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Representative Norman K Thurston proposes the following substitute bill:

FREE EXPRESSION REGULATION BY LOCAL~~}~~

~~}~~GOVERNMENT

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses local government regulation of ~~{free expression}~~expressive activity.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ~~{~~ → requires that a political subdivision pass an ordinance to impose a generally applicable time, place, or manner restriction on free expression and include a statement regarding the constitutional justification for the restriction;
- ~~}~~ ▶ requires that a political subdivision ensure that ~~{a}~~any generally or individually applicable time, place, or manner restriction on ~~{free expression}~~expressive activity on public grounds complies with certain constitutional requirements; ~~{ and~~

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→ prohibits}

- ▶ requires that, if a political subdivision imposes a generally applicable time, place, or manner restriction on expressive activity on public grounds, the political subdivision must impose the restriction by ordinance or adopt the restriction in accordance with a general ordinance;
- ▶ prevents a political subdivision from prohibiting political activities ~~{outside a}~~ on public ~~{building-~~

~~}~~ grounds; and

- ▶ exempts compliance with Title 20A, Election Code, and certain property that a political subdivision owns or leases.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

11-55-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

11-55-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953

11-55-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953

11-55-104, Utah Code Annotated 1953

11-55-105, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **11-55-101** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 55. ~~{FREE EXPRESSION}~~ EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY REGULATION
BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

11-55-101. Title.

This chapter is known as the "~~{Free Expression}~~ Expressive Activity Regulation by Local Government Act."

Section 2. Section **11-55-102** is enacted to read:

11-55-102. Definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(1) "Expressive activity" means:

(a) peacefully assembling, protesting, or speaking;

(b) distributing literature;

(c) carrying a sign; or

(d) circulating a petition.

(~~1~~2) "Generally applicable time, place, ~~for~~and manner restriction" means ~~an~~a content-neutral ordinance, policy, practice, or other action that:

(a) by its clear language and intent, restricts or infringes on ~~free~~ expression ~~expressive activity~~;

(b) applies generally to any person; and

(c) is not an individually applicable time, place, ~~for~~and manner restriction.

(~~2~~3) (a) "Individually applicable time, place, ~~for~~and manner restriction" means a content-neutral policy, practice, or other action:

(i) that restricts or infringes on expressive activity; and

(ii) that a political subdivision applies:

(~~1~~A) on a case-by-case basis;

(~~1~~B) to a specifically identified person or group of persons; and

(~~1~~C) regarding a specifically identified place and time.

(b) "Individually applicable time, place, ~~for~~and manner restriction" includes a restriction placed on ~~free expression~~ expressive activity as a condition to obtain a permit.

(~~3~~4) (a) "Political subdivision" means a county, city, town, or ~~school district~~ metro township.

(b) "Political subdivision" does not mean a local district under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Local Districts, or a special service district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.

(~~4~~5) (a) "Public building" means a building or permanent structure that is:

(i) owned, leased, or occupied by a political subdivision or a subunit of a political subdivision;

(ii) open to public access in whole or in part; and

(~~1~~iii) used for public education or political subdivision activities.

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(b) "Public building" does not mean a building owned or leased by a ~~local government entity~~; political subdivision or a subunit of a political subdivision;

(i) that is closed to public access;

(ii) that is a closed forum;

(iii) where state or federal law restricts expressive activity; or

(iv) when the building is used by a person, in whole or in part, for a private function.

(6) (a) "Public grounds" means the area outside a public building that is a traditionally open forum where members of the public may safely gather to engage in expressive activity.

(b) "Public grounds" includes sidewalks, streets, and parks.

(c) "Public grounds" does not include the interior of a public building.

Section 3. Section **11-55-103** is enacted to read:

11-55-103. ~~Time, place, and manner restrictions -- Generally applicable restrictions by ordinance.~~

~~— (1) A political subdivision shall ensure that each generally applicable or individually applicable time, place, or manner~~ **Exceptions.**

This chapter does not apply to:

(1) a restriction on free expression:

~~— (a) is narrowly tailored to serve an important governmental interest;~~

~~— (b) is unrelated to the suppression of a particular message or the content of the expression that the restriction addresses; and~~

~~— (c) leaves open ample alternative means for expression.~~

~~— (2) A~~ **expressive activity on public grounds that a political subdivision may not impose a generally applicable time, place, or manner restriction on free expression unless the political subdivision:**

~~— (a) imposes the restriction by ordinance; and~~

~~— (b) makes a finding explaining how the restriction meets the constitutional requirements described in Subsection (1);~~

~~— (3) Before imposing an individually applicable time, place, or manner restriction,~~ **imposes in order to comply with Title 20A, Election Code; or**

(2) property that a political subdivision shall determine whether the restriction meets the constitutional requirements described in Subsection (1); owns or leases:

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- (a) that is closed to public access;
- (b) that is a closed forum; or
- (c) where state or federal law restricts expressive activity.

Section 4. Section **11-55-104** is enacted to read:

11-55-104. Time, place, and manner restrictions -- Generally applicable restrictions by ordinance.

(1) If a political subdivision imposes a generally applicable or individually applicable time, place, and manner restriction on expressive activity on public grounds, the political subdivision shall ensure that the restriction:

(a) is narrowly tailored to serve an important governmental interest, including public access to the public building, public safety, and protection of public property;

(b) is unrelated to the suppression of a particular message or the content of the expressive activity that the restriction addresses; and

(c) leaves open reasonable alternative means for the expressive activity.

(2) A political subdivision may not impose a generally applicable time, place, and manner restriction on expressive activity on public grounds unless the political subdivision:

(a) imposes the restriction by ordinance; or

(b) (i) creates a general policy by ordinance to guide the adoption, by policy or practice, of restrictions on expressive activity on public grounds; and

(ii) adopts the restriction in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance described in Subsection (2)(b)(i).

Section 5. Section **11-55-105** is enacted to read:

~~11-55-104~~ **11-55-105. Political activity outside a public building.**

(1) Except as provided in ~~{Title 20A, Election Code}~~ ~~Section 11-55-103~~, a political subdivision may not prohibit a political activity, including signature gathering, ~~{outside a}~~ ~~on~~ public ~~{building or on the }~~ grounds ~~{ of a public building }.~~

(2) A political subdivision may impose a time, place, ~~{or}~~ ~~and~~ manner restriction on political activities outside a public building in accordance with Section ~~{11-55-103}~~ ~~11-55-104~~.

Section ~~{5}~~ **6. Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 8, 2018.