# HB0213

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1	Voting Revisions
	2025 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Rex P. Shipp
•	Senate Sponsor:
2	LONG TITLE
4	General Description:
5	This bill amends provisions relating to elections and voting.
6	Highlighted Provisions:
7	This bill:
8	• defines terms;
9	provides that, beginning in 2026:
10	• elections will be conducted both in person and by mail, rather than primarily by mail; {and}
12	<ul> <li>a ballot will only be mailed to a voter who requests mailing or who is covered by the</li> </ul>
	Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act (;) (covered voter); and
14	• {provides that a voter may request to receive a ballot by mail in 2026 and beyond by
	making the request to a poll worker at the time the voter votes in person, making the request in a
	voter registration form, or making the request by submitting a separate form;}
17	• {modifies voter registration forms, and temporarily modifies a ballot return envelope, to

permit a voter to request a mailed ballot in future elections using those documents;}

• {provides that, beginning in 2026, a ballot will not be mailed to a voter if the voter:}

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20	• {requests that a ballot not be mailed;}
21	• {does not indicate a desire to receive a ballot when asked in person or via a form; or}
22	• a ballot will not be mailed to a voter who requests not to receive a ballot by mail or, unless
	the voter is a covered voter, a voter who fails to vote in a regular general election;
16	requires the lieutenant governor to establish and operate an online remote ballot request
	system;
18	<ul> <li>provides that a voter may request to receive a ballot by mail in 2026 and beyond by making</li> </ul>
	the request:
20	<ul> <li>using a form developed by the lieutenant governor; or</li> </ul>
21	• via the online remote ballot request system, as soon as the system is available for use;
22	modifies voter registration forms, and temporarily modifies a ballot return envelope, to
	inform voters about:
24	• the changes to by-mail voting described in this bill; and
25	• the methods by which a voter may request to receive a ballot by mail in the upcoming
	<u>elections;</u>
23	• subject to certain exceptions relating to {military and overseas voters} a covered voter, provides
	that, for a ballot to be valid, the ballot must be received before the close of polls on the day of the
	election;
26	• establishes requirements for notifying active voters of the requirement to request a mailed ballot
	for future elections { ; } and the methods by which a voter may make the request; and
28	• {provides that a request to receive a mailed ballot must be remade if a voter fails to vote in
	a regular general election; and}
30	makes technical and conforming changes.
32	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
33	None
34	None
37	AMENDS:
38	20A-1-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 438, as last amended by Laws of Utah
	2024, Chapter 438
39	20A-2-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 327, 406, as last amended by Laws of
	Utah 2023, Chapters 327, 406

40	20A-2-108, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 406, as last amended by Laws of Utah
	2023, Chapter 406
41	20A-2-206, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 297, as last amended by Laws of Utah
	2023, Chapter 297
42	20A-2-207, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 18, as last amended by Laws of Utah
	2022, Chapter 18
43	20A-2-505, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 327, 406 and renumbered and
	amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 297, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters
	327, 406 and renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 297
45	20A-3a-106, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 297, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023,
	Chapter 297
46	20A-3a-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 56, 106 and 297, as last amended by
	Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 56, 106 and 297
46	{20A-3a-203, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31, as
	renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31}
47	20A-3a-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 156, as last amended by Laws of
	Utah 2022, Chapter 156
48	20A-9-808, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31, as last amended by Laws of Utah
	2020, Chapter 31
49	ENACTS:
50	20A-3a-107, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953
51	20A-5-411, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953
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53	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
54	Section 1. Section 20A-1-102 is amended to read:
55	20A-1-102. Definitions.
	As used in this title:
56	(1) "Active voter" means a registered voter who has not been classified as an inactive voter by the
	county clerk.

58 (2) "Automatic tabulating equipment" means apparatus that automatically examines and counts votes recorded on ballots and tabulates the results.

- 60 (3)
  - . (a) "Ballot" means the storage medium, including a paper, mechanical, or electronic storage medium, that records an individual voter's vote.
- 62 (b) "Ballot" does not include a record to tally multiple votes.
- 63 (4) "Ballot proposition" means a question, issue, or proposal that is submitted to voters on the ballot for their approval or rejection including:
- 65 (a) an opinion question specifically authorized by the Legislature;
- 66 (b) a constitutional amendment;
- 67 (c) an initiative;
- 68 (d) a referendum;
- 69 (e) a bond proposition;
- 70 (f) a judicial retention question;
- 71 (g) an incorporation of a city or town; or
- 72 (h) any other ballot question specifically authorized by the Legislature.
- 73 (5) "Bind," "binding," or "bound" means securing more than one piece of paper together using staples or another means in at least three places across the top of the paper in the blank space reserved for securing the paper.
- 76 (6) "Board of canvassers" means the entities established by Sections 20A-4-301 and 20A-4-306 to canvass election returns.
- 78 (7) "Bond election" means an election held for the purpose of approving or rejecting the proposed issuance of bonds by a government entity.
- 80 (8) "Business reply mail envelope" means an envelope that may be mailed free of charge by the sender.
- 82 (9) "Canvass" means the review of election returns and the official declaration of election results by the board of canvassers.
- 84 (10) "Canvassing judge" means a poll worker designated to assist in counting ballots at the canvass.
- 86 (11) "Contracting election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or interlocal agreement with a provider election officer.
- 88 (12) "Convention" means the political party convention at which party officers and delegates are selected.
- 90 (13) "Counting center" means one or more locations selected by the election officer in charge of the election for the automatic counting of ballots.

- 92 (14) "Counting judge" means a poll worker designated to count the ballots during election day.
- 94 (15) "Counting room" means a suitable and convenient private place or room for use by the poll workers and counting judges to count ballots.
- 96 (16) "County officers" means those county officers that are required by law to be elected.
- 97 (17) "Date of the election" or "election day" or "day of the election":
- 98 (a) means the day that is specified in the calendar year as the day that the election occurs; and
- 100 (b) does not include:
- 101 (i) deadlines established for voting by mail, military-overseas voting, or emergency voting; or
- 103 (ii) any early voting or early voting period as provided under Chapter 3a, Part 6, Early Voting.
- 105 (18) "Elected official" means:
- 106 (a) a person elected to an office under Section 20A-1-303 or Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project;
- 108 (b) a person who is considered to be elected to a municipal office in accordance with Subsection [20A-1-206(1)(c)(ii)] 20A-1-206(3)(b)(ii); or
- 110 (c) a person who is considered to be elected to a special district office in accordance with Subsection 20A-1-206(3)(b)(ii).
- 112 (19) "Election" means a regular general election, a municipal general election, a statewide special election, a local special election, a regular primary election, a municipal primary election, and a special district election.
- 115 (20) "Election Assistance Commission" means the commission established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-252.
- 117 (21) "Election cycle" means the period beginning on the first day persons are eligible to file declarations of candidacy and ending when the canvass is completed.
- 119 (22) "Election judge" means a poll worker that is assigned to:
- 120 (a) preside over other poll workers at a polling place;
- 121 (b) act as the presiding election judge; or
- 122 (c) serve as a canvassing judge, counting judge, or receiving judge.
- 123 (23) "Election officer" means:
- 124 (a) the lieutenant governor, for all statewide ballots and elections;
- 125 (b) the county clerk for:
- 126 (i) a county ballot and election; and

- 127 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
- 129 (c) the municipal clerk for:
- 130 (i) a municipal ballot and election; and
- 131 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
- 133 (d) the special district clerk or chief executive officer for:
- 134 (i) a special district ballot and election; and
- 135 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5; or
- (e) the business administrator or superintendent of a school district for:
- 138 (i) a school district ballot and election; and
- 139 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5.
- 141 (24) "Election official" means any election officer, election judge, or poll worker.
- 142 (25) "Election results" means:
- 143 (a) for an election other than a bond election, the count of votes cast in the election and the election returns requested by the board of canvassers; or
- (b) for bond elections, the count of those votes cast for and against the bond proposition plus any or all of the election returns that the board of canvassers may request.
- 147 (26) "Election returns" includes:
- (a) the pollbook, the military and overseas absentee voter registration and voting certificates, one of the tally sheets, any unprocessed ballots, all counted ballots, all excess ballots, all unused ballots, all spoiled ballots, the ballot disposition form, and the total votes cast form; and
- 152 (b) the record, described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(8)(c), of voters contacted to cure a ballot.
- 154 (27) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.
- 157 (28) "Inactive voter" means a registered voter who is listed as inactive by a county clerk under Subsection 20A-2-505(4)(c)(i) or (ii).
- 159 (29) "Judicial office" means the office filled by any judicial officer.
- 160 (30) "Judicial officer" means any justice or judge of a court of record or any county court judge.

- 162 (31) "Local election" means a regular county election, a regular municipal election, a municipal primary election, a local special election, a special district election, and a bond election.
- 165 (32) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a special district, or a local school district.
- 167 (33) "Local special election" means a special election called by the governing body of a local political subdivision in which all registered voters of the local political subdivision may vote.
- 170 (34) "Manual ballot" means a paper document produced by an election officer on which an individual records an individual's vote by directly placing a mark on the paper document using a pen or other marking instrument.
- 173 (35) "Mechanical ballot" means a record, including a paper record, electronic record, or mechanical record, that:
- 175 (a) is created via electronic or mechanical means; and
- (b) records an individual voter's vote cast via a method other than an individual directly placing a mark, using a pen or other marking instrument, to record an individual voter's vote.
- 179 (36) "Municipal executive" means:
- 180 (a) the mayor in the council-mayor form of government defined in Section 10-3b-102; or
- 181 (b) the mayor in the council-manager form of government defined in Subsection 10-3b-103(6).
- 183 (37) "Municipal general election" means the election held in municipalities and, as applicable, special districts on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year for the purposes established in Section 20A-1-202.
- 186 (38) "Municipal legislative body" [meansthe] means the council of the city or town in any form of municipal government.
- 188 (39) "Municipal office" means an elective office in a municipality.
- 189 (40) "Municipal officers" means those municipal officers that are required by law to be elected.
- 191 (41) "Municipal primary election" means an election held to nominate candidates for municipal office.
- 193 (42) "Municipality" means a city or town.
- 194 (43) "Official ballot" means the ballots distributed by the election officer for voters to record their votes.
- 196 (44) "Official endorsement" means the information on the ballot that identifies:
- 197 (a) the ballot as an official ballot;
- 198 (b) the date of the election; and

- 199 (c)
  - . (i) for a ballot prepared by an election officer other than a county clerk, the facsimile signature required by Subsection 20A-6-401(1)(a)(iii); or
- 201 (ii) for a ballot prepared by a county clerk, the words required by Subsection 20A-6-301(1)(b)(iii).
- 203 (45) "Official register" means the official record furnished to election officials by the election officer that contains the information required by Section 20A-5-401.
- 205 (46) "Political party" means an organization of registered voters that has qualified to participate in an election by meeting the requirements of Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures.
- 208 (47)
  - (a) "Poll worker" means a person assigned by an election official to assist with an election, voting, or counting votes.
- 210 (b) "Poll worker" includes election judges.
- (c) "Poll worker" does not include a watcher.
- 212 (48) "Pollbook" means a record of the names of voters in the order that they appear to cast votes.
- 214 (49) "Polling place" means a building where voting is conducted.
- 215 (50) "Position" means a square, circle, rectangle, or other geometric shape on a ballot in which the voter marks the voter's choice.
- 217 (51) "Presidential Primary Election" means the election established in Chapter 9, Part 8, Presidential Primary Election.
- 219 (52) "Primary convention" means the political party conventions held during the year of the regular general election.
- 221 (53) "Protective counter" means a separate counter, which cannot be reset, that:
- 222 (a) is built into a voting machine; and
- 223 (b) records the total number of movements of the operating lever.
- 224 (54) "Provider election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or interlocal agreement with a contracting election officer to conduct an election for the contracting election officer's local political subdivision in accordance with Section 20A-5-400.1.
- 228 (55) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot voted provisionally by a person:
- 229 (a) whose name is not listed on the official register at the polling place;
- 230 (b) whose legal right to vote is challenged as provided in this title; or
- 231 (c) whose identity was not sufficiently established by a poll worker.

- 232 (56) "Provisional ballot envelope" means an envelope printed in the form required by Section 20A-6-105 that is used to identify provisional ballots and to provide information to verify a person's legal right to vote.
- 235 (57)
  - (a) "Public figure" means an individual who, due to the individual being considered for, holding, or having held a position of prominence in a public or private capacity, or due to the individual's celebrity status, has an increased risk to the individual's safety.
- 239 (b) "Public figure" does not include an individual:
- 240 (i) elected to public office; or
- 241 (ii) appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected public office.
- 242 (58) "Qualify" or "qualified" means to take the oath of office and begin performing the duties of the position for which the individual was elected.
- 244 (59) "Receiving judge" means the poll worker that checks the voter's name in the official register at a polling place and provides the voter with a ballot.
- 247 (60) "Remote ballot" means a ballot that is mailed to a remote voter, as defined in Subsection 20A-3a-202(1).
- 246 [(60)] (61) "Registration form" means a form by which an individual may register to vote under this title.
- 248 [(61)] (62) "Regular ballot" means a ballot that is not a provisional ballot.
- 249 [(62)] (63) "Regular general election" means the election held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year for the purposes established in Section 20A-1-201.
- [(63)] (64) "Regular primary election" means the election, held on the date specified in Section 20A-1-201.5, to nominate candidates of political parties and candidates for nonpartisan local school board positions to advance to the regular general election.
- 255 [(64)] (65) "Resident" means a person who resides within a specific voting precinct in Utah.
- 256 [(65)] (66) "Return envelope" means the envelope, described in Subsection [20A-3a-202(4)] 20A-3a-202(6), provided to a voter with a manual ballot:
- 258 (a) into which the voter places the manual ballot after the voter has voted the manual ballot in order to preserve the secrecy of the voter's vote; and
- 260 (b) that includes the voter affidavit and a place for the voter's signature.

- 261 [(66)] (67) "Sample ballot" means a mock ballot similar in form to the official ballot, published as provided in Section 20A-5-405.
- [(67)] (68) "Special district" means a local government entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities Special Districts, and includes a special service district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.
- 266 [(68)] (69) "Special district officers" means those special district board members who are required by law to be elected.
- 268 [(69)] (70) "Special election" means an election held as authorized by Section 20A-1-203.
- 269 [(70)] (71) "Spoiled ballot" means each ballot that:
- 270 (a) is spoiled by the voter;
- 271 (b) is unable to be voted because it was spoiled by the printer or a poll worker; or
- (c) lacks the official endorsement.
- 273 [(71)] (72) "Statewide special election" means a special election called by the governor or the Legislature in which all registered voters in Utah may vote.
- 275 [(72)] (73) "Tabulation system" means a device or system designed for the sole purpose of tabulating votes cast by voters at an election.
- 277 [<del>(73)</del>] <del>(74)</del> "Ticket" means a list of:
- 278 (a) political parties;
- 279 (b) candidates for an office; or
- 280 (c) ballot propositions.
- 281 [(74)] (75) "Transfer case" means the sealed box used to transport voted ballots to the counting center.
- 283 [<del>(75)</del>] (76) "Vacancy" means:
- (a) except as provided in Subsection [(75)(b)] (76)(b), the absence of an individual to serve in a position created by state constitution or state statute, whether that absence occurs because of death, disability, disqualification, resignation, or other cause[-]; or
- 287 (b) in relation to a candidate for a position created by state constitution or state statute, the removal of a candidate due to the candidate's death, resignation, or disqualification.
- 290 [(76)] (77) "Valid voter identification" means:
- (a) a form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter which may include:
- 293 (i) a currently valid Utah driver license;
- 294 (ii) a currently valid identification card that is issued by:

- 295 (A) the state; or
- 296 (B) a branch, department, or agency of the United States;
- 297 (iii) a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;
- 298 (iv) a currently valid United States passport; or
- 299 (v) a currently valid United States military identification card;
- 300 (b) one of the following identification cards, whether or not the card includes a photograph of the voter:
- 302 (i) a valid tribal identification card;
- 303 (ii) a Bureau of Indian Affairs card; or
- 304 (iii) a tribal treaty card; or
- 305 (c) two forms of identification not listed under Subsection [(76)(a) or (b)] (77)(a) or (b) but that bear the name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct, which may include:
- 308 (i) a current utility bill or a legible copy thereof, dated within the 90 days before the election;
- 310 (ii) a bank or other financial account statement, or a legible copy thereof;
- 311 (iii) a certified birth certificate;
- 312 (iv) a valid social security card;
- 313 (v) a check issued by the state or the federal government or a legible copy thereof;
- 314 (vi) a paycheck from the voter's employer, or a legible copy thereof;
- 315 (vii) a currently valid Utah hunting or fishing license;
- 316 (viii) certified naturalization documentation;
- 317 (ix) a currently valid license issued by an authorized agency of the United States;
- 318 (x) a certified copy of court records showing the voter's adoption or name change;
- 319 (xi) a valid Medicaid card, Medicare card, or Electronic Benefits Transfer Card;
- 320 (xii) a currently valid identification card issued by:
- 321 (A) a local government within the state;
- 322 (B) an employer for an employee; or
- 323 (C) a college, university, technical school, or professional school located within the state; or
- 325 (xiii) a current Utah vehicle registration.
- 326 [(77)] (78) "Valid write-in candidate" means a candidate who has qualified as a write-in candidate by following the procedures and requirements of this title.
- 328 [(78)] (79) "Vote by mail" means to vote, using a manual ballot that is mailed to the voter, by:

- 329 (a) mailing the ballot to the location designated in the mailing; or
- 330 (b) depositing the ballot in a ballot drop box designated by the election officer.
- 331 [(79)] (80) "Voter" means an individual who:
- 332 (a) meets the requirements for voting in an election;
- 333 (b) meets the requirements of election registration;
- 334 (c) is registered to vote; and
- 335 (d) is listed in the official register book.
- 336 [(80)] (81) "Voter registration deadline" means the registration deadline provided in Section 20A-2-102.5.
- 338 [(81)] (82) "Voting area" means the area within six feet of the voting booths, voting machines, and ballot box.
- 340 [<del>(82)</del>] (83) "Voting booth" means:
- 341 (a) the space or compartment within a polling place that is provided for the preparation of ballots, including the voting enclosure or curtain; or
- 343 (b) a voting device that is free standing.
- 344 [(83)] (84) "Voting device" means any device provided by an election officer for a voter to vote a mechanical ballot.
- 346 [(84)] (85) "Voting precinct" means the smallest geographical voting unit, established under Chapter 5, Part 3, Duties of the County and Municipal Legislative Bodies.
- 348 [(85)] (86) "Watcher" means an individual who complies with the requirements described in Section 20A-3a-801 to become a watcher for an election.
- 350 [(86)] (87) "Write-in ballot" means a ballot containing any write-in votes.
- 351 [(87)] (88) "Write-in vote" means a vote cast for an individual, whose name is not printed on the ballot, in accordance with the procedures established in this title.
- Section 2. Section **20A-2-104** is amended to read:
- 358 **20A-2-104.** Voter registration form -- Registered voter lists -- Fees for copies.
- 355 (1) As used in this section:
- 356 (a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:
- 357 (i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;
- 358 (ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or

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	(iii) employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual described in Subsection (1)(a)(1)
	or (ii) for political campaign purposes.
361	(b) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-402 and the federal
	Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
363	(c) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and the federal
	Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
365	(d) "Hash Code" means a code generated by applying an algorithm to a set of data to produce a code
	that:
367	(i) uniquely represents the set of data;
368	(ii) is always the same if the same algorithm is applied to the same set of data; and
369	(iii) cannot be reversed to reveal the data applied to the algorithm.
370	(e) "Protected individual" means an individual:
371	(i) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration record, or to the
	lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates on the form that the individual, or
	an individual who resides with the individual, is a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or
	is likely to be a victim of domestic violence or dating violence;
376	(ii) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration record, or to
	the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates on the form and provides
	verification that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a law
	enforcement officer, a member of the armed forces as defined in Section 20A-1-513, a public figure
	or protected by a protective order or protection order; or
382	(iii) whose voter registration record was classified as a private record at the request of the individual
	before May 12, 2020.
384	(2)
	(a) An individual applying for voter registration, or an individual preregistering to vote, shall complete
	a voter registration form in substantially the following form:
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	UTAH ELECTION REGISTRATION FORM
388	Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No
389	If you checked "no" to the above question, do not complete this form.

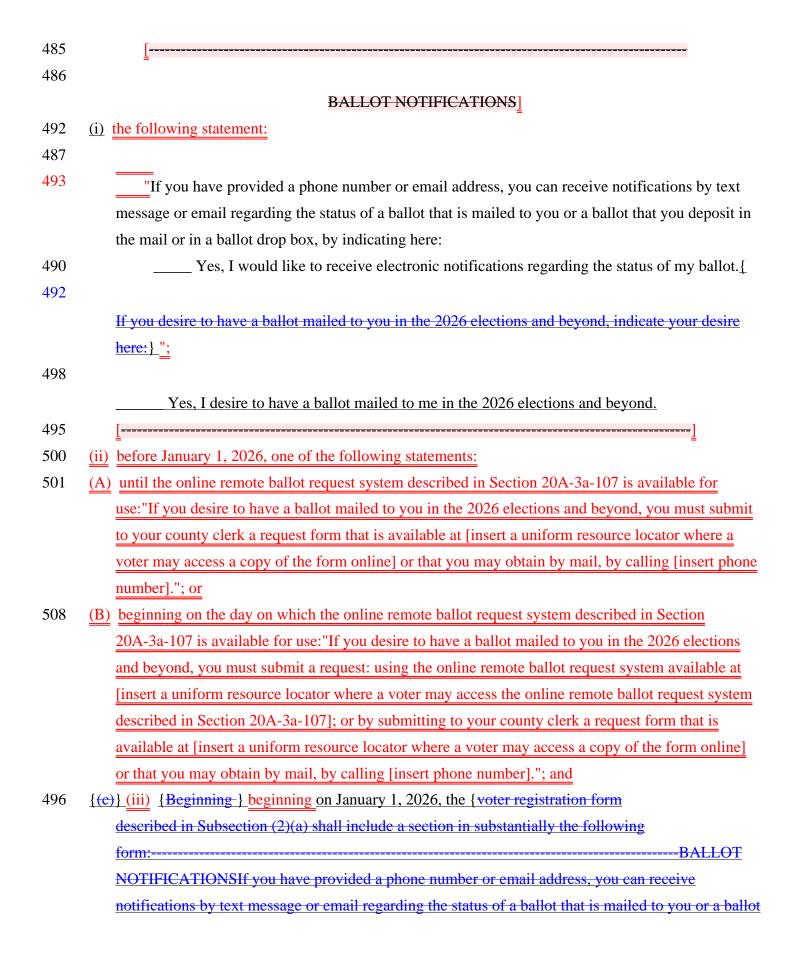
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information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the requirements of law.
Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email address,
full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your year of birth is
available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties, and their contractors,
employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.
You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld from all
persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their
contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:
Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld from
all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their
contractors, employees, and volunteers.
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION
In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying information on
your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office,
and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form, and any
required verification, as described in the following paragraphs.
A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration records be
withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees,
and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this registration record, or to the
lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely to be, or resides with a person who
is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating violence.
A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration records be

withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any required verification with this

registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.

458 CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT 459 Name: 460 Name at birth, if different: 461 Place of birth: 462 Date of birth: 463 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable): 464 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and correct. 467 468 Signature of Applicant 469 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or allowing yourself to be registered or preregistered to vote if you know you are not entitled to register or preregister to vote is up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500. 472 NOTICE: IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, YOU MUST PRESENT VALID VOTER IDENTIFICATION TO THE POLL WORKER BEFORE VOTING, WHICH MUST BE A VALID FORM OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION THAT SHOWS YOUR NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH; OR 476 TWO DIFFERENT FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION THAT SHOW YOUR NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS. 478 FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY 479 Type of I.D. 480 Voting Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ 481 Voting I.D. Number \_\_\_\_\_ ..... 482 (b) {{The{}} Before January 1, 2026, the} voter registration form described in Subsection (2)(a) shall 483 include a section with the heading "BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS," followed by statements in substantially the following form:



that you deposit in the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here } following statement: {
Yes, I would like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of my ballot.If } "If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the upcoming elections, {indicate your desire here} you must submit a request: {
Yes, I desire to have a } using the online remote ballot {mailed to me in upcoming elections.Warning: A } request {to have } system available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a voter may access the online remote ballot {mailed to you in upcoming elections will be rejected as invalid if this voter registration form is dated, } request system described in Section 20A-3a-107]; or {is received by the election officer, during the period of time } by submitting to your county clerk a request form that {begins at 5 p.m. on the last business day that is at least 60 days before the day of the next election and ends at midnight } is available at {the end } [insert a uniform resource locator where a voter may access a copy of the {day of that election. In } form online] or that {ease, } you may {file a request after the day of the election.} obtain by mail, by calling [insert phone number].".

- $\{(c)\} \ \{(d)\} \$ 
  - . (i) Except as provided under Subsection {{(2)(c)(ii){}} (2)(d)(ii)}, the county clerk shall retain a copy of each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file, which may be electronic or some other recognized system.
- 517 (ii) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the Division of Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.
- 519 (3)
  - (a) Each county clerk shall retain lists of currently registered voters.
- 520 (b) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.
- 521 (c) If there are any discrepancies between the two lists, the county clerk's list is the official list.
- 523 (d) The lieutenant governor and the county clerks may charge the fees established under the authority of Subsection 63G-2-203(10) to individuals who wish to obtain a copy of the list of registered voters.
- 526 (4)
  - (a) As used in this Subsection (4), "qualified person" means:
- (i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government employee;
- 530 (ii) a health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a health care provider;

- 532 (iii) an insurance company, as defined in Section 67-4a-102, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of an insurance company;
- (iv) a financial institution, as defined in Section 7-1-103, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a financial institution;
- (v) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a political party;
- (vi) a candidate for public office, or an employee, independent contractor, or volunteer of a candidate for public office;
- (vii) a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi) who, after obtaining a year of birth from the list of registered voters:
- 542 (A) provides the year of birth only to a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through [(vii)] (vi);
- 544 (B) verifies that the person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii)(A) is a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through [(vii)] (vi);
- (C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the year of birth may not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through [(vii)] (vi);
- (D) verifies that each person described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii) through (iv) to whom the person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth to verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;
- 553 (E) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) to whom the person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth in the person's capacity as a government official or government employee; and
- (F) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth for a political purpose of the political party or candidate for public office; or
- (viii) a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) who, after obtaining information under Subsection (4)(n) and (o):
- 561 (A) provides the information only to another person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi);
- 563 (B) verifies that the other person described in Subsection (4)(a)(viii)(A) is a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi);
- 565 (C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and

- (D) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the person provides the information will only use the information for a political purpose of the political party or candidate for public office.
- 571 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j)(iv), and except as provided in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall, when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person under this section, include, with the list, the years of birth of the registered voters, if:
- 575 (i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and that the person is a qualified person; and
- 577 (ii) the qualified person signs a document that includes the following:
- 578 (A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of registered voters;
- 580 (B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list claims to be;
- 582 (C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the years of birth;
- (D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters;
- (E) a statement that the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters may not be provided or used for a purpose other than a purpose described under Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(D);
- (F) a statement that if the person obtains the year of birth of a registered voter from the list of registered voters under false pretenses, or provides or uses the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a manner that is prohibited by law, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and is subject to a civil fine;
- (G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a manner that is prohibited by law; and
- 597 (H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 599 (c) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk:
- (i) may not disclose the year of birth of a registered voter to a person that the lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:
- 602 (A) is not a qualified person or a person described in Subsection (4)(1); or
- 603 (B) will provide or use the year of birth in a manner prohibited by law; and

- 604 (ii) may not disclose information under Subsections (4)(n) or (o) to a person that the lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:
- 606 (A) is not a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); or
- 607 (B) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.
- (d) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the voter registration form of a person, or information included in the person's voter registration form, whose voter registration form is classified as private under Subsection (4)(h) to a person other than:
- 612 (i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's or government employee's capacity as a government official or government employee; or
- 615 (ii) subject to Subsection (4)(e), a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) for a political purpose.
- 617 (e)
  - . (i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(e)(ii), when disclosing a record or information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall exclude the information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j), other than the year of birth.
- (ii) If disclosing a record or information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii) in relation to the voter registration record of a protected individual, the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall comply with Subsections (4)(n) through (p).
- 624 (f) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose a withholding request form, described in Subsections (7) and (8), submitted by an individual, or information obtained from that form, to a person other than a government official or government employee acting in the government official's or government employee's capacity as a government official or government employee.
- 629 (g) A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if the person:
- 630 (i) obtains from the list of registered voters, under false pretenses, the year of birth of a registered voter or information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o);
- 632 (ii) uses or provides the year of birth of a registered voter, or information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a manner that is not permitted by law;
- 635 (iii) obtains a voter registration record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) under false pretenses;
- 637 (iv) uses or provides information obtained from a voter registration record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) in a manner that is not permitted by law;

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- (v) unlawfully discloses or obtains a voter registration record withheld under Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in Subsections (7) and (8); or
- (vi) unlawfully discloses or obtains information from a voter registration record withheld under Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in Subsections (7) and (8).
- 645 (h) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration record of a voter as a private record if the voter:
- 647 (i) submits a written application, created by the lieutenant governor, requesting that the voter's voter registration record be classified as private;
- 649 (ii) requests on the voter's voter registration form that the voter's voter registration record be classified as a private record; or
- 651 (iii) submits a withholding request form described in Subsection (7) and any required verification.
- (i) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(d)(ii) and (e)(ii), the lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose to a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) a voter registration record, or information obtained from a voter registration record, if the record is withheld under Subsection (7).
- (j) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed under this section, the lieutenant governor may impose a civil fine against a person who violates a provision of this section, in an amount equal to the greater of:
- 660 (i) the product of 30 and the square root of the total number of:
- (A) records obtained, provided, or used unlawfully, rounded to the nearest whole dollar; or
- (B) records from which information is obtained, provided, or used unlawfully, rounded to the nearest whole dollar; or
- 665 (ii) \$200.
- 666 (k) A qualified person may not obtain, provide, or use the year of birth of a registered voter, if the year of birth is obtained from the list of registered voters or from a voter registration record, unless the person:
- (i) is a government official or government employee who obtains, provides, or uses the year of birth in the government official's or government employee's capacity as a government official or government employee;
- (ii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), (iii), or (iv) and obtains or uses the year of birth only to verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;

- 676 (iii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) and obtains, provides, or uses the year of birth for a political purpose of the political party or candidate for public office; or
- 679 (iv) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii) and obtains, provides, or uses the year of birth to provide the year of birth to another qualified person to verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse.
- (1) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may provide a year of birth to a member of the media, in relation to an individual designated by the member of the media, in order for the member of the media to verify the identity of the individual.
- 686 (m) A person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) may not use or disclose information from a voter registration record for a purpose other than a political purpose.
- (n) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall, when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a) (v) or (vi), include, from the record of a voter whose record is withheld under Subsection (7), the information described in Subsection (4)(o), if:
- 694 (i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and that the person is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and
- 696 (ii) the qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) signs a document that includes the following:
- 698 (A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of registered voters;
- 700 (B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list claims to be;
- 702 (C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the information;
- 704 (D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the information;
- (E) a statement that the information may not be provided or used for a purpose other than a purpose described under Subsection (4)(n)(ii)(D);
- (F) a statement that if the person obtains the information under false pretenses, or provides or uses the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, the person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and is subject to a civil fine;
- 710 (G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the information in a manner that is prohibited by law; and

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- (H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 714 (o) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(p), the information that the lieutenant governor or a county clerk is required to provide, under Subsection (4)(n), from the record of a protected individual is:
- 717 (i) a single hash code, generated from a string of data that includes both the voter's voter identification number and residential address;
- 719 (ii) the voter's residential address;
- 720 (iii) the voter's mailing address, if different from the voter's residential address;
- 721 (iv) the party affiliation of the voter;
- 722 (v) the precinct number for the voter's residential address;
- 723 (vi) the voter's voting history; and
- 724 (vii) a designation of which age group, of the following age groups, the voter falls within:
- 726 (A) 25 or younger;
- 727 (B) 26 through 35;
- 728 (C) 36 through 45;
- 729 (D) 46 through 55;
- 730 (E) 56 through 65;
- 731 (F) 66 through 75; or
- 732 (G) 76 or older.
- 733 (p) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose:
- (i) information described in Subsection (4)(o) that, due to a small number of voters affiliated with a particular political party, or due to another reason, would likely reveal the identity of a voter if disclosed; or
- 737 (ii) the address described in Subsection (4)(o)(iii) if the lieutenant governor or the county clerk determines that the nature of the address would directly reveal sensitive information about the voter.
- (q) A qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), may not obtain, provide, or use the information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), except to the extent that the qualified person uses the information for a political purpose of a political party or candidate for public office.
- 744 (5) When political parties not listed on the voter registration form qualify as registered political parties under Title 20A, Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures, the lieutenant governor shall

- inform the county clerks of the name of the new political party and direct the county clerks to ensure that the voter registration form is modified to include that political party.
- 749 (6) Upon receipt of a voter registration form from an applicant, the county clerk or the clerk's designee shall:
- 751 (a) review each voter registration form for completeness and accuracy; and
- (b) if the county clerk believes, based upon a review of the form, that an individual may be seeking to register or preregister to vote who is not legally entitled to register or preregister to vote, refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and possible prosecution.
- 756 (7) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall withhold from a person, other than a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), the voter registration record, and information obtained from the voter registration record, of a protected individual.
- 759 (8)
  - . (a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute the withholding request form described in Subsection (7) to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration form.
- (b) An individual described in Subsection (1)(e)(i) is not required to provide verification, other than the individual's attestation and signature on the withholding request form, that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic violence or dating violence.
- 767 (c) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing requirements for providing the verification described in Subsection (1)(e)(ii).
- 771 (9) An election officer or an employee of an election officer may not encourage an individual to submit, or discourage an individual from submitting, a withholding request form.
- 774 (10)
  - . (a) The lieutenant governor shall make and execute a plan to provide notice to registered voters who are protected individuals, that includes the following information:
- (i) that the voter's classification of the record as private remains in effect;
- (ii) that certain non-identifying information from the voter's voter registration record may, under certain circumstances, be released to political parties and candidates for public office;

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- (iii) that the voter's name, driver license or identification card number, social security number, email address, phone number, and the voter's day, month, and year of birth will remain private and will not be released to political parties or candidates for public office;
- 785 (iv) that a county clerk will only release the information to political parties and candidates in a manner that does not associate the information with a particular voter; and
- (v) that a county clerk may, under certain circumstances, withhold other information that the county clerk determines would reveal identifying information about the voter.
- 791 (b) The lieutenant governor may include in the notice described in this Subsection (10) a statement that a voter may obtain additional information on the lieutenant governor's website.
- 794 (c) The plan described in Subsection (10)(a) may include providing the notice described in Subsection (10)(a) by:
- 796 (i) publication on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section 63A-16-601;
- 797 (ii) publication on the lieutenant governor's website or a county's website;
- 798 (iii) posting the notice in public locations;
- 799 (iv) publication in a newspaper;
- 800 (v) sending notification to the voters by electronic means;
- 801 (vi) sending notice by other methods used by government entities to communicate with citizens; or
- 803 (vii) providing notice by any other method.
- 804 (d) The lieutenant governor shall provide the notice included in a plan described in this Subsection (10) before June 16, 2023.
- Section 3. Section **20A-2-108** is amended to read:
- 820 **20A-2-108.** Driver license or state identification card registration form -- Transmittal of information.
- 809 (1) As used in this section, "qualifying form" means:
- 810 (a) a driver license application form; or
- 811 (b) a state identification card application form.
- 812 (2) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall design each qualifying form to include:
- (a) the following question, which an applicant is required to answer: "Do you authorize the use of information in this form for voter registration purposes? YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_";
- 817 (b) the following statement:

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#### "PRIVACY INFORMATION

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Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the requirements of law.

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Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

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You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

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Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

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#### REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

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In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following paragraphs.

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A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating violence.

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A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.";{{ and }}

851	(c)	{before January 1, 2026, }a section with the heading "BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS," followed by
		statements in substantially the following form:
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869		"If you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive notifications by text
		message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to you or a ballot that you deposit in
		the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here:
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		If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond, indicate your desire
		here: \_";{
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		Yes, I desire to have a ballot mailed to me in the 2026 elections and beyond.
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		"If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond, you must submit
		to your county clerk a request form that is available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a
		voter may access a copy of the form online] or that you may obtain by mail, by calling [insert phone
		number]."; or
884	<u>(B)</u>	beginning on the day on which the online remote ballot request system described in Section
		20A-3a-107 is available for use:
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		"If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond, you must submit a
		request:
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		• using the online remote ballot request system available at [insert a uniform resource locator where
		a voter may access the online remote ballot request system described in Section 20A-3a-107]; or
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		• by submitting to your county clerk a request form that is available at [insert a uniform resource
		locator where a voter may access a copy of the form online] or that you may obtain by mail, by

calling [insert phone number] " and

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	• using the online remote ballot request system available at [insert a uniform resource locator where
	a voter may access the online remote ballot request system described in Section 20A-3a-107]; or
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	• by submitting to your county clerk a request form that is available at [insert a uniform resource
	locator where a voter may access a copy of the form online] or that you may obtain by mail, by
	calling [insert phone number].".
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	<del>}; and</del>
864	{(d) {beginning on January 1, 2026, a section in substantially the following form:
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	BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS
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	If you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive notifications by text
	message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to you or a ballot that you deposit in
	the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here:
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	Yes, I would like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of my ballot.
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	If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in upcoming elections, indicate your desire here:
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	Yes, I desire to have a ballot mailed to me in upcoming elections.
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	Warning: A request to have a ballot mailed to you in upcoming elections will be rejected as invalid
	if this voter registration form is dated, or is received by the election officer, during the period of
	time that begins at 5 p.m. on the last business day that is at least 60 days before the day of the next
	election and ends at midnight at the end of the day of that election. In that case, you may file a
	request after the day of the election.
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- (c) a statement that if an applicant declines to register or preregister to vote, the fact that the applicant has declined to register or preregister will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes;
- (d) a statement that if an applicant does register or preregister to vote, the office at which the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes; and
- 894 (e) if the applicant answers "yes" to the question described in Subsection (2)(a), a space where an individual may, if desired:
- 896 (i) indicate the individual's desired political affiliation from a listing of each registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101;
- 898 (ii) specify a political party that is not listed under Subsection (3)(e)(i) with which the individual desires to affiliate; or
- 900 (iii) indicate that the individual does not wish to affiliate with a political party.
- 922 Section 4. Section **20A-2-206** is amended to read:
- 923 **20A-2-206.** Electronic registration.
- 903 (1) The lieutenant governor shall create and maintain an electronic system that is publicly available on the Internet for an individual to apply for voter registration or preregistration.
- 906 (2) An electronic system for voter registration or preregistration shall require:
- 907 (a) that an applicant have a valid driver license or identification card, issued under Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, that reflects the applicant's current principal place of residence;
- 910 (b) that the applicant provide the information required by Section 20A-2-104, except that the applicant's signature may be obtained in the manner described in Subsections (2)(d) and (5);
- 913 (c) that the applicant attest to the truth of the information provided; and
- 914 (d) that the applicant authorize the lieutenant governor's and county clerk's use of the applicant's:
- 916 (i) driver license or identification card signature, obtained under Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, for voter registration purposes; or
- 918 (ii) signature on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 920 (3) Notwithstanding Section 20A-2-104, an applicant using the electronic system for voter registration or preregistration created under this section is not required to complete a printed registration form.

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- (4) A system created and maintained under this section shall provide the notices concerning a voter's presentation of identification contained in Subsection [20A-2-104(1)] 20A-2-104(2).
- 926 (5) The lieutenant governor shall:
- 927 (a) obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver license or identification card signature from the Driver License Division; or
- 929 (b) ensure that the applicant's signature is already on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 931 (6) The lieutenant governor shall send the information to the county clerk for the county in which the applicant's principal place of residence is found for further action as required by Section 20A-2-304 after:
- 934 (a) receiving all information from an applicant; and
- 935 (b)
  - (i) receiving all information from the Driver License Division; or
- 936 (ii) ensuring that the applicant's signature is already on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 939 (7) The lieutenant governor may use additional security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of an electronically submitted voter registration.
- 941 (8) If an individual applies to register under this section no later than 11 calendar days before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:
- 943 (a) accept and process the voter registration form;
- 944 (b) unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:
- 945 (i) enter the applicant's name on the list of registered voters for the voting precinct in which the applicant resides; and
- 947 (ii) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming election; and
- 949 (c) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section 20A-2-101.1.
- 951 (9) If an individual applies to register under this section after the deadline described in Subsection (8), the county clerk shall, unless the individual is preregistering to vote:
- 953 (a) accept the application for registration; and
- 954 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-2-207(6), if possible, promptly inform the individual that the individual will not be registered to vote in the pending election, unless the individual registers

- to vote by provisional ballot during the early voting period, if applicable, or on election day, in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.
- 958 (10) The lieutenant governor shall provide a means by which a registered voter shall sign the application form.
- 981 Section 5. Section **20A-2-207** is amended to read:
- 982 **20A-2-207. Registration by provisional ballot.**
- 962 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (6), an individual who is not registered to vote may register to vote, and vote, on election day or during the early voting period described in Section 20A-3a-601, by voting a provisional ballot, if:
- 965 (a) the individual is otherwise legally entitled to vote the ballot;
- 966 (b) the ballot is identical to the ballot for the precinct in which the individual resides;
- 967 (c) the information on the provisional ballot form is complete; and
- 968 (d) the individual provides valid voter identification and proof of residence to the poll worker.
- 970 (2) If a provisional ballot and the individual who voted the ballot comply with the requirements described in Subsection (1), the election officer shall:
- 972 (a) consider the provisional ballot a voter registration form;
- 973 (b) place the ballot with the other ballots, to be counted with those ballots at the canvass; and
- 975 (c) as soon as reasonably possible, register the individual to vote.
- 976 (3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), the election officer shall retain a provisional ballot form, uncounted, for the period specified in Section 20A-4-202, if the election officer determines that the individual who voted the ballot:
- 979 (a) is not registered to vote and is not eligible for registration under this section; or
- 980 (b) is not legally entitled to vote the ballot that the individual voted.
- 981 (4) Subsection (3) does not apply if a court orders the election officer to produce or count the provisional ballot.
- 983 (5) The lieutenant governor shall report to the Government Operations Interim Committee on or before October 31, 2020, regarding:
- 985 (a) implementation of registration by provisional ballot, as described in this section, on a statewide basis;
- 987 (b) any difficulties resulting from the implementation described in Subsection (5)(a);
- 988 (c) the effect of registration by provisional ballot on voter participation in Utah;

- 989 (d) the number of ballots cast by voters who registered by provisional ballot: 990 (i) during the early voting period described in Section 20A-3a-601; and 991 (ii) on election day; and 992 (e) suggested changes in the law relating to registration by provisional ballot. 993 (6)(a) For an election administered by an election officer other than a county clerk[:], 994 [(a)] if the election officer does not operate a polling place to allow early voting, the individual may not register to vote, under this section, during an early voting period[; and]. 997 (b) [if the election officer does not operate a polling place on election day,] For an election conducted entirely by mail under Section 20A-7-609.5: 999 (i) there is not an early voting period during which the individual may register to vote under this section; and 1001 (ii) [-]the individual may not register to vote, under this section, on election day. 1023 Section 6. Section **20A-2-505** is amended to read: 1024 20A-2-505. Removing names from the official register -- Determining and confirming change of residence. 1005 (1) A county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register on the grounds that the voter has changed residence unless the voter: 1007 (a) confirms in writing that the voter has changed residence to a place outside the county; or 1009 (b) (i) does not vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice described in Subsection (3), and ending on the day after the date of the second regular general election occurring after the date of the notice; and 1012 (ii) does not respond to the notice described in Subsection (3). 1013 (2) (a) Within 31 days after the day on which a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed, if it appears that the voter still resides within the same county, the county clerk shall: 1016 (i) change the official register to show the voter's new address; and

(ii) send to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3).

(b) When a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed and it appears that

the voter now resides in a different county, the county clerk shall verify the changed residence

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by sending to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3), printed on a

postage prepaid, preaddressed return form. 1022 (3) (a) Each county clerk shall use substantially the following form to notify voters whose addresses have changed: 1024 "VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE 1025 We have been notified that your residence has changed. Please read, complete, and return this form so that we can update our voter registration records. What is your current street address? 1028 1029 Street City County State Zip 1030 What is your current phone number (optional)?\_\_\_\_\_ 1031 What is your current email address (optional)? 1032 If you have not changed your residence, or have moved but stayed within the same county, you must complete and return this form to the county clerk so that it is received by the county clerk before 5 p.m. no later than 30 days before the date of the election. If you fail to return this form within that time: 1036 - you may be required to show evidence of your address to the poll worker before being allowed to vote in either of the next two regular general elections; or 1038 - if you fail to vote at least once, from the date this notice was mailed until the passing of two regular general elections, you will no longer be registered to vote. If you have changed your residence and have moved to a different county in Utah, you may register to vote by contacting the county clerk in your county. 1042 1043 Signature of Voter 1044 PRIVACY INFORMATION 1045 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the requirements of law. 1049

Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email address,

full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your year of birth is

available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties, and their contractors,

employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law. 1053 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here: 1056 Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers. 1059 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION 1060 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following paragraphs. 1065 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating violence. 1071 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order." 1077 (b) {{The{}}} Before January 1, 2026, the} form described in Subsection (3)(a) shall also include a section with the heading "BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS," followed by statements in substantially the following form: 1079 \_\_\_\_\_ 1080 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS** 1102 (i) the following statement:

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1103	"If you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive notifications by text
	message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to you or a ballot that you deposit in
	the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here:
1084	Yes, I would like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of my ballot.{
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	If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond, indicate your desire
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	Yes, I desire to have a ballot mailed to me in the 2026 elections and beyond.
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1090	{(e) {Beginning on January 1, 2026, the form described in Subsection
	(3)(a) shall also include a section in substantially the following
	<u>form:BALLOT</u>
	NOTIFICATIONSIf you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive
	notifications by text message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to you or a
	ballot that you deposit in the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here: Yes, I would
	like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of my ballot. If you desire to have a
	ballot mailed to you in upcoming elections, indicate your desire here: Yes, I desire to
	have a ballot mailed to me in upcoming elections. Warning: A request to have a ballot mailed
	to you in upcoming elections will be rejected as invalid if this voter registration form is dated,
	or is received by the election officer, during the period of time that begins at 5 p.m. on the last
	business day that is at least 60 days before the day of the next election and ends at midnight
	at the end of the day of that election. In that case, you may file a request after the day of the
	<u>election}</u> }
1109	(ii) before January 1, 2026, one of the following statements:
1110	(A) until the online remote ballot request system described in Section 20A-3a-107 is available for
	use:"If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond, you must submit
	to your county clerk a request form that is available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a
	voter may access a copy of the form online] or that you may obtain by mail, by calling [insert phone
	number]."; or
1117	(B) beginning on the day on which the online remote ballot request system described in Section
	20A-3a-107 is available for use:"If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections

and beyond, you must submit a request: using the online remote ballot request system available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a voter may access the online remote ballot request system described in Section 20A-3a-107]; or by submitting to your county clerk a request form that is available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a voter may access a copy of the form online] or that you may obtain by mail, by calling [insert phone number]."; and

- 1127 (iii) beginning on January 1, 2026, the following statement:"If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the upcoming elections, you must submit a request: using the online remote ballot request system available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a voter may access the online remote ballot request system described in Section 20A-3a-107]; or by submitting to your county clerk a request form that is available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a voter may access a copy of the form online] or that you may obtain by mail, by calling [insert phone number].".
- 1109 (4)
  - . (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the county clerk may not remove the names of any voters from the official register during the 90 days before a regular primary election or the 90 days before a regular general election.
- 1112 (b) The county clerk may remove the names of voters from the official register during the 90 days before a regular primary election or the 90 days before a regular general election if:
- 1115 (i) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed; or
- 1116 (ii) the voter dies.
- 1117 (c)
  - (i) After a county clerk mails a notice under this section, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.
- (ii) If a county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further information to contact the voter, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.
- 1123 (iii) An inactive voter may vote, sign petitions, and have all other privileges of a registered voter.
- 1125 (iv) A county is not required to:
- 1126 (A) send routine mailings to an inactive voter; or
- (B) count inactive voters when dividing precincts and preparing supplies.
- 1128 (5) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk United States Social Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased individuals.

- 1131 (6) A county clerk shall, within ten business days after the day on which the county clerk receives the information described in Subsection (5) or Subsections 26B-8-114(11) and (12) relating to a decedent whose name appears on the official register, remove the decedent's name from the official register.
- 1135 (7) Ninety days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor shall compare the information the lieutenant governor has received under Subsection 26B-8-114(11) with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have been removed from the official register.
- Section 7. Section **20A-3a-106** is amended to read:
- 20A-3a-106. Rulemaking authority relating to conducting an election.

  The director of elections, within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, may make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing requirements for:
- (1) a return envelope described in Subsection [<del>20A-3a-202(4)</del>] <u>20A-3a-202(6)</u>, to ensure uniformity and security of the envelopes;
- 1146 (2) complying with the signature comparison audit requirements described in Section 20A-3a-402.5; or
- 1148 (3) conducting and documenting the identity verification process described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(7)(b).
- 1177 Section 8. Section 8 is enacted to read:
- 1178 <u>20A-3a-107.</u> Online remote ballot request system.
- 1179 (1) As used in this section, "ballot request system" means the online remote ballot request system described in Subsection (2).
- 1181 (2) Beginning no later than January 1, 2026, the lieutenant governor shall establish and operate an online remote ballot request system for a voter to request to:
- (a) receive a ballot by mail in upcoming elections; or
- (b) stop receiving a ballot by mail in upcoming elections.
- 1185 (3) The ballot request system:
- 1186 (a) may be part of, or separate from, the electronic voter registration system described in Section 20A-2-206;
- (b) shall provide the ability for a voter to securely request a remote ballot in upcoming elections;
- (c) shall provide the ability for a voter to securely request to stop receiving a remote ballot in upcoming elections;

1192	(d) shall provide the following notice to a voter requesting to receive a ballot by mail or to stop
	receiving a ballot by mail:
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	"NOTICE
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	If your request to receive a ballot by mail in the upcoming elections, or to stop receiving a ballot by
	mail in the upcoming elections, is made within 60 days before the day of the next election, you may
	be required to wait until the following election before your request takes effect.
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	If you fail to vote in a regular general election, you will no longer receive a ballot by mail in the
	upcoming elections, unless you make a new request to receive a ballot by mail in the upcoming
	elections."; and
1202	(e) shall allow a voter to enter an alternate address at which to receive a ballot by mail.
1203	Section 9. Section <b>20A-3a-202</b> is amended to read:
1204	20A-3a-202. Conducting election in person and by mail.
1152	(1) As used in this section:
1153	(a) "Covered voter" means the same as that term is defined in Section 20A-16-102.
1154	{(b) {"Remote ballot request deadline" means 5 p.m. on the last business day that is at least 60 days
	before the day of:}}
1156	{(i) {a municipal primary election;}}
1157	{(ii) {a municipal general election;}}
1158	{(iii) {a regular primary election; or}}
1159	{(iv) {a regular general election.}-}
1160	{(e)} (b) "Remote voter" means:
1161	(i) a voter designated as a remote voter in accordance with Subsection (2)(c) or (3)(c); or
1163	(ii) a covered voter.
1164	{(d)} (c) "Request for a remote ballot" means:
1165	{(i) {before January 1, 2026:}}
1166	{(A) {in relation to voting in person, informing the poll worker who verifies the voter's identification
	at the polling location that the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the 2026 elections and
	<del>beyond;}</del> }
1169	{(B) {in relation to a voter registration form submitted by a voter, marking the box on the voter
	registration form indicating that the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the 2026 elections
	and beyond;}}

- 1172 {(C)} (i) submitting a request described in Subsection (11)(a) or (b); or
- 1173 {(D) {submitting a ballot in a return envelope and marking the space on the return envelope indicating that the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the 2026 elections and beyond; and}}
- 1176 {(ii) {beginning on January 1, 2026:}-}
- 1177 {(A) {in relation to voting in person, informing the poll worker who verifies the voter's identification at the polling location that the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the upcoming elections;}}
- 1180 {(B) {subject to Subsection (3)(e)(i), in relation to a voter registration form submitted by a voter,
  marking the box on the voter registration form indicating that the voter desires to receive a ballot by
  mail in the upcoming elections; or}
- 1213 (ii) as soon as the online remote ballot request system described in Section 20A-3a-107 is available for use, submitting a request described in Subsection 20A-3a-107(3)(b).
- 1183 {(C)} (d) {subject} "Request to {Subsection (3)(e)(ii), submitting} stop receiving a remote ballot" means a request described in Subsection {(11)(b)} (11)(c) or 20A-3a-107(3)(c).
- 1185 [(1)] (2) Before January 1, 2026:
- (a) [Except] except as otherwise provided for an election conducted entirely by mail under Section 20A-7-609.5, an election officer shall administer an election primarily by mail[, in accordance with this section.];
- (b) [An] an individual who did not provide valid voter identification at the time the voter registered to vote shall provide valid voter identification before voting[.];
- 1191 (c) an election officer shall designate a voter as a remote voter if {:} the voter makes a request for a remote ballot;
- 1192 {(i) {the voter makes a request for a remote ballot in person, as described in Subsection (1)(d)(i)(A); or}-}
- 1194 {(ii) {the voter makes a request for a remote ballot via:}-}
- 1195 {(A) {a voter registration form, as described in Subsection (1)(d)(i)(B);}}
- 1196 {(B) {a request described in Subsection (11)(a); or}}
- 1197 {(C) {a return envelope, as described in Subsection (1)(d)(i)(D);}-}
- (d) {except as provided in Subsection (4), } an election officer shall remove the designation of a voter as a remote voter if, after the election officer designates the voter as a remote voter under Subsection (2)(c), the voter{±} submits a request to stop receiving a remote ballot; and

	{(i) {votes in person without making a request for a remote ballot, as described in Subsection (1)(d)(i)
	<del>(A);}</del> }
1203	<u>{(ii)</u> }
	{(A) {submits a voter registration form, other than a provisional ballot envelope described in Section
	20A-6-105, that gives the option for the voter to request that a ballot be mailed to the voter for
	upcoming elections in 2026 and beyond; and}}
1207	{(B) {does not mark the space to make the request;}}
1208	{(iii) {submits a request described in Subsection (11)(b); or}-}
1209	{(iv) {submits a ballot in a return envelope without making a request for a remote ballot as described in
	Subsection (1)(d)(i)(D);}
1211	[(2)] (e) [An] an election officer who administers an election:
1212	[(a)] (i) shall in accordance with Subsection [(3)] (5), no sooner than 21 days before election day and no
	later than seven days before election day, mail to each active voter within a voting precinct:
1215	[(i)] (A) a manual ballot;
1216	[(ii)] (B) a return envelope;
1217	[(iii)] (C) instructions for returning the ballot that include[-an express notice about any relevant
	deadlines that the voter must meet in order for the voter's vote to be counted;] the following
	statement:
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	"You must comply with the following deadlines for your ballot to be counted:
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	•If you return your ballot by mail, your ballot must be received in the office of the election officer
	before 8 p.m. on [insert day of election].
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	•If you return your ballot by placing it in a ballot drop box, or in a ballot box at a polling place, you
	must place your ballot in the ballot drop box or ballot box before 8 p.m. on [insert day of election]
	(if there is a line at 8 p.m., those in line at that time will be permitted to place their ballot in the
	ballot drop box or ballot box).
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	* Note: Certain exceptions apply to a covered voter under Title 20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military
	and Overseas Voters Act.";
1231	[(iv)] (D) for an election administered by a county clerk, information regarding the location and hours
	of operation of any election day voting center at which the voter may vote or a website address

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where the voter may view this information;

- [(v)] (E) for an election administered by an election officer other than a county clerk, if the election officer does not operate a polling place or an election day voting center, a warning, on a separate page of colored paper in bold face print, indicating that if the voter fails to follow the instructions included with the ballot, the voter will be unable to vote in that election because there will be no polling place for the voting precinct on the day of the election; and
- 1240 [(vi)] (F) instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive electronic ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5;
- 1242 [(b)] (ii) may not mail a ballot [under this section] to:
- 1243 [(i)] (A) an inactive voter, unless the inactive voter requests a manual ballot; or
- [(ii)] (B) a voter [whom the election officer is prohibited from sending a ballot under Subsection (9)

  (e)(ii)] who timely submits a request {described in Subsection (11)(e)} to stop receiving a remote ballot;
- 1247 [(e)] (iii) shall, on the outside of the envelope in which the election officer mails the ballot, include instructions for returning the ballot if the individual to whom the election officer mails the ballot does not live at the address to which the ballot is sent;
- [(d)] (iv) shall provide a method of accessible voting to a voter with a disability who is not able to vote by mail; and
- [(e)] (v) shall include, on the election officer's website and with each ballot mailed, instructions regarding how a voter described in Subsection [(2)(d)] (2)(e)(iv) may vote.
- 1256 (3) Beginning on January 1, 2026:
- (a) except as otherwise provided for an election conducted entirely by mail under Section 20A-7-609.5, an election officer shall administer an election in person and by mail;
- 1260 (b) an individual who did not provide valid voter identification at the time the voter registered to vote shall provide valid voter identification before voting;
- 1262 (c) an election officer shall designate a voter as a remote voter if the voter \(\frac{\dagger}{\dagger}\) makes a request for a remote ballot;
- 1263 {(i) {makes a request for a remote ballot in person, as described in Subsection (1)(d)(ii)(A); or}-}
- 1265 {(ii) {makes a request for a remote ballot via:}}
- 1266 {(A) {a voter registration form, as described in Subsection (1)(d)(ii)(B); or}-}
- 1267 {(B) {a request described in Subsection (11)(a);}}

- (d) {except as provided in Subsection (4), } an election officer shall remove the designation of a voter as a remote voter if, after the election officer designates the voter as a remote voter under Subsection (2)(c) or (3)(c), the voter:
- 1271 {(i) {votes in person without making a request for a remote ballot, as described in Subsection (1)(d)(ii) (A);}-}
- 1273 {(ii) }
  - {(A) {submits a voter registration form, other than a provisional ballot envelope described in Section 20A-6-105, that gives the option for the voter to request that a ballot be mailed to the voter in the upcoming elections; and}
- 1276 {(B) {does not mark the space to make the request;}-}
- 1277 {(iii)} (i) submits a request {described in Subsection (11)(b)} to stop receiving a remote ballot; or
- 1278 {(iv)} (ii) except as provided in Subsection (4), fails to vote in a regular general election;
- 1279 {(e) {a request for a remote ballot is invalid if:}-}
- 1280 {(i) {the voter makes the request for a remote ballot by submitting a voter registration form that is dated, or is received by the election officer, during the time period that begins after the ballot request deadline and ends at midnight at the end of the day of the election to which the ballot request deadline pertains; or}}
- 1284 {(ii)} (e) {the voter makes the } an election officer is not required to comply with a request for a remote ballot {by submitting } or a request {described in Subsection (11)(b) that is dated, or is received by } to stop receiving a remote ballot for an election held within 60 days after the day on which the election officer{, during } receives the {time period that begins after } request, but shall comply with the {ballot } request {deadline and ends at midnight at } for the {end of } next election held 61 or more days after the day {of } on which the election {to which the ballot } officer receives the request {deadline pertains};
- 1288 (f) an election officer who administers an election:
- (i) shall in accordance with Subsection (5), no sooner than 21 days before election day and no later than seven days before election day, mail to each voter within a voting precinct who, on the day that is 60 days before the day of the election, is a remote voter:
- 1293 (A) a manual ballot;
- 1294 (B) a return envelope;

- (C) instructions for returning the ballot that include the following statement: "You must comply with the following deadlines for your ballot to be counted: If you return your ballot by mail, your ballot must be received in the office of the election officer before 8 p.m. on [insert day of election]. If you return your ballot by placing it in a ballot drop box, or in a ballot box at a polling place, you must place your ballot in the ballot drop box or ballot box before 8 p.m. on [insert day of election] (if there is a line at 8 p.m., those in line at that time will be permitted to place their ballot in the ballot drop box or ballot box).\* Note: Certain exceptions apply to a covered voter under Title 20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act.";
- (D) except as provided in Subsection (3)(f)(i)(E), information regarding the location and hours of operation of each election day voting center at which the voter may vote or a website address where the voter may view this information;
- 1310 (E) for an election conducted entirely by mail under Section 20A-7-609.5, a warning, on a separate page of colored paper in bold face print, indicating that if the voter fails to follow the instructions included with the ballot, the voter will be unable to vote in that election because there will be no polling place for the voting precinct on the day of the election; and
- 1315 (F) instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive electronic ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5;
- 1317 {(ii) {may not mail a ballot to:}}
- 1318 {(A)} (ii) may not mail a ballot to an inactive voter, unless the inactive voter requests a manual ballot; {or}
- 1319 {(B)} (iii) may, but is not required to, mail a ballot to a voter who, on the day that is 60 days before the day of the election, is not designated as a remote voter, but who submits a request for a remote ballot within the 60 days before the day of the election;
- 1321 {(iii)} (iv) shall, on the outside of the envelope in which the election officer mails the ballot, include instructions for returning the ballot if the individual to whom the election officer mails the ballot does not live at the address to which the ballot is sent;
- 1324 {(iv)} (v) shall provide a method of accessible voting to a voter with a disability who is not able to vote by mail; and
- 1326 {(v)} (vi) shall include, on the election officer's website and with each ballot mailed, instructions regarding how a voter described in Subsection {(3)(f)(iv)} (v) may vote.

	(4) An election officer may not remove the designation of a remote voter {from } for failure of the vote
	in a regular general election if the voter {who} is a covered voter.
1330	[(3)] (5)
	(a) An election officer who mails a manual ballot under Subsection [(2)] (2)(e)(i) or (3)(f)(i) shall mail
	the manual ballot to the <u>address</u> :
1332	(i) address provided at the time of registration; or
1333	(ii) alternate address provided by the voter, if [, ] :
1340	(A) at or after the time of registration, the voter files an alternate address request form described in
	[Subsection {[} (3)(b){] (5)(b)}, the alternate address indicated on the form.] Subsection (5)(b); or
1343	(B) the voter provides an alternate address when making a request for a remote ballot.
1336	(b) The lieutenant governor shall make available to voters an alternate address request form that permit
	a voter to request that the election officer mail the voter's ballot to a location other than the voter's
	residence.
1339	(c) A voter shall provide the completed alternate address request form to the election officer no later
	than 11 days before the day of the election.
1341	[(4)] (6) The return envelope shall include:
1342	(a) the name, official title, and post office address of the election officer on the front of the envelope;
1344	(b) a space where a voter may write an email address and phone number by which the election officer
	may contact the voter if the voter's ballot is rejected;
1346	(c) a printed affidavit in substantially the following form:
1347	"County ofState of
1348	I,, solemnly swear that: I am a qualified resident voter of the voting precinct in
	County, Utah and that I am entitled to vote in this election. I am not a convicted felon currently
	incarcerated for commission of a felony.
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1352	Signature of Voter"; [and]
1353	(d) a warning that the affidavit must be signed by the individual to whom the ballot was sent and that
	the ballot will not be counted if the signature on the affidavit does not match the signature on file
	with the election officer of the individual to whom the ballot was sent[-]; and
1357	(e) for an election held in 2025, the {following-} applicable statement {:"If you desire to have a
	ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond, indicate your desire here: Yes, I

<u>desire to have a ballot mailed to me</u>} <u>described</u> in {the 2026 elections and beyond."} <u>Subsection</u> 20A-2-104(2)(b)(ii).

- 1362 [(5)] (7) If the election officer determines that the voter is required to show valid voter identification, the election officer may:
- 1364 (a) mail a ballot to the voter;
- 1365 (b) instruct the voter to include a copy of the voter's valid voter identification with the return ballot; and
- 1367 (c) provide instructions to the voter on how the voter may sign up to receive electronic ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5.
- 1370 [(6)] (8) An election officer who administers an election shall:
- 1371 (a)
  - (i) before the election, obtain the signatures of each voter qualified to vote in the election; or
- 1373 (ii) obtain the signature of each voter within the voting precinct from the county clerk; and
- 1375 (b) maintain the signatures on file in the election officer's office.
- 1376 [(7)] (9) Upon receipt of a returned ballot, the election officer shall review and process the ballot under Section 20A-3a-401.
- 1378 [(8)] (10) A county that administers an election:
- 1379 (a) shall, for an election held in 2025, provide at least one election day voting center in accordance with Part 7, Election Day Voting Center, and at least one additional election day voting center for every 5,000 active voters in the county who have requested to not receive a ballot by mail;
- (b) shall, beginning in 2026, provide at least one election day voting center in accordance with Part 7, Election Day Voting Center, and at least one additional election day voting center for every 5,000 active voters in the county who are not remote voters;
- [(b)] (c) shall ensure that each election day voting center operated by the county has at least one voting device that is accessible, in accordance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-252, for individuals with disabilities;
- 1390 [(e)] (d) may reduce the early voting period described in Section 20A-3a-601, if:
- (i) the county clerk conducts early voting on at least four days;
- (ii) the early voting days are within the period beginning on the date that is 14 days before the date of the election and ending on the day before the election; and
- 1394 (iii) the county clerk provides notice of the reduced early voting period in accordance with Section 20A-3a-604; and

- 1396 [(d)] (e) is not required to pay return postage for a ballot.
- 1397 (11)
  - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (11)(b), beginning on May 7, 2025, a voter may, on a form created by the lieutenant governor, submit to an election officer a request indicating that the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the 2026 elections and beyond.
  - {(a)} (b) {Before } Beginning on January 1, 2026, a voter may, on a form created by the {chief election officer} lieutenant governor, submit to an election officer a request indicating that the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the {2026} upcoming elections {and beyond}.
- 1400 {(b) {Subject to Subsection (3)(e)(ii), beginning on January 1, 2026, a voter may, on a form created by the chief election officer, submit to an election officer a request indicating that the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the upcoming elections.}
- (c) {Before January 1, 2026} Beginning on May 7, 2025, a voter may, on a form created by the {chief election officer} lieutenant governor, submit to an election officer a request indicating that the voter desires to stop receiving a ballot by mailin the upcoming elections.
- 1406 (d) An election officer may not require an active voter to file a new voter registration form in order to make a request described in Subsections (11)(a) through (c).
- (e) A form described in Subsection {(11)(b)} (11)(a), (b), or (c) shall{:} include the notice described in Subsection 20A-3a-107(3)(d).
- 1409 {(i) {warn the voter that a request to receive a ballot by mail is invalid and will be rejected if the form is dated, or is received by the election officer, during the time period described in Subsection (3)(e)(ii); and}}
- 1412 {(ii)} (f) {indicate that, in a case } A form described in Subsection {(11)(e)(i), the } (11)(a) or (b) shall allow a voter {should wait until after the day of the upcoming election to make the request} to enter an alternate address at which to receive a ballot by mail.
- 1414 [<del>(9)</del>
  - (a) An individual may request that the election officer not send the individual a ballot by mail in the next and subsequent elections by submitting a written request to the election officer.]
- [(b) An individual shall submit the request described in Subsection (9)(a) to the election officer before 5 p.m. no later than 60 days before an election if the individual does not wish to receive a ballot by mail in that election.]
- 1420 [(c) An election officer who receives a request from an individual under Subsection (9)(a):]

1421 (i) shall remove the individual's name from the list of voters who will receive a ballot by mail; and 1423 (ii) may not send the individual a ballot by mail for: 1424 [(A) the next election, if the individual submits the request described in Subsection (9)(a) before the deadline described in Subsection (9)(b); or 1426 [(B) an election after the election described in Subsection (9)(e)(ii)(A).] 1427 [(d) An individual who submits a request under Subsection (9)(a) may resume the individual's receipt of a ballot by mail by submitting a written request to the election officer. 1430 {Section 9. Section 20A-3a-203 is amended to read: } 1431 20A-3a-203. Voting at a polling place. 1432 (1) Except as provided in Section 20A-7-609.5, a registered voter may vote at a polling place in an election in accordance with this section. 1434 (2) (a) The voter shall give the voter's name, and, if requested, the voter's residence, to one of the poll workers. 1436 (b) The voter shall present valid voter identification to one of the poll workers. 1437 (c) If the poll worker is not satisfied that the voter has presented valid voter identification, the poll worker shall: 1439 (i) indicate on the official register that the voter was not properly identified; 1440 (ii) issue the voter a provisional ballot; 1441 (iii) notify the voter that the voter will have until the close of normal office hours on Monday after the day of the election to present valid voter identification: 1443 (A) to the county clerk at the county clerk's office; or 1444 (B) to an election officer who is administering the election; and 1445 (iv) follow the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-3a-205. 1446 (d) If the person's right to vote is challenged as provided in Section 20A-3a-803, the poll worker shall follow the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-3a-205. 1448 (3) A poll worker shall check the official register to determine whether: 1449 (a) a voter is registered to vote; and 1450 (b) if the election is a regular primary election or a presidential primary election, whether a voter's party affiliation designation in the official register allows the voter to vote the ballot that the voter

requests.

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•	(a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), if the voter's name is not found on the official register, the poly
	worker shall follow the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-3a-205.
1456	(b) If, in a regular primary election or a presidential primary election, the official register does not
	affirmatively identify the voter as being affiliated with a registered political party or if the official
	register identifies the voter as being "unaffiliated," the voter shall be considered to be "unaffiliated."
1460	(5) In a regular primary election or a presidential primary election:
1461	(a) if a voter's name is not found on the official register, and if it is not unduly disruptive to the election
	process, the poll worker may attempt to contact the county clerk's office to request oral verification
	of the voter's registration;
1464	(b) if oral verification is received from the county clerk's office, the poll worker shall:
1465	(i) record the verification on the official register;
1466	(ii) determine the voter's party affiliation and the ballot that the voter is qualified to vote; and
1468	(iii) except as provided in Subsection (6), comply with Subsection (3).
1469	(6)
•	(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), if, in a regular primary election or a presidential primary
	election, the voter's political party affiliation listed in the official register does not allow the voter to
	vote the ballot that the voter requested, the poll worker shall inform the voter of that fact and inform
	the voter of the ballot or ballots that the voter's party affiliation does allow the voter to vote.
1474	(b) If, in a regular primary election or a presidential primary election, the voter is listed in the official
	register as unaffiliated, or if the official register does not affirmatively identify the voter as either
	unaffiliated or affiliated with a registered political party, and the voter, as an unaffiliated voter, is
	not authorized to vote the ballot that the voter requests, the poll worker shall:
1479	(i) ask the voter if the voter wishes to vote another registered political party ballot that the voter, as
	unaffiliated, is authorized to vote, or remain unaffiliated; and
1481	(ii)
	(A) if the voter wishes to vote another registered political party ballot that the unaffiliated voter is
	authorized to vote, the poll worker shall proceed as required by Subsection (3); or
1484	(B) if the voter wishes to remain unaffiliated and does not wish to vote another ballot that unaffiliated
	voters are authorized to vote, the poll worker shall instruct the voter that the voter may not vote.
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- (7) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b)(ii)(B), and subject to the other provisions of Subsection (6), if the poll worker determines that the voter is registered, a poll worker shall: (a) direct the voter to sign the voter's name in the official register; (b) for an election held in 2025, ask the voter if the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the 2026 elections and beyond; (c) for an election held in 2026 or after, ask the voter if the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the upcoming elections; (d) if, in response to the inquiry described in Subsection (7)(b) or (c), the voter requests to receive future ballots by mail, record the request in a manner that will notify the election officer of the request; [(b)] (e) provide to the voter the ballot that the voter is qualified to vote; and
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- 1499 [(e)] (f) allow the voter to enter the voting booth.
- 1436 Section 10. Section **20A-3a-204** is amended to read:
- 1437 20A-3a-204. Marking and depositing ballots -- Deadlines.
- 1502 (1) To vote by mail:

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- 1503 (a) except as provided in Subsection (6), the voter shall prepare the voter's manual ballot by marking the appropriate space with a mark opposite the name of each candidate of the voter's choice for each office to be filled;
- 1506 (b) if a ballot proposition is submitted to a vote of the people, the voter shall mark the appropriate space with a mark opposite the answer the voter intends to make;
- (c) except as provided in Subsection (6), the voter shall record a write-in vote in accordance with 1508 Subsection 20A-3a-206(1);
- 1510 (d) except as provided in Subsection (6), a mark is not required opposite the name of a write-in candidate; and
- 1512 (e) the voter shall:
- 1513 (i) complete and sign the affidavit on the return envelope;
- 1514 (ii) place the voted ballot in the return envelope;
- 1515 (iii) if required, place a copy of the voter's valid voter identification in the return envelope;
- 1517 (iv) securely seal the return envelope; and
- 1518 (v)
  - (A) attach postage, if necessary, and deposit the return envelope in the mail; or

- 1519 (B) place the return envelope in a ballot drop box, designated by the election officer, for the precinct where the voter resides.
- 1521 (2)
  - . (a) Except as otherwise provided in [Section 20A-16-404] Sections 20A-16-404 and 20A-16-408, to be valid, a ballot that is [mailed] returned by mail must be[:]
- [(i) clearly postmarked before election day, or otherwise clearly marked by the post office as received by the post office before election day; and]
- [(ii)] \_received in the office of the election officer before [noon on the day of the official canvass following the election] 8 p.m. on the day of the election.
- (b) Except as provided in <u>Sections 20A-16-404 and 20A-16-408 or Subsection (2)(c)</u>, to be valid, a ballot <u>that is not returned by mail shall</u>, before the polls close on election day, be deposited in:
- 1530 (i) a ballot box at a polling place; or
- (ii) a ballot drop box designated by an election officer for the jurisdiction to which the ballot relates.
- 1533 (c) An election officer may, but is not required to, forward a ballot deposited in a ballot drop box in the wrong jurisdiction to the correct jurisdiction.
- (d) An election officer shall ensure that a voter who is, at or before 8 p.m., in line at a ballot drop box, with a sealed return envelope containing a ballot in the voter's possession, to deposit the ballot in the ballot drop box.
- 1538 (3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), to vote at a polling place the voter shall, after complying with Subsections (1)(a) through (d):
- 1540 (a) sign the official register or pollbook; and
- 1541 (b)
  - (i) place the ballot in the ballot box; or
- (ii) if the ballot is a provisional ballot, place the ballot in the provisional ballot envelope, complete the information printed on the provisional ballot envelope, and deposit the provisional ballot envelope in the provisional ballot box.
- 1545 (4)
  - (a) An individual with a disability may vote a mechanical ballot at a polling place.
- (b) An individual other than an individual with a disability may vote a mechanical ballot at a polling place if permitted by the election officer.
- 1548 (5) To vote a mechanical ballot, the voter shall:

- 1549 (a) make the selections according to the instructions provided for the voting device; and
- 1550 (b) subject to Subsection (6), record a write-in vote by:
- 1551 (i) selecting the appropriate position for entering a write-in candidate; and
- 1552 (ii) using the voting device to enter the name of the valid write-in candidate for whom the voter wishes to vote.
- 1554 (6) To vote in an instant runoff voting race under Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, a voter:
- 1556 (a) shall indicate, as directed on the ballot, the name of the candidate who is the voter's first preference for the office; and
- 1558 (b) may indicate, as directed on the ballot, the names of the remaining candidates in order of the voter's preference.
- 1560 (7) A voter who votes at a polling place:
- 1561 (a) shall mark and cast or deposit the ballot without delay and shall leave the voting area after voting; and
- 1563 (b) may not:
- 1564 (i) occupy a voting booth occupied by another, except as provided in Section 20A-3a-208;
- 1566 (ii) remain within the voting area more than 10 minutes; or
- 1567 (iii) occupy a voting booth for more than five minutes if all booths are in use and other voters are waiting to occupy a voting booth.
- 1569 (8) If the official register shows any voter as having voted, that voter may not reenter the voting area during that election unless that voter is an election official or watcher.
- 1571 (9) A poll worker may not, at a polling place, allow more than four voters more than the number of voting booths into the voting area at one time unless those excess voters are:
- 1573 (a) election officials;
- 1574 (b) watchers; or
- 1575 (c) assisting voters with a disability.
- Section 11. Section 11 is enacted to read:
- 1513 **20A-5-411.** Notice of change in requirements for receiving a ballot by mail.
- 1578 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (3), before January 1, 2026, an election officer shall provide {a copy of the form described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(11)(a) and } the written notice described in Subsection (4){-} to each active voter, as follows:

- (a) an election officer who mails a ballot to an active voter for the 2025 municipal primary election shall mail the notice with the ballot to each active voter to whom the notice was not mailed previously; and
- (b) an election officer who mails a ballot to an active voter for the 2025 municipal general election shall mail the notice with the ballot to each active voter to whom the notice was not mailed previously.
- (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), after the election officers mail ballots for the 2025 municipal general election, but before January 1, 2026, a county clerk shall mail {written notice, containing a copy of the form described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(11)(b) and } the written notice described in Subsection (4), to each active voter who resides in the county to whom the notice was not mailed previously.
- 1592 (3) An election officer or county clerk is not required to comply with the requirements described in Subsections (1) and (2) in relation to an active voter who, on or after May 7, 2025:
- 1595  $\{(a) \{ votes in person; \} \}$
- 1596 {(b) {submits a voter registration form that gives the option for the active voter to request that a ballot be mailed to the active voter for elections in 2026 and beyond;} }
- 1598 {(c)} (a) submits a request {described } for a remote ballot, as defined in Subsection {20A-2-202(11)(a) or (c)} 20A-3a-202(1); or
- 1530 (b) submits a request to stop receiving a remote ballot, as defined in Subsection 20A-3a-202(1); or
- 1599 {(d)} (c) submits a ballot in a return envelope.
- 1600 (4) The written notice described in this section shall be in substantially the following form: {IMPORTANT ELECTIONS NOTICECurrently, election officers are required to mail ballots to each active voter unless the voter requests otherwise. Beginning in 2026, you will no longer receive a ballot by mail unless you request to receive a ballot by mail. You may submit a request to receive a ballot by mail in 2026 and beyond by submitting the request form included with this notice to your county clerk. You must resubmit a request to receive a ballot by mail if you fail to vote in a regular general election.}
- 1534 (a) if, at the time the notice is sent, the online remote ballot request system described in Section
  20A-3a-107 is not available for use:"IMPORTANT ELECTIONS NOTICECurrently,
  election officers are required to mail ballots to each active voter unless the voter requests
  otherwise.Beginning in 2026, you will no longer receive a ballot by mail unless you request to
  receive a ballot by mail.If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and

beyond, you must submit a request: by submitting to your county clerk a request form that is available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a voter may access a copy of the form online] or that you may obtain by mail, by calling [insert phone number]; or on or after [insert January 1, 2026, or an earlier date if the online remote ballot request system will be available for use on a known date before January 1, 2026] using the online remote ballot request system available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a voter may access the online remote ballot request system described in Section 20A-3a-107]. You must resubmit a request to receive a ballot by mail if you fail to vote in a regular general election.\*Note: Certain exceptions apply to a covered voter under Title 20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act.".

- (b) The written notice described in this section shall be in substantially the following form if, at the time the notice is sent, the online remote ballot request system described in Section 20A-3a-107 is available for use: "IMPORTANT ELECTIONS NOTICECurrently, election officers are required to mail ballots to each active voter unless the voter requests otherwise. Beginning in 2026, you will no longer receive a ballot by mail unless you request to receive a ballot by mail. If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond, you must submit a request: using the online remote ballot request system available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a voter may access the online remote ballot request system described in Section 20A-3a-107]; or by submitting to your county clerk a request form that is available at [insert a uniform resource locator where a voter may access a copy of the form online] or that you may obtain by mail, by calling [insert phone number]. You must resubmit a request to receive a ballot by mail if you fail to vote in a regular general election.\*Note: Certain exceptions apply to a covered voter under Title 20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act.".
- 1610 (5) The {chief election officer } lieutenant governor shall issue press releases and take other action, as the chief election officer determines is needed, to notify the public of the change in requirements for receiving a ballot by mail.
- 1578 Section 12. Section **20A-9-808** is amended to read:
- 1579 **20A-9-808. Voting.**

Voting in a presidential primary election shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures of Section [20A-3a-203] 20A-3a-202.

Section 13. **Effective date.** 

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

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