

1 **ABSENTEE BALLOT AMENDMENTS**

2 2016 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Margaret Dayton**

5 House Sponsor: Jack R. Draxler

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends provisions relating to absentee ballots.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

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

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14 None

15 **Other Special Clauses:**

16 None

17 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

18 AMENDS:

19 **20A-3-305**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 309

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

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

23 **20A-3-305. Mailing of ballot to voter -- Enclose self-addressed envelope --**

24 **Affidavit.**

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

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

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

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

35 (2) The election officer shall ensure that:

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

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

40 "County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_

41 I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear that: I am a qualified resident voter of the \_\_\_\_\_ voting precinct  
42 in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Utah and that I am entitled to vote in that voting precinct at the next election.

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

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Signature of Absentee Voter"

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

48 (a) issue the voter a provisional ballot in accordance with Section [20A-3-105.5](#);

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

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

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