305   (6) If the candidate elects to sign the pledge of fair campaign practices, the filing

306 officer shall:

307   (a) accept the candidate's pledge; and

308   (b) if the candidate has filed for a partisan office, provide a certified copy of the

309 candidate's pledge to the chair of the county or state political party of which the candidate is a

310 member.

311   (7) (a) Except for a candidate for president or vice president of the United States, the

312 form of the declaration of candidacy shall:

313   (i) be substantially as follows:

314   "State of Utah, County of ____

315   I, _____, declare my candidacy for the office of ____, seeking the

316 nomination of the ____ party. I do solemnly swear that: I will meet the qualifications to

317 hold the office, both legally and constitutionally, if selected; I reside at _____

318 in the City or Town of ____, Utah, Zip Code ____ Phone No. ____; I will not

319 knowingly violate any law governing campaigns and elections; if filing via a designated

320 agent, I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate filing period; I will

321 file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and I understand that

322 failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office and

323 removal of my name from the ballot. The mailing address that I designate for receiving

324 official election notices is _____.

325 _____

326   Subscribed and sworn before me this _____(month\day\year).

327   Notary Public (or other officer qualified to administer oath)."; and

328   (ii) require the candidate to state, in the sworn statement described in Subsection

329 (7)(a)(i):

330   (A) the registered political party of which the candidate is a member; or

331   (B) that the candidate is not a member of a registered political party.

332   (b) An agent designated under Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(b) to file a declaration of

333 candidacy may not sign the form described in Subsection (7)(a) or Section 20A-9-408.5.

334   (8) (a) Except Ĥ➡ [as provided in Section 20A-9-601, and except] ⬅Ĥ for presidential

335 candidates, the fee for filing a declaration of candidacy is:

551   this Subsection (3) remains in effect until repealed by ordinance.

552   (c) (i) A convention or committee may not nominate[: (A) an individual who has not

553   submitted a declaration of candidacy, or has not been nominated by a nomination petition,

554   under Section 20A-9-203; or (B) more than one group of candidates, or have placed on the

555   ballot more than one group of candidates, for] more than one candidate for each of the

556   municipal offices to be voted upon at the municipal election.

557   (ii) A convention or committee may Ĥ→ **not** ←Ĥ nominate an individual who has

557a   Ĥ→ [been nominated

558   **by**] **accepted the nomination of** ←Ĥ a different convention or committee.

559   (iii) A [political] municipal party may not have more than one group of candidates

560   placed upon the ballot and may not group the same candidates on different tickets by the same

561   party under a different name or emblem.

562   (d) (i) [The] On or before May 31 of an odd-numbered year, a convention or committee

563   shall prepare and submit to the filing officer a certificate of nomination for each individual

564   nominated.

565   (ii) The certificate of nomination shall:

566   (A) contain the name of the office for which each individual is nominated, the name,

567   post office address, and, if in a city, the street number of residence and place of business, if

568   any, of each individual nominated;

569   (B) designate in not more than five words the [political] party that the convention or

570   committee represents;

571   (C) contain a copy of the resolution passed at the convention that authorized the

572   committee to make the nomination;

573   (D) contain a statement certifying that the name of the candidate nominated by the

574   political party will not appear on the ballot as a candidate for any other political party;

575   (E) be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention or committee;

576   and

577   (F) contain a statement identifying the residence and post office address of the

578   presiding officer and secretary and certifying that the presiding officer and secretary were

579   officers of the convention or committee and that the certificates are true to the best of their

580   knowledge and belief.

581   [(iii) Certificates of nomination shall be filed with the clerk not later than 80 days

582   before the municipal general election.]

583   (iii) A candidate nominated by a municipal party convention or committee shall file a

584   declaration with the filing officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-9-203(3) that includes:

585   (A) the name of the municipal party or convention that nominated the candidate; and

586   (B) the office for which the convention or committee nominated the candidate.

587   (e) A committee appointed at a convention, if authorized by an enabling resolution,

588   may also make nominations or fill vacancies in nominations made at a convention[.] if the

589   committee makes the nomination before the deadline for a write-in candidate to file a

590   declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-601.

591   (f) The election ballot shall substantially comply with the form prescribed in Title 20A,

592   Chapter 6, Part 4, Ballot Form Requirements for Municipal Elections, but the party name shall

593   be included with the candidate's name.

594   (4) (a) Any third, fourth, or fifth class city Ĥ➙ **or a town** ⬅Ĥ may adopt an ordinance

594a before the May 1

595   that falls before the regular municipal election that:

596   (i) exempts the city Ĥ➙ **or town** ⬅Ĥ from the other methods of nominating candidates to

596a municipal

597   office provided in this section; and

598   (ii) provides for a municipal partisan Ĥ➙ [primary election] **convention** ⬅Ĥ method of

598a nominating

599   candidates as provided in this Subsection (4).

600   (b) (i) Any party that was a registered political party at the last regular general election

601   or regular municipal election is a municipal political party under this section.

602   (ii) Any political party may qualify as a municipal political party by presenting a

603   petition to the city recorder that:

604   (A) is signed, with a holographic signature, by registered voters within the municipality

605   equal to at least 20% of the number of votes cast for all candidates for mayor in the last

606   municipal election at which a mayor was elected;

607   (B) is filed with the city recorder [by May 31 of any odd-numbered year] Ĥ➙ **or town**

607a **clerk** ⬅Ĥ before the

608   Ĥ➙ [political] **municipal** ⬅Ĥ party holds a convention to nominate a candidate under this

608a Subsection (4);

609   (C) is substantially similar to the form of the signature sheets described in Section

610   20A-7-303; and

611   (D) contains the name of the municipal political party using not more than five words.

612   (c) (i) If the number of candidates for a particular office does not exceed twice the

613   number of offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, no [partisan] primary election

614   for that office shall be held and the candidates are considered to be nominated.

615   (ii) If the number of candidates for a particular office exceeds twice the number of

616   offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, those candidates for municipal office shall

617   be nominated at a Ĥ→ [partisan] municipal ←Ĥ primary election.

618   (d) The clerk shall ensure that[: (i)] the partisan municipal primary ballot is similar to

619   the ballot forms required by [Sections] Section 20A-6-401 and, as applicable, Section

620   20A-6-401.1[;].

621   [(ii) the candidates for each municipal political party are listed in one or more columns

622   under their party name and emblem;]

623   [(iii) the names of candidates of all parties are printed on the same ballot, but under

624   their party designation; and]

625   [(iv) every ballot separates the candidates of one party from those of the other parties.]

626   (e) After marking a municipal primary ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot in the

627   blank ballot box.

628   (f) Immediately after the canvass, the election judges shall, without examination,

629   destroy the tickets deposited in the blank ballot box.

630   Section 6. Section **20A-9-601** is amended to read:

631   **20A-9-601.   Qualifying as a write-in candidate.**

632   (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), an individual who wishes to become a

633   valid write-in candidate shall file a declaration of candidacy in person, or through a designated

634   agent for a candidate for president or vice president of the United States, with the appropriate

635   filing officer not later than [60] 65 days before the regular general election or a municipal

636   general election in which the individual intends to be a write-in candidate.

637   (b) (i) The provisions of this Subsection (1)(b) do not apply to an individual who files a

638   declaration of candidacy for president of the United States.

639   (ii) Subject to Subsection (2)(d), an individual may designate an agent to file a

640   declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer if:

641   (A) the individual is located outside of the state during the entire filing period;

642   (B) the designated agent appears in person before the filing officer; and

643   (C) the individual communicates with the filing officer using an electronic device that