

1                   **LOCAL GOVERNING BODY VOTING AMENDMENTS**

2                                   2014 GENERAL SESSION

3                                   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Chief Sponsor: Kraig Powell**

5                                   Senate Sponsor: Brian E. Shiozawa

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9                   This bill enacts language related to the minimum vote requirements of a local governing  
10 body.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12                   This bill:

13                   ▶ requires a majority vote of the total number of voting members of a municipal  
14 council to pass an ordinance or resolution or take other action.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16                   None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18                   None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21                   **10-3-507**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 176

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

24                   Section 1. Section **10-3-507** is amended to read:

25                   **10-3-507. Minimum vote required.**

26                   (1) The minimum number of yes votes required to pass any ordinance or resolution, or  
27 to take any action by the council, unless otherwise prescribed by law, is a majority of the voting  
28 members of the council, [~~without considering any vacancy in the council~~] regardless of absence  
29 or vacancy.

30 (2) (a) Any ordinance, resolution, or motion of the council having fewer favorable  
31 votes than required in this section is defeated and invalid.

32 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), a council meeting may be adjourned to a  
33 specific time by a majority vote of the council even though the majority vote is less than that  
34 required in this section.

35 (3) [~~A~~] If a vacancy exists in one or more council seats, a majority of the council  
36 members presently occupying council seats, regardless of number, may vote to fill [any  
37 vacancy in the council] the vacancy as provided under Section [20A-1-510](#).