

Representative Patrice M. Arent proposes the following substitute bill:

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Patrice M. Arent

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires that the state hold a presidential primary election every four years.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Legislature to fund a presidential primary election; and
- ▶ permits a political party to participate in a presidential primary election.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to the Office of the Governor - Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as a one-time appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, \$725,000, subject to intent language stating that the appropriation be spent for a presidential primary election; and
- ▶ to the Office of the Governor - Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as an ongoing, nonlapsing appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, \$725,000, subject to intent language stating that the appropriation be spent for a presidential primary election.

Other Special Clauses:

None



26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 ENACTS:

28 [20A-9-810](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

31 Section 1. Section **20A-9-810** is enacted to read:

32 **20A-9-810. Presidential primary required.**

33 (1) A presidential primary election shall be held each year in which a presidential
34 election will be held.

35 (2) A registered political party that wishes to nominate a presidential candidate for the
36 general election may participate in a presidential primary election conducted under this section.

37 (3) The Legislature shall appropriate sufficient funds to administer each presidential
38 primary election conducted under this section.

39 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

40 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
41 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
42 fiscal year 2018. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
43 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
44 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

45 ITEM 1

46 To the Office of the Governor

47 From General Fund, One-time \$725,000

48 Schedule of Programs:

49 Office of the Lieutenant Governor \$725,000

50 (1) The Legislature intends that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

51 (a) use the funds appropriated under this Item (1) for the administration of a
52 presidential primary election conducted under Section [20A-9-810](#);

53 (b) prioritize the distribution of the funds appropriated under this Item (1) for use by
54 counties in the administration of a presidential primary election; and

55 (c) expend funds not distributed to counties under Subsection (1)(b) for the
56 administration of a presidential primary election, including for the training of election officials

57 and voter outreach.

58 (2) Funds appropriated under this Item (1) are nonlapsing.

59 ITEM 2

60 To the Office of the Governor

61 From General Fund \$725,000

62 Schedule of Programs:

63 Office of the Lieutenant Governor \$725,000

64 (1) The Legislature intends that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

65 (a) use the funds appropriated under this Item (2) for the administration of a
66 presidential primary election conducted under Section [20A-9-810](#);

67 (b) prioritize the distribution of the funds appropriated under this Item (2) for use by
68 counties in the administration of a presidential primary election; and

69 (c) expend funds not distributed to counties under Subsection (1)(b) for the
70 administration of a presidential primary election, including for the training of election officials
71 and voter outreach.

72 (2) Funds appropriated under this Item (2) are nonlapsing.