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1 Voting Registration Amendments

. 2025 GENERAL SESSION

. STATE OF UTAH

. **Chief Sponsor: Trevor Lee**

. Senate Sponsor:

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3 LONG TITLE

4 General Description:

5 This bill addresses provisions related to voter registration.

6 Highlighted Provisions:

7 This bill:

8 ▶ defines terms;and

9 ▶ ~~{enables-}~~ creates a process for an individual to ~~{register or preregister to vote-}~~ receive a voter registration form and voter registration information when purchasing a hunting or fishing license~~{;and}~~

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11 ▶ ~~{requires a county clerk to provide copies of the voter registration form to Division of Wildlife Resources offices in the county.}~~

11 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

12 None

13 None

16 ENACTS:

17 **20A-2-208** , Utah Code Annotated 1953 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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AMENDS:

- 19 ~~{20A-2-102.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 45, as last amended by Laws~~
of Utah 2023, Chapter 45}
- 20 ~~{20A-2-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31, as last amended by Laws~~
of Utah 2020, Chapter 31}
- 21 ~~{20A-2-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 156, as last amended by Laws~~
of Utah 2022, Chapter 156}
- 22 ~~{20A-2-506, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 297, as~~
renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 297}

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

27 ~~{Section 1. Section 20A-2-102.5 is amended to read: }~~

28 **20A-2-102.5. Voter registration deadline.**

- 29 (1) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act, an
individual who fails to timely submit a correctly completed voter registration form may not vote in
the election.
- 32 (2) The voter registration deadline is as follows:
- 33 (a) the voter registration must be received by the county clerk, the municipal clerk, or the lieutenant
governor no later than 5 p.m. 11 calendar days before the date of the election, if the individual
registers to vote:
- 36 (i) at the office of the county clerk, in accordance with Section 20A-2-201;
- 37 (ii) by mail, in accordance with Section 20A-2-202;
- 38 (iii) via an application for a driver license, in accordance with Section 20A-2-204;
- 39 (iv) via a public assistance agency or a discretionary voter registration agency, in accordance with
Section 20A-2-205;~~[-or]~~
- 41 (v) via electronic registration, in accordance with Section 20A-2-206; or
- 42 (vi) via purchasing a hunting or fishing license from the Division of Wildlife Resources, in accordance
with Section 20A-2-208;
- 44 (b) before the polls close on the last day of early voting, described in Section 20A-3a-601, if the
individual registers by casting a provisional ballot at an early voting location in accordance with
Section 20A-2-207; or

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47 (c) before polls close on the date of the election, if the individual registers to vote on the date of the
election by casting a provisional ballot, in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.

20 Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:

21 **20A-2-208. {Registering to vote when purchasing a hunting or fishing license} Voter**
registration forms and information available at Division of Wildlife Resources offices.

23 (1) As used in this section:

24 (a) "Applicant" means an individual who is:

25 (i) seeking to purchase a hunting or fishing license in-person at a Division of Wildlife Resources office;
and

52 ~~{(1)}~~ (ii) {As used in this section, "applicant" means an individual seeking to purchase a hunting or
fishing license who is } eligible to register to vote under Section 20A-2-101 or preregister to vote
under Section 20A-2-101.1.

29 (b) "Voter registration information" means information provided by the lieutenant governor, including:

31 (i) instructions for registering to vote;

32 (ii) voter registration deadlines; and

33 (iii) contact information for questions about voter registration.

34 (2) The lieutenant governor shall provide voter registration forms and voter registration information to
each Division of Wildlife Resources office.

36 (3)

55 ~~{(2)}~~ (a) An applicant may {register or preregister to vote} receive a voter registration form when
purchasing a hunting or fishing license at a Division of Wildlife Resources office in accordance with
this Subsection (3).

57 ~~{(3)}~~ (b) Each Division of Wildlife Resources office shall provide to {applicants} each applicant, either
as part of existing forms or on a separate form, the following ~~{information}~~ text in substantially
the following form: "REGISTERING TO VOTE If you are not registered to vote where you live
now, would you like ~~{to apply}~~ a form to register or preregister to vote ~~{here today}~~ ? Yes ____
No ____ . IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE
DECIDED NOT TO {REGISTER OR PREREGISTER TO VOTE} RECEIVE A VOTER
REGISTRATION FORM AT THIS TIME. If you would like help in filling out the voter registration
form, ~~{we will help you. The decision about whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may~~
fill out the application form in private. If you believe that someone has interfered with your right

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~~to register or preregister or to decline to register or preregister to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register or preregister, or in applying to register or preregister to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with } contact the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State Capitol Building, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114{~~-(The~~ } , or by phone at [insert the number of the Office of the Lieutenant phone at [insert the number of the Office of the Lieutenant { Governor}.~~"} Governor]."~~~~

- 73 ~~{(4)}~~ (c) Unless an applicant declines ~~{to register or preregister to vote, each}~~ a voter registration form, the Division of Wildlife Resources office shall:
- 75 ~~{(a) {distribute a voter registration form to every applicant;}}~~
- 76 ~~{(b)}~~ (i) ~~{assist applicants in completing}~~ provide the applicant with a voter registration form ~~{unless the applicant refuses assistance}~~ and voter registration information;and
- 78 ~~{(e) {accept completed forms for transmittal to the appropriate election official; and}}~~
- 79 ~~{(d) {transmit a copy of each voter registration form to the appropriate election official within five days after the day on which the Division of Wildlife Resources office receives the voter registration form.}}~~
- 82 ~~{(5) {An employee of the Division of Wildlife Resources who helps an applicant complete the voter registration form may not;}}~~
- 84 ~~{(a) {seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party registration;}}~~
- 85 ~~{(b) {display any political preference or party allegiance; or}}~~
- 86 ~~{(c) {make any statement to an applicant or take any action that has the purpose or effect of discouraging the applicant from registering to vote.}}~~
- 88 ~~{(6) {If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this section no later than 5 p.m. 11 calendar days before the date of an election, the county clerk shall;}}~~
- 91 ~~{(a) {accept and process the voter registration form;}}~~
- 92 ~~{(b) {unless the applicant named in the form is preregistering to vote;}}~~
- 93 ~~{(i) {enter the applicant's name on the list of registered voters for the voting precinct in which the individual resides; and}}~~
- 95 ~~{(ii) {notify the applicant that the applicant is registered to vote in the upcoming election; and}}~~
- 97 ~~{(c) {if the applicant named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section 20A-2-101.1.}}~~
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~~{(7)}~~ (ii) ~~{If the county clerk receives a correctly completed }~~ direct any questions about voter registration ~~{form after }~~ to the ~~{deadline described in Subsection (6), }~~ Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the county clerk ~~{shall: }~~.

101 ~~{(a) {accept the application for registration of the applicant; and} }~~

102 ~~{(b) {except as provided in Subsection 20A-2-207(6), if possible, promptly inform the applicant that the applicant will not be registered to vote in the pending election, unless the applicant registers to vote by provisional ballot during the early voting period, if applicable, or on election day, in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.} }~~

106 ~~{(8) {If the county clerk determines that a voter registration form received from a Division of Wildlife Resources office is incorrect because of an error or because the voter registration form is incomplete, the county clerk shall provide notice to the applicant attempting to register or preregister to vote, stating that the applicant has not been registered or preregistered to vote because of an error or because the voter registration form is incomplete.} }~~

112 ~~{(9)}~~ (4) The Division of Wildlife Resources shall provide a link to the state's online voter registration application to each ~~{applicant}~~ individual who purchases a hunting or fishing license on the Internet.

115 ~~{Section 3. Section 20A-2-301 is amended to read: }~~

116 **20A-2-301. County clerk responsibilities -- Voter registration forms.**

117 (1) Each county clerk shall provide voter registration forms for use in the voter registration process.

119 (2)

(a) Each county clerk shall provide a copy of the voter registration form to each public assistance agency and discretionary voter registration agency.

121 (b) Each county clerk shall provide a copy of the voter registration form to each Division of Wildlife Resources office in the county.

123 ~~{(b)}~~ (c) Each county clerk may provide a copy of the voter registration form to public school districts and nonpublic schools as provided in Section 20A-2-302.

125 (3)

(a) The clerk shall make a copy of the voter registration form available to any person upon request.

127 (b) A person may make multiple copies of the voter registration form at the person's own expense.

129 (c) A person shall provide all completed voter registration forms in the person's possession to the county clerk at or before 5 p.m. on the day of the voter registration deadline.

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132 (4) The county clerk may not refuse to register an individual to vote for failing to provide a telephone
number on the voter registration form.

134 (5)

(a) It is unlawful for any person in possession of a completed voter registration form, other than the
person's own completed voter registration form, to willfully fail or refuse to timely deliver the
completed voter registration form to the county clerk.

137 (b) A person who violates this Subsection (5) is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

138 ~~{Section 4. Section 20A-2-304 is amended to read: }~~

139 **20A-2-304. County clerk's responsibilities -- Notice of disposition.**

Each county clerk shall:

141 (1) register to vote each individual who meets the requirements for registration and who:

142 (a) submits a completed voter registration form to the county clerk;

143 (b) submits a completed voter registration form, as defined in Section 20A-2-204, to the Driver License
Division;

145 (c) submits a completed voter registration form to a public assistance agency or a discretionary voter
registration agency;

147 (d) submits a completed voter registration form to a Division of Wildlife Resources office; or

149 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) mails a completed voter registration form to the county clerk; and

150 (2) within 30 days after the day on which the county clerk processes a voter registration form, send a
notice to the individual who submits the form that:

152 (a)

(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been accepted and that the
individual is registered to vote;

154 (ii) informs the individual of the procedure for designating or changing the individual's political
affiliation;

156 (iii) informs the individual of the procedure to cancel a voter registration;

157 (iv) provides 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; and

160 (v) confirms that the individual has chosen to receive electronic ballot status notifications if the
individual opted to receive electronic ballot status notifications on the voter registration form;

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(b) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been rejected and the reason for the rejection; or

165 (c)

(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form is being returned to the individual for further action because the form is incomplete; and

167 (ii) gives instructions to the individual on how to properly complete the form.

168 {Section 5. Section 20A-2-506 is amended to read: }

169 **20A-2-506. Lieutenant governor and county clerks to preserve records.**

170 (1) As used in this section:

171 (a) "Voter registration record" means a record concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring that the official register is accurate and current.

174 (b) "Voter registration record" does not include a record that:

175 (i) relates to a person's decision to decline to register to vote; or

176 (ii) identifies the particular public assistance agency, discretionary voter registration agency, Division of Wildlife Resources office, or Driver License Division through which a particular voter registered to vote.

179 (2) The lieutenant governor and each county clerk shall:

180 (a) preserve for at least two years all records relating to voter registration, including:

181 (i) the official register; and

182 (ii) the name and address of each individual to whom the notice required by Section 20A-2-505 was sent and a notation regarding whether the individual responded to the notice;

185 (b) make a voter registration record available for public inspection, except for a voter registration record, or part of a voter registration record that is classified as private under Section 63G-2-302; and

188 (c) allow a record or part of a record described in Subsection (2)(b) that is not classified as a private record to be photocopied for a reasonable cost.

190 (3) The lieutenant governor shall take, and store for at least 22 months, a static copy of the official register made at the following times:

192 (a) the voter registration deadline described in Subsection 20A-2-102.5(2)(a);

193 (b) the day of the election; and

194 (c) the last day of the canvass.

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59 Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

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