(12)," is repealed.
(12) Section 20A-4-108 is repealed.

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