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# **Ballot Proposition Requirements**

# 2025 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

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#### LONG TITLE

## **General Description:**

This bill, contingent on passage of a proposed constitutional amendment, amends the publication requirement for a future proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot question.

# **Highlighted Provisions:**

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• contingent on passage of a proposed constitutional amendment, amends the publication requirement for a future proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot question.

## **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

## **Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

#### **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

17 AMENDS:

20A-7-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 465

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

Section 1. Section **20A-7-103** is amended to read:

20A-7-103. Constitutional amendments and other questions submitted by the

#### Legislature -- Publication -- Ballot title -- Procedures for submission to popular vote.

- (1) The procedures contained in this section govern when the Legislature submits a proposed constitutional amendment or other question to the voters.
- 26 (2) The lieutenant governor shall[, not more than 60 days or less than 14 days before the
  27 date of the election, publish the full text of the amendment, question, or statute for the
  28 state, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, through the date of the election.]:

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29	(a) for a proposed constitutional amendment, in accordance with Utah Constitution,
30	Article XXIII, Section 1, publish the entire text of the proposed constitutional
31	amendment for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, as
32	a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102; or
33	(b) for a question other than a proposed constitutional amendment, publish the question
34	for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, as a class A
35	notice under Section 63G-30-102.
36	(3) The presiding officers shall:
37	(a) entitle each proposed constitutional amendment "Constitutional Amendment" and
38	assign a letter to the constitutional amendment in accordance with the requirements
39	of Section 20A-6-107;
40	(b) entitle each proposed question "Proposition Number" with the number assigned to
41	the proposition under Section 20A-6-107 placed in the blank;
42	(c) draft and designate a ballot title for each proposed amendment or question submitted
43	by the Legislature that:
44	(i) summarizes the subject matter of the amendment or question; and
45	(ii) for a proposed constitutional amendment, summarizes any legislation that is
46	enacted and will become effective upon the voters' adoption of the proposed
47	constitutional amendment; and
48	(d) deliver each letter or number and ballot title to the lieutenant governor.
49	(4) The lieutenant governor shall certify the letter or number and ballot title of each
50	amendment or question to the county clerk of each county no later than 65 days before
51	the date of the election.
52	(5) The county clerk of each county shall:
53	(a) ensure that the letter or number and the ballot title of each amendment and question
54	prepared in accordance with this section are included in the sample ballots and
55	official ballots; and
56	(b) publish the sample ballots and official ballots as provided by law.
57	Section 2. Effective Date.
58	This bill takes effect January 1, 2027, if the amendment to the Utah Constitution
59	proposed by H.J.R. 10, Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Publication Amendments, 2025
60	General Session, passes the Legislature and is approved by a majority of those voting on it at
61	the next regular general election.