

Representative Jeffrey D. Stenquist proposes the following substitute bill:

MUNICIPAL ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS PILOT

PROJECT AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jeffrey D. Stenquist

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to the Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that the legislative body of a municipality makes the determination to participate in the pilot project;
- ▶ requires a county where a municipality is located to administer instant runoff voting for a municipality participating in the pilot project;
- ▶ repeals a provision allowing contracting, to conduct an election, with a county where the municipality is not located; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:



26 AMENDS:

27 **20A-4-602**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 305

28 **20A-5-400.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 305

29 **63I-2-220**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Sixth Special Session, Chapter 17

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

32 Section 1. Section **20A-4-602** is amended to read:

33 **20A-4-602. Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project -- Creation --**
 34 **Participation.**

35 (1) There is created the Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project.

36 (2) The pilot project begins on January 1, 2019, and ends on January 1, 2026.

37 (3) (a) A municipality may participate in the pilot project, in accordance with the
 38 requirements of this section and all other applicable provisions of law, during any
 39 odd-numbered year that the pilot project is in effect, if, before ~~[April 15]~~ the second Monday in
 40 May of the odd-numbered year, the legislative body of the municipality:

41 (i) votes to participate; and

42 (ii) provides written notice to the lieutenant governor~~[-(i)]~~ and the county clerk stating
 43 that the municipality intends to participate in the pilot project for the year specified in the
 44 notice~~[-and]~~.

45 ~~[(ii) that includes a document, signed by the election officer of the municipality, stating~~
 46 ~~that the municipality has the resources and capability necessary to participate in the pilot~~
 47 ~~project.]~~

48 (b) ~~[A]~~ The legislative body of a municipality that provides the notice of intent
 49 described in Subsection (3)(a) may withdraw the notice of intent, and not participate in the
 50 pilot project, if the legislative body of the municipality provides written notice of withdrawal to
 51 the lieutenant governor and the county clerk before ~~[April 15]~~ the second Monday in May.

52 (c) If the legislative body of a municipality votes to participate in the pilot project and
 53 provides the notice described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), the county where the municipality is
 54 located:

55 (i) shall administer the election, for the municipality, as described in this part; and

56 (ii) may not refuse to contract to administer the election for the municipality in

57 accordance with the provisions of this part.

58 (4) The lieutenant governor shall maintain, in a prominent place on the lieutenant
59 governor's website, a current list of the municipalities that are participating in the pilot project.

60 (5) (a) An election officer of a participating municipality shall, in accordance with the
61 provisions of this part, conduct a multi-candidate race during the municipal general election
62 using instant runoff voting.

63 (b) Except as provided in Subsection 20A-4-603(9), an election officer of a
64 participating municipality that will conduct a multi-candidate race under Subsection (5)(a) may
65 not conduct a municipal primary election relating to that race.

66 (c) A municipality that has in effect an ordinance described in Subsection
67 20A-9-404(3) or (4) may not participate in the pilot project.

68 (6) Except for an election described in Subsection 20A-4-603(9), an individual who
69 files a declaration of candidacy or a nomination petition, for a candidate who will run in an
70 election described in this part, shall file the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition
71 during the office hours described in Section 10-3-301 and not later than the close of those
72 office hours, no sooner than the second Tuesday in August and no later than the third Tuesday
73 in August of an odd-numbered year.

74 Section 2. Section 20A-5-400.1 is amended to read:

75 **20A-5-400.1. Contracting with an election officer to conduct elections -- Fees --**
76 **Contracts and interlocal agreements -- Private providers.**

77 (1) (a) In accordance with this section, a local political subdivision may enter into a
78 contract or interlocal agreement as provided in Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation
79 Act, with a provider election officer to conduct an election.

80 (b) If the boundaries of a local political subdivision holding the election extend beyond
81 a single local political subdivision, the local political subdivision may have more than one
82 provider election officer conduct an election.

83 [~~(c) Subject to Subsection (1)(d), and upon approval by the lieutenant governor, a~~
84 ~~municipality may enter into a contract or agreement under Subsection (1)(a) with any local~~
85 ~~political subdivision in the state, regardless of whether the municipality is located in, next to, or~~
86 ~~near, the local political subdivision, to conduct an election during which the municipality is~~
87 ~~participating in the Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project.]~~

88 ~~[(d) (i) Subsection (1)(c) only applies to an election held in 2019.]~~
89 ~~[(ii) If a municipality enters into a contract or agreement, under Subsection (1)(c), with~~
90 ~~a local political subdivision other than a county within which the municipality exists, the~~
91 ~~municipality, the local political subdivision, and the county within which the municipality~~
92 ~~exists shall enter into a cooperative agreement to ensure the proper functioning of the election.]~~

93 (2) A provider election officer shall conduct an election:

- 94 (a) under the direction of the contracting election officer; and
- 95 (b) in accordance with a contract or interlocal agreement.

96 (3) A provider election officer shall establish fees for conducting an election for a
97 contracting election officer that:

- 98 (a) are consistent with the contract or interlocal agreement; and
- 99 (b) do not exceed the actual costs incurred by the provider election officer.

100 (4) The contract or interlocal agreement under this section may specify that a
101 contracting election officer request, within a specified number of days before the election, that
102 the provider election officer conduct the election to allow adequate preparations by the
103 provider election officer.

104 (5) An election officer conducting an election may appoint or employ an agent or
105 professional service to assist in conducting the election.

106 Section 3. Section **63I-2-220** is amended to read:

107 **63I-2-220. Repeal dates -- Title 20A.**

108 (1) On January 1, 2021:

109 (a) Subsection [20A-1-201.5](#)(1), the language that states "Except as provided in
110 Subsection (4)," is repealed.

111 (b) Subsection [20A-1-201.5](#)(4) is repealed.

112 (c) Subsections [20A-1-204](#)(1)(a)(i) through (iii) are repealed and replaced with the
113 following:

114 "(i) the fourth Tuesday in June; or

115 (ii) the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November."

116 (d) In Subsections [20A-1-503](#)(4)(c), [20A-9-202](#)(3)(a), [20A-9-403](#)(3)(d)(ii),
117 [20A-9-407](#)(5) and (6)(a), and [20A-9-408](#)(5), immediately following the reference to Subsection
118 [20A-9-202](#)(1)(b), the language that states "(i) or (ii)" is repealed.

- 119 (e) Subsection [20A-9-202](#)(1)(b) is repealed and replaced with the following:
120 "(b) Unless expressly provided otherwise in this title, for a registered political party
121 that is not a qualified political party, the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy for an
122 elective office that is to be filled at the next regular general election is 5 p.m. on the first
123 Monday after the third Saturday in April."[;].
- 124 (f) Subsection [20A-9-409](#)(4)(c) is repealed and replaced with the following:
125 "(c) The deadline described in Subsection (4)(b) is 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday after
126 the third Saturday in April."
- 127 (2) Subsection [20A-5-803](#)(8) is repealed July 1, 2023.
128 (3) Section [20A-5-804](#) is repealed July 1, 2023.
129 [~~(4) On January 1, 2026:~~]
- 130 [~~(a) In Subsection [20A-1-102](#)(18)(a), the language that states "or Chapter 4, Part 6,
131 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.]~~
- 132 [~~(b) In Subsections [20A-1-303](#)(1)(a) and (b), the language that states "Except as
133 provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is
134 repealed.]~~
- 135 [~~(c) In Section [20A-1-304](#), the language that states "Except for a race conducted by
136 instant runoff voting under Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods
137 Pilot Project," is repealed.]~~
- 138 [~~(d) In Subsection [20A-3a-204](#)(1)(a), (c), or (d), the language that states "except as
139 provided in Subsection (6)," is repealed.]~~
- 140 [~~(e) Subsection [20A-3a-204](#) (5)(b), the language that states "subject to Subsection (6),"
141 is repealed.]~~
- 142 [~~(f) Subsection [20A-3a-204](#)(6) is repealed and the remaining subsections in Section
143 [20A-3a-204](#) are renumbered accordingly.]~~
- 144 [~~(g) In Subsection [20A-4-101](#)(2)(c), the language that states "Except as provided in
145 Subsection (2)(f)," is repealed.]~~
- 146 [~~(h) Subsection [20A-4-101](#)(2)(f) is repealed.]~~
- 147 [~~(i) Subsection [20A-4-101](#)(3) is repealed and replaced with the following:]~~
- 148 [~~"(3) To resolve questions that arise during the counting of ballots, a counting judge
149 shall apply the standards and requirements of Section [20A-4-105](#)."~~].

- 150 [~~(j) In Subsection 20A-4-102(1)(b), the language that states "or a rule made under~~
151 ~~Subsection 20A-4-101(2)(f)(i)" is repealed.~~]
- 152 [~~(k) Subsection 20A-4-102(1)(c) is repealed and replaced with the following:~~
153 [~~"(b) To resolve questions that arise during the counting of ballots, a counting judge~~
154 ~~shall apply the standards and requirements of Section 20A-4-105."~~]
- 155 [~~(l) In Subsection 20A-4-102(6)(a), the language that states ", except as provided in~~
156 ~~Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, or a rule made under Subsection~~
157 ~~20A-4-101(2)(f)(i)" is repealed.~~]
- 158 [~~(m) In Subsection 20A-4-105(1)(a), the language that states ", except as otherwise~~
159 ~~provided in Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.~~]
- 160 [~~(n) In Subsection 20A-4-105(2), the language that states "Subsection 20A-3a-204(6),~~
161 ~~or Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.~~]
- 162 [~~(o) In Subsections 20A-4-105(3), (4), and (11), the language that states "Except as~~
163 ~~otherwise provided in Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.~~]
- 164 [~~(p) In Subsection 20A-4-106(2), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part~~
165 ~~6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.~~]
- 166 [~~(q) In Subsection 20A-4-304(1)(a), the language that states "except as provided in Part~~
167 ~~6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.~~]
- 168 [~~(r) Subsection 20A-4-304(2)(c) is repealed and replaced with the following:~~
169 [~~"(v) from each voting precinct:~~
170 [~~(A) the number of votes for each candidate; and]~~
171 [~~(B) the number of votes for and against each ballot proposition;"~~]
- 172 [~~(s) Subsection 20A-4-401(1)(a) is repealed, the remaining subsections in Subsection~~
173 ~~(1) are renumbered accordingly, and the cross-references to those subsections are renumbered~~
174 ~~accordingly.~~]
- 175 [~~(t) Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, is~~
176 ~~repealed.~~]
- 177 [~~(u) Subsections 20A-5-400.1(1)(c) and (d), relating to contracting with a local~~
178 ~~political subdivision to conduct an election, is repealed.~~]
- 179 [~~(v) In Section 20A-5-802, relating to the certification of voting equipment:~~
180 [~~(i) delete "Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii):" from the beginning of~~

181 Subsection (2); and]

182 [(ii) Subsection (2)(b)(ii) is repealed, and the remaining subsections are renumbered
183 accordingly.]

184 [(w) Section ~~20A-6-203.5~~ is repealed.]

185 [(x) In Subsections ~~20A-6-402~~(1) and (2), the language that states "Except as otherwise
186 required for a race conducted by instant runoff voting under Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6,
187 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.]

188 [(y) In Subsection ~~20A-9-203~~(3)(a)(i), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter
189 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.]

190 [(z) In Subsection ~~20A-9-203~~(3)(c)(i), the language that states "except as provided in
191 Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is repealed.]

192 [(aa) In Subsection ~~20A-9-404~~(1)(a), the language that states "or Title 20A, Chapter 4,
193 Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project" is repealed.]

194 [(bb) In Subsection ~~20A-9-404~~(2), the language that states "Except as otherwise
195 provided in Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project," is
196 repealed.]

197 (4) Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, is
198 repealed January 1, 2026.

199 (5) Section ~~20A-7-407~~ is repealed January 1, 2021.

200 (6) Section ~~20A-1-310~~ is repealed January 1, 2021.

201 Section 4. **Effective date.**

202 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
203 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
204 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
205 the date of veto override.