

Voting Revisions

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to elections and voting.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ provides that, beginning in 2026:
 - elections will be conducted both in person and by mail, rather than primarily by mail;
- and
 - a ballot will only be mailed to a voter who requests mailing or who is covered by the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act;
- ▶ 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;
- ▶ 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:
 - requests that a ballot not be mailed;
 - does not indicate a desire to receive a ballot when asked in person or via a form; or
 - fails to vote in a regular general election;
- ▶ subject to certain exceptions relating to military and overseas voters, provides that, for a ballot to be valid, the ballot must be received before the close of polls on the day of the election;
- ▶ establishes requirements for notifying active voters of the requirement to request a mailed ballot for future elections;
- ▶ provides that a request to receive a mailed ballot must be remade if a voter fails to vote in a regular general election; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

32 None

33 **Other Special Clauses:**

34 None

35 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

36 AMENDS:

37 **20A-1-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 438

38 **20A-2-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 327, 406

39 **20A-2-108**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 406

40 **20A-2-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 297

41 **20A-2-207**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 18

42 **20A-2-505**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 327, 406 and renumbered
43 and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 297

44 **20A-3a-106**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 297

45 **20A-3a-202**, 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

47 **20A-3a-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 156

48 **20A-9-808**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 31

49 ENACTS:

50 **20A-5-411**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

53 Section 1. Section **20A-1-102** is amended to read:

54 **20A-1-102 . Definitions.**

55 As used in this title:

56 (1) "Active voter" means a registered voter who has not been classified as an inactive voter
57 by the county clerk.

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

60 (3)(a) "Ballot" means the storage medium, including a paper, mechanical, or electronic
61 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
64 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
74 using staples or another means in at least three places across the top of the paper in the
75 blank space reserved for securing the paper.
- 76 (6) "Board of canvassers" means the entities established by Sections 20A-4-301 and
77 20A-4-306 to canvass election returns.
- 78 (7) "Bond election" means an election held for the purpose of approving or rejecting the
79 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
81 the sender.
- 82 (9) "Canvass" means the review of election returns and the official declaration of election
83 results by the board of canvassers.
- 84 (10) "Canvassing judge" means a poll worker designated to assist in counting ballots at the
85 canvass.
- 86 (11) "Contracting election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or
87 interlocal agreement with a provider election officer.
- 88 (12) "Convention" means the political party convention at which party officers and
89 delegates are selected.
- 90 (13) "Counting center" means one or more locations selected by the election officer in
91 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
93 day.
- 94 (15) "Counting room" means a suitable and convenient private place or room for use by the
95 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
99 occurs; and

- 100 (b) does not include:
- 101 (i) deadlines established for voting by mail, military-overseas voting, or emergency
- 102 voting; or
- 103 (ii) any early voting or early voting period as provided under Chapter 3a, Part 6,
- 104 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,
- 107 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project;
- 108 (b) a person who is considered to be elected to a municipal office in accordance with
- 109 Subsection [~~20A-1-206(1)(e)(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
- 111 with Subsection 20A-1-206(3)(b)(ii).
- 112 (19) "Election" means a regular general election, a municipal general election, a statewide
- 113 special election, a local special election, a regular primary election, a municipal primary
- 114 election, and a special district election.
- 115 (20) "Election Assistance Commission" means the commission established by the Help
- 116 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
- 118 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
- 128 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
- 132 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
136 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5; or
137 (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
140 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
144 the election returns requested by the board of canvassers; or
145 (b) for bond elections, the count of those votes cast for and against the bond proposition
146 plus any or all of the election returns that the board of canvassers may request.
- 147 (26) "Election returns" includes:
- 148 (a) the pollbook, the military and overseas absentee voter registration and voting
149 certificates, one of the tally sheets, any unprocessed ballots, all counted ballots, all
150 excess ballots, all unused ballots, all spoiled ballots, the ballot disposition form, and
151 the total votes cast form; and
152 (b) the record, described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(8)(c), of voters contacted to cure a
153 ballot.
- 154 (27) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or
155 logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to
156 sign the record.
- 157 (28) "Inactive voter" means a registered voter who is listed as inactive by a county clerk
158 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
161 judge.
- 162 (31) "Local election" means a regular county election, a regular municipal election, a
163 municipal primary election, a local special election, a special district election, and a
164 bond election.
- 165 (32) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a special district, or a
166 local school district.
- 167 (33) "Local special election" means a special election called by the governing body of a

168 local political subdivision in which all registered voters of the local political subdivision
169 may vote.

170 (34) "Manual ballot" means a paper document produced by an election officer on which an
171 individual records an individual's vote by directly placing a mark on the paper document
172 using a pen or other marking instrument.

173 (35) "Mechanical ballot" means a record, including a paper record, electronic record, or
174 mechanical record, that:

175 (a) is created via electronic or mechanical means; and

176 (b) records an individual voter's vote cast via a method other than an individual directly
177 placing a mark, using a pen or other marking instrument, to record an individual
178 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
182 10-3b-103(6).

183 (37) "Municipal general election" means the election held in municipalities and, as
184 applicable, special districts on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of
185 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
187 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
190 elected.

191 (41) "Municipal primary election" means an election held to nominate candidates for
192 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
195 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
200 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

- 202 20A-6-301(1)(b)(iii).
- 203 (45) "Official register" means the official record furnished to election officials by the
204 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
206 participate in an election by meeting the requirements of Chapter 8, Political Party
207 Formation and Procedures.
- 208 (47)(a) "Poll worker" means a person assigned by an election official to assist with an
209 election, voting, or counting votes.
- 210 (b) "Poll worker" includes election judges.
- 211 (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
213 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
216 which the voter marks the voter's choice.
- 217 (51) "Presidential Primary Election" means the election established in Chapter 9, Part 8,
218 Presidential Primary Election.
- 219 (52) "Primary convention" means the political party conventions held during the year of the
220 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
225 interlocal agreement with a contracting election officer to conduct an election for the
226 contracting election officer's local political subdivision in accordance with Section
227 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
233 Section 20A-6-105 that is used to identify provisional ballots and to provide information
234 to verify a person's legal right to vote.
- 235 (57)(a) "Public figure" means an individual who, due to the individual being considered

- 236 for, holding, or having held a position of prominence in a public or private capacity,
237 or due to the individual's celebrity status, has an increased risk to the individual's
238 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
243 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
245 register at a polling place and provides the voter with a ballot.
- 246 (60) "Registration form" means a form by which an individual may register to vote under
247 this title.
- 248 (61) "Regular ballot" means a ballot that is not a provisional ballot.
- 249 (62) "Regular general election" means the election held throughout the state on the first
250 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year for the
251 purposes established in Section 20A-1-201.
- 252 (63) "Regular primary election" means the election, held on the date specified in Section
253 20A-1-201.5, to nominate candidates of political parties and candidates for nonpartisan
254 local school board positions to advance to the regular general election.
- 255 (64) "Resident" means a person who resides within a specific voting precinct in Utah.
- 256 (65) "Return envelope" means the envelope, described in Subsection [~~20A-3a-202(4)~~]
257 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
259 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) "Sample ballot" means a mock ballot similar in form to the official ballot, published as
262 provided in Section 20A-5-405.
- 263 (67) "Special district" means a local government entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose
264 Local Government Entities - Special Districts, and includes a special service district
265 under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.
- 266 (68) "Special district officers" means those special district board members who are required
267 by law to be elected.
- 268 (69) "Special election" means an election held as authorized by Section 20A-1-203.
- 269 (70) "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
- 272 (c) lacks the official endorsement.
- 273 (71) "Statewide special election" means a special election called by the governor or the
- 274 Legislature in which all registered voters in Utah may vote.
- 275 (72) "Tabulation system" means a device or system designed for the sole purpose of
- 276 tabulating votes cast by voters at an election.
- 277 (73) "Ticket" means a list of:
- 278 (a) political parties;
- 279 (b) candidates for an office; or
- 280 (c) ballot propositions.
- 281 (74) "Transfer case" means the sealed box used to transport voted ballots to the counting
- 282 center.
- 283 (75) "Vacancy" means:
- 284 (a) except as provided in Subsection (75)(b), the absence of an individual to serve in a
- 285 position created by state constitution or state statute, whether that absence occurs
- 286 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,
- 288 the removal of a candidate due to the candidate's death, resignation, or
- 289 disqualification.
- 290 (76) "Valid voter identification" means:
- 291 (a) a form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter which may
- 292 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
- 301 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) but that bear the
- 306 name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct,
- 307 which may include:
- 308 (i) a current utility bill or a legible copy thereof, dated within the 90 days before the
- 309 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
- 324 the state; or
- 325 (xiii) a current Utah vehicle registration.
- 326 (77) "Valid write-in candidate" means a candidate who has qualified as a write-in candidate
- 327 by following the procedures and requirements of this title.
- 328 (78) "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) "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) "Voter registration deadline" means the registration deadline provided in Section
- 337 20A-2-102.5.

- 338 (81) "Voting area" means the area within six feet of the voting booths, voting machines,
 339 and ballot box.
- 340 (82) "Voting booth" means:
- 341 (a) the space or compartment within a polling place that is provided for the preparation
 342 of ballots, including the voting enclosure or curtain; or
- 343 (b) a voting device that is free standing.
- 344 (83) "Voting device" means any device provided by an election officer for a voter to vote a
 345 mechanical ballot.
- 346 (84) "Voting precinct" means the smallest geographical voting unit, established under
 347 Chapter 5, Part 3, Duties of the County and Municipal Legislative Bodies.
- 348 (85) "Watcher" means an individual who complies with the requirements described in
 349 Section 20A-3a-801 to become a watcher for an election.
- 350 (86) "Write-in ballot" means a ballot containing any write-in votes.
- 351 (87) "Write-in vote" means a vote cast for an individual, whose name is not printed on the
 352 ballot, in accordance with the procedures established in this title.
- 353 Section 2. Section **20A-2-104** is amended to read:
- 354 **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
- 359 (iii) employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual described in
 360 Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) for political campaign purposes.
- 361 (b) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-402 and
 362 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
 364 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
 366 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

372 record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates
373 on the form that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is
374 a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of
375 domestic violence or dating violence;

376 (ii) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration
377 record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates
378 on the form and provides verification that the individual, or an individual who
379 resides with the individual, is a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed
380 forces as defined in Section 20A-1-513, a public figure, or protected by a
381 protective order or protection order; or

382 (iii) whose voter registration record was classified as a private record at the request of
383 the individual before May 12, 2020.

384 (2)(a) An individual applying for voter registration, or an individual preregistering to vote,
385 shall complete a voter registration form in substantially the following form:

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387 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.

390 Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? Yes No

391 If you checked "no" to the above question, are you 16 or 17 years of age and
392 preregistering to vote? Yes No

393 If you checked "no" to both of the prior two questions, do not complete this form.

394 Name of Voter

395 _____

396 First Middle Last

397 Utah Driver License or Utah Identification Card

398 Number _____

399 Date of Birth _____

400 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

401 _____

402 City County State Zip Code

403 Telephone Number (optional) _____

404 Email Address (optional) _____

405 Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

406 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if
407 known)_____

408 _____

409 City County State Zip Code

410 Political Party

411 (a listing of each registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101 and
412 maintained by the lieutenant governor under Section 67-1a-2, with each party's name preceded
413 by a checkbox)

414 Unaffiliated (no political party preference) Other (Please
415 specify)_____

416 I do swear (or affirm), subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information
417 contained in this form is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the
418 state of Utah, residing at the above address. Unless I have indicated above that I am
419 preregistering to vote in a later election, I will be at least 18 years of age and will have resided
420 in Utah for 30 days immediately before the next election. I am not a convicted felon currently
421 incarcerated for commission of a felony.

422 Signed and sworn

423 _____

424 Voter's Signature_____ (month/day/year).

425 PRIVACY INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

474 BE A VALID FORM OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION THAT SHOWS YOUR NAME AND
475 PHOTOGRAPH; OR

476 TWO DIFFERENT FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION THAT SHOW YOUR NAME
477 AND CURRENT ADDRESS.

478 FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

479 Type of I.D. _____

480 Voting Precinct _____

481 Voting I.D. Number _____

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483 (b) [The] Before January 1, 2026, the voter registration form described in Subsection (2)(a)
484 shall include a section in substantially the following form:

485 -----

486 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**

487 If you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive notifications by
488 text message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to you or a ballot that you
489 deposit in the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here:

490 _____ Yes, I would like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of my
491 ballot.

492 If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond, indicate your
493 desire here:

494 _____ Yes, I desire to have a ballot mailed to me in the 2026 elections and beyond.

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496 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2026, the voter registration form described in Subsection
497 (2)(a) shall include a section in substantially the following form:

498 -----

499 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**

500 If you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive
501 notifications by text message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to
502 you or a ballot that you deposit in the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here:

503 _____ Yes, I would like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of
504 my ballot.

505 If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in upcoming elections, indicate your
506 desire here:

507 _____ Yes, I desire to have a ballot mailed to me in upcoming elections.

508 Warning: A request to have a ballot mailed to you in upcoming elections will be
 509 rejected as invalid if this voter registration form is dated, or is received by the
 510 election officer, during the period of time that begins at 5 p.m. on the last business
 511 day that is at least 60 days before the day of the next election and ends at midnight at
 512 the end of the day of that election. In that case, you may file a request after the day of
 513 the election.

514 [(e)] (d)(i) Except as provided under Subsection [(2)(e)(ii)] (2)(d)(ii), the county clerk
 515 shall retain a copy of each voter registration form in a permanent countywide
 516 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
 518 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
 522 official list.

523 (d) The lieutenant governor and the county clerks may charge the fees established under
 524 the authority of Subsection 63G-2-203(10) to individuals who wish to obtain a copy
 525 of the list of registered voters.

526 (4)(a) As used in this Subsection (4), "qualified person" means:

527 (i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's
 528 or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government
 529 employee;

530 (ii) a health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, or an agent, employee, or
 531 independent contractor of a health care provider;

532 (iii) an insurance company, as defined in Section 67-4a-102, or an agent, employee,
 533 or independent contractor of an insurance company;

534 (iv) a financial institution, as defined in Section 7-1-103, or an agent, employee, or
 535 independent contractor of a financial institution;

536 (v) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a political
 537 party;

538 (vi) a candidate for public office, or an employee, independent contractor, or
 539 volunteer of a candidate for public office;

540 (vii) a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi) who, after obtaining a
 541 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)
543 through [~~(vii)~~] (vi);
- 544 (B) verifies that the person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii)(A) is a person
545 described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through [~~(vii)~~] (vi);
- 546 (C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the year of birth may
547 not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsections
548 (4)(a)(i) through (vii);
- 549 (D) verifies that each person described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii) through (iv) to
550 whom the person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth to
551 verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to
552 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
554 provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth in the person's capacity
555 as a government official or government employee; and
- 556 (F) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the
557 person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth for a political
558 purpose of the political party or candidate for public office; or
- 559 (viii) a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) who, after obtaining
560 information under Subsection (4)(n) and (o):
- 561 (A) provides the information only to another person described in Subsection
562 (4)(a)(v) or (vi);
- 563 (B) verifies that the other person described in Subsection (4)(a)(viii)(A) is a
564 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi);
- 565 (C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the information may
566 not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsection
567 (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and
- 568 (D) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the
569 person provides the information will only use the information for a political
570 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
572 Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall,
573 when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person under this section,
574 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

- 576 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
- 579 registered voters;
- 580 (B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list
- 581 claims to be;
- 582 (C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the
- 583 years of birth;
- 584 (D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the year of birth
- 585 of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters;
- 586 (E) a statement that the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the
- 587 list of registered voters may not be provided or used for a purpose other than a
- 588 purpose described under Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(D);
- 589 (F) a statement that if the person obtains the year of birth of a registered voter
- 590 from the list of registered voters under false pretenses, or provides or uses the
- 591 year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered
- 592 voters in a manner that is prohibited by law, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor
- 593 and is subject to a civil fine;
- 594 (G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the year of
- 595 birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a
- 596 manner that is prohibited by law; and
- 597 (H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person is
- 598 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 599 (c) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk:
- 600 (i) may not disclose the year of birth of a registered voter to a person that the
- 601 lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:
- 602 (A) is not a qualified person or a person described in Subsection (4)(l); 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
- 605 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.
- 608 (d) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the voter registration
- 609 form of a person, or information included in the person's voter registration form,

- 610 whose voter registration form is classified as private under Subsection (4)(h) to a
611 person other than:
- 612 (i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's
613 or government employee's capacity as a government official or government
614 employee; or
 - 615 (ii) subject to Subsection (4)(e), a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) for
616 a political purpose.
- 617 (e)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(e)(ii), when disclosing a record or
618 information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the lieutenant governor or county clerk
619 shall exclude the information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j), other than
620 the year of birth.
- 621 (ii) If disclosing a record or information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii) in relation to the
622 voter registration record of a protected individual, the lieutenant governor or
623 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
625 form, described in Subsections (7) and (8), submitted by an individual, or information
626 obtained from that form, to a person other than a government official or government
627 employee acting in the government official's or government employee's capacity as a
628 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
631 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
633 Subsection (4)(n) or (o), that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a
634 manner that is not permitted by law;
 - 635 (iii) obtains a voter registration record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k)
636 under false pretenses;
 - 637 (iv) uses or provides information obtained from a voter registration record described
638 in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) in a manner that is not permitted by law;
 - 639 (v) unlawfully discloses or obtains a voter registration record withheld under
640 Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in Subsections (7) and (8);
641 or
 - 642 (vi) unlawfully discloses or obtains information from a voter registration record
643 withheld under Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in

- 644 Subsections (7) and (8).
- 645 (h) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration record
646 of a voter as a private record if the voter:
- 647 (i) submits a written application, created by the lieutenant governor, requesting that
648 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
650 record be classified as a private record; or
- 651 (iii) submits a withholding request form described in Subsection (7) and any required
652 verification.
- 653 (i) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(d)(ii) and (e)(ii), the lieutenant governor or a
654 county clerk may not disclose to a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) a
655 voter registration record, or information obtained from a voter registration record, if
656 the record is withheld under Subsection (7).
- 657 (j) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed under this section, the
658 lieutenant governor may impose a civil fine against a person who violates a provision
659 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:
- 661 (A) records obtained, provided, or used unlawfully, rounded to the nearest whole
662 dollar; or
- 663 (B) records from which information is obtained, provided, or used unlawfully,
664 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
667 voter, if the year of birth is obtained from the list of registered voters or from a voter
668 registration record, unless the person:
- 669 (i) is a government official or government employee who obtains, provides, or uses
670 the year of birth in the government official's or government employee's capacity
671 as a government official or government employee;
- 672 (ii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), (iii), or (iv) and obtains or
673 uses the year of birth only to verify the accuracy of personal information
674 submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to
675 prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;
- 676 (iii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) and obtains,
677 provides, or uses the year of birth for a political purpose of the political party or

- 678 candidate for public office; or
- 679 (iv) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii) and obtains, provides, or
680 uses the year of birth to provide the year of birth to another qualified person to
681 verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to
682 confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse.
- 683 (l) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may provide a year of birth to a member of
684 the media, in relation to an individual designated by the member of the media, in
685 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
687 information from a voter registration record for a purpose other than a political
688 purpose.
- 689 (n) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a
690 county clerk shall, when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person
691 described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), include, from the record of a voter whose
692 record is withheld under Subsection (7), the information described in Subsection
693 (4)(o), if:
- 694 (i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and
695 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
697 that includes the following:
- 698 (A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of
699 registered voters;
- 700 (B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list
701 claims to be;
- 702 (C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the
703 information;
- 704 (D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the information;
- 705 (E) a statement that the information may not be provided or used for a purpose
706 other than a purpose described under Subsection (4)(n)(ii)(D);
- 707 (F) a statement that if the person obtains the information under false pretenses, or
708 provides or uses the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, the
709 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
711 information in a manner that is prohibited by law; and

- 712 (H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person is
713 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 714 (o) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(p), the information that the lieutenant governor
715 or a county clerk is required to provide, under Subsection (4)(n), from the record of a
716 protected individual is:
- 717 (i) a single hash code, generated from a string of data that includes both the voter's
718 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
725 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:
- 734 (i) information described in Subsection (4)(o) that, due to a small number of voters
735 affiliated with a particular political party, or due to another reason, would likely
736 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
738 county clerk determines that the nature of the address would directly reveal
739 sensitive information about the voter.
- 740 (q) A qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), may not obtain, provide,
741 or use the information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), except to the extent that
742 the qualified person uses the information for a political purpose of a political party or
743 candidate for public office.
- 744 (5) When political parties not listed on the voter registration form qualify as registered
745 political parties under Title 20A, Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures,

746 the lieutenant governor shall inform the county clerks of the name of the new political
747 party and direct the county clerks to ensure that the voter registration form is modified to
748 include that political party.

749 (6) Upon receipt of a voter registration form from an applicant, the county clerk or the
750 clerk's designee shall:

751 (a) review each voter registration form for completeness and accuracy; and

752 (b) if the county clerk believes, based upon a review of the form, that an individual may
753 be seeking to register or preregister to vote who is not legally entitled to register or
754 preregister to vote, refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and
755 possible prosecution.

756 (7) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall withhold from a person, other than a
757 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), the voter registration record, and information
758 obtained from the voter registration record, of a protected individual.

759 (8)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute the withholding request form
760 described in Subsection (7) to each election officer and to each agency that provides
761 a voter registration form.

762 (b) An individual described in Subsection (1)(e)(i) is not required to provide
763 verification, other than the individual's attestation and signature on the withholding
764 request form, that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a
765 victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic
766 violence or dating violence.

767 (c) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
768 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
769 establishing requirements for providing the verification described in Subsection
770 (1)(e)(ii).

771 (9) An election officer or an employee of an election officer may not encourage an
772 individual to submit, or discourage an individual from submitting, a withholding request
773 form.

774 (10)(a) The lieutenant governor shall make and execute a plan to provide notice to
775 registered voters who are protected individuals, that includes the following
776 information:

777 (i) that the voter's classification of the record as private remains in effect;

778 (ii) that certain non-identifying information from the voter's voter registration record
779 may, under certain circumstances, be released to political parties and candidates

- 780 for public office;
- 781 (iii) that the voter's name, driver license or identification card number, social security
782 number, email address, phone number, and the voter's day, month, and year of
783 birth will remain private and will not be released to political parties or candidates
784 for public office;
- 785 (iv) that a county clerk will only release the information to political parties and
786 candidates in a manner that does not associate the information with a particular
787 voter; and
- 788 (v) that a county clerk may, under certain circumstances, withhold other information
789 that the county clerk determines would reveal identifying information about the
790 voter.
- 791 (b) The lieutenant governor may include in the notice described in this Subsection (10) a
792 statement that a voter may obtain additional information on the lieutenant governor's
793 website.
- 794 (c) The plan described in Subsection (10)(a) may include providing the notice described
795 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
802 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
805 Subsection (10) before June 16, 2023.

806 Section 3. Section **20A-2-108** is amended to read:

807 **20A-2-108 . Driver license or state identification card registration form --**

808 **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
813 form to include:

814 (a) the following question, which an applicant is required to answer: "Do you authorize
815 the use of information in this form for voter registration purposes? YES____
816 NO____";

817 (b) the following statement:

818 "PRIVACY INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

833 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

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

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

845 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
846 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
847 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any

848 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
 849 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
 850 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.";~~and~~
 851 (c) before January 1, 2026, a section in substantially the following form:

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853 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**

854 If you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive notifications by
 855 text message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to you or a ballot that you
 856 deposit in the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here:

857 _____ Yes, I would like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of my
 858 ballot.

859 If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond, indicate your
 860 desire here:

861 _____ Yes, I desire to have a ballot mailed to me in the 2026 elections and beyond.

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863 ; and

864 (d) beginning on January 1, 2026, a section in substantially the following form:

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866 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**

867 If you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive
 868 notifications by text message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to
 869 you or a ballot that you deposit in the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here:

870 _____ Yes, I would like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of
 871 my ballot.

872 If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in upcoming elections, indicate your
 873 desire here:

874 _____ Yes, I desire to have a ballot mailed to me in upcoming elections.

875 Warning: A request to have a ballot mailed to you in upcoming elections will be
 876 rejected as invalid if this voter registration form is dated, or is received by the
 877 election officer, during the period of time that begins at 5 p.m. on the last business
 878 day that is at least 60 days before the day of the next election and ends at midnight at
 879 the end of the day of that election. In that case, you may file a request after the day of
 880 the election.

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- 882 (3) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall ensure that a qualifying
 883 form contains:
- 884 (a) a place for an individual to affirm the individual's citizenship, voting eligibility, and
 885 Utah residency, and that the information provided in the form is true;
- 886 (b) a records disclosure that is similar to the records disclosure on a voter registration
 887 form described in Section 20A-2-104;
- 888 (c) a statement that if an applicant declines to register or preregister to vote, the fact that
 889 the applicant has declined to register or preregister will remain confidential and will
 890 be used only for voter registration purposes;
- 891 (d) a statement that if an applicant does register or preregister to vote, the office at which
 892 the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will
 893 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
 895 where an individual may, if desired:
- 896 (i) indicate the individual's desired political affiliation from a listing of each
 897 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
 899 individual desires to affiliate; or
- 900 (iii) indicate that the individual does not wish to affiliate with a political party.

901 Section 4. Section **20A-2-206** is amended to read:

902 **20A-2-206 . Electronic registration.**

- 903 (1) The lieutenant governor shall create and maintain an electronic system that is publicly
 904 available on the Internet for an individual to apply for voter registration or
 905 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
 908 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, that reflects the applicant's current
 909 principal place of residence;
- 910 (b) that the applicant provide the information required by Section 20A-2-104, except
 911 that the applicant's signature may be obtained in the manner described in Subsections
 912 (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
 915 applicant's:

- 916 (i) driver license or identification card signature, obtained under Title 53, Chapter 3,
917 Uniform Driver License Act, for voter registration purposes; or
- 918 (ii) signature on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database
919 developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 920 (3) Notwithstanding Section 20A-2-104, an applicant using the electronic system for voter
921 registration or preregistration created under this section is not required to complete a
922 printed registration form.
- 923 (4) A system created and maintained under this section shall provide the notices concerning
924 a voter's presentation of identification contained in Subsection [~~20A-2-104(1)~~]
925 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
928 from the Driver License Division; or
- 929 (b) ensure that the applicant's signature is already on file in the lieutenant governor's
930 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
932 which the applicant's principal place of residence is found for further action as required
933 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
937 governor's statewide voter registration database developed under Section
938 20A-2-502.
- 939 (7) The lieutenant governor may use additional security measures to ensure the accuracy
940 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
942 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
946 which the applicant resides; and
- 947 (ii) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming
948 election; and
- 949 (c) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section

950 20A-2-101.1.

951 (9) If an individual applies to register under this section after the deadline described in
952 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
955 individual that the individual will not be registered to vote in the pending election,
956 unless the individual registers to vote by provisional ballot during the early voting
957 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
959 the application form.

960 Section 5. Section **20A-2-207** is amended to read:

961 **20A-2-207 . Registration by provisional ballot.**

962 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (6), an individual who is not registered to vote may
963 register to vote, and vote, on election day or during the early voting period described in
964 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
969 worker.

970 (2) If a provisional ballot and the individual who voted the ballot comply with the
971 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;
974 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
977 form, uncounted, for the period specified in Section 20A-4-202, if the election officer
978 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
982 the provisional ballot.

983 (5) The lieutenant governor shall report to the Government Operations Interim Committee

984 on or before October 31, 2020, regarding:

985 (a) implementation of registration by provisional ballot, as described in this section, on a
986 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
995 individual may not register to vote, under this section, during an early voting
996 period[; and] .

997 (b) [~~if the election officer does not operate a polling place on election day,~~] For an
998 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
1000 under this section; and

1001 (ii) [-]the individual may not register to vote, under this section, on election day.

1002 Section 6. Section **20A-2-505** is amended to read:

1003 **20A-2-505 . Removing names from the official register -- Determining and**
1004 **confirming change of residence.**

1005 (1) A county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register on the grounds
1006 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
1008 county; or

1009 (b)(i) does not vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the
1010 notice described in Subsection (3), and ending on the day after the date of the
1011 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
1014 voter's address has changed, if it appears that the voter still resides within the same
1015 county, the county clerk shall:

1016 (i) change the official register to show the voter's new address; and

1017 (ii) send to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3).

1018 (b) When a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed and it
 1019 appears that the voter now resides in a different county, the county clerk shall verify
 1020 the changed residence by sending to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice
 1021 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
 1023 addresses have changed:

1024 "VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

1025 We have been notified that your residence has changed. Please read, complete, and
 1026 return this form so that we can update our voter registration records. What is your current
 1027 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
 1033 county, you must complete and return this form to the county clerk so that it is received by the
 1034 county clerk before 5 p.m. no later than 30 days before the date of the election. If you fail to
 1035 return this form within that time:

1036 - you may be required to show evidence of your address to the poll worker before being
 1037 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
 1039 two regular general elections, you will no longer be registered to vote. If you have changed
 1040 your residence and have moved to a different county in Utah, you may register to vote by
 1041 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
 1046 as your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and
 1047 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the
 1048 requirements of law.

1049 Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email
 1050 address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your
 1051 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,

1052 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
1054 all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and
1055 their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

1056 _____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld
1057 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
1058 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
1061 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
1062 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
1063 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
1064 paragraphs.

1065 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
1066 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
1067 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
1068 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
1069 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
1070 violence.

1071 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
1072 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
1073 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
1074 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
1075 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
1076 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
1078 section in substantially the following form:

1079 -----

1080 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**

1081 If you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive notifications by
1082 text message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to you or a ballot that you
1083 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
1085 ballot.

1086 If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond, indicate your
1087 desire here:

1088 _____ Yes, I desire to have a ballot mailed to me in the 2026 elections and beyond.

1089 -----

1090 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2026, the form described in Subsection (3)(a) shall also
1091 include a section in substantially the following form:

1092 -----

1093 BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

1094 If you have provided a phone number or email address, you can receive
1095 notifications by text message or email regarding the status of a ballot that is mailed to
1096 you or a ballot that you deposit in the mail or in a ballot drop box, by indicating here:

1097 _____ Yes, I would like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of
1098 my ballot.

1099 If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in upcoming elections, indicate your
1100 desire here:

1101 _____ Yes, I desire to have a ballot mailed to me in upcoming elections.

1102 Warning: A request to have a ballot mailed to you in upcoming elections will be
1103 rejected as invalid if this voter registration form is dated, or is received by the
1104 election officer, during the period of time that begins at 5 p.m. on the last business
1105 day that is at least 60 days before the day of the next election and ends at midnight at
1106 the end of the day of that election. In that case, you may file a request after the day of
1107 the election.

1108 -----

1109 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the county clerk may not remove the
1110 names of any voters from the official register during the 90 days before a regular
1111 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
1113 the 90 days before a regular primary election or the 90 days before a regular general
1114 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,
1118 unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.

1119 (ii) If a county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that

1120 there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further
 1121 information to contact the voter, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise
 1122 prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.

1123 (iii) An inactive voter may vote, sign petitions, and have all other privileges of a
 1124 registered voter.

1125 (iv) A county is not required to:

1126 (A) send routine mailings to an inactive voter; or

1127 (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
 1129 Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased
 1130 individuals.

1131 (6) A county clerk shall, within ten business days after the day on which the county clerk
 1132 receives the information described in Subsection (5) or Subsections 26B-8-114(11) and
 1133 (12) relating to a decedent whose name appears on the official register, remove the
 1134 decedent's name from the official register.

1135 (7) Ninety days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor shall
 1136 compare the information the lieutenant governor has received under Subsection
 1137 26B-8-114(11) with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have
 1138 been removed from the official register.

1139 Section 7. Section **20A-3a-106** is amended to read:

1140 **20A-3a-106 . Rulemaking authority relating to conducting an election.**

1141 The director of elections, within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, may make rules,
 1142 in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing
 1143 requirements for:

1144 (1) a return envelope described in Subsection [~~20A-3a-202(4)~~] 20A-3a-202(6), to ensure
 1145 uniformity and security of the envelopes;

1146 (2) complying with the signature comparison audit requirements described in Section
 1147 20A-3a-402.5; or

1148 (3) conducting and documenting the identity verification process described in Subsection
 1149 20A-3a-401(7)(b).

1150 Section 8. Section **20A-3a-202** is amended to read:

1151 **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
 1155 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 (c) "Remote voter" means:
 1161 (i) a voter designated as a remote voter in accordance with Subsection (2)(c) or (3)(c);
 1162 or
 1163 (ii) a covered voter.
- 1164 (d) "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
 1167 voter's identification at the polling location that the voter desires to receive a
 1168 ballot by mail in the 2026 elections and beyond;
 1169 (B) in relation to a voter registration form submitted by a voter, marking the box
 1170 on the voter registration form indicating that the voter desires to receive a
 1171 ballot by mail in the 2026 elections and beyond;
 1172 (C) submitting a request described in Subsection (11)(a); or
 1173 (D) submitting a ballot in a return envelope and marking the space on the return
 1174 envelope indicating that the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the 2026
 1175 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
 1178 voter's identification at the polling location that the voter desires to receive a
 1179 ballot by mail in the upcoming elections;
 1180 (B) subject to Subsection (3)(e)(i), in relation to a voter registration form
 1181 submitted by a voter, marking the box on the voter registration form indicating
 1182 that the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the upcoming elections; or
 1183 (C) subject to Subsection (3)(e)(ii), submitting a request described in Subsection
 1184 (11)(b).
- 1185 [(+)] (2) Before January 1, 2026:
 1186 (a) [~~Except~~] except as otherwise provided for an election conducted entirely by mail
 1187 under Section 20A-7-609.5, an election officer shall administer an election primarily

- 1188 by mail~~[-in accordance with this section.]~~ ;
- 1189 (b) ~~[An]~~ an individual who did not provide valid voter identification at the time the voter
- 1190 registered to vote shall provide valid voter identification before voting[-] ;
- 1191 (c) an election officer shall designate a voter as a remote voter if:
- 1192 (i) the voter makes a request for a remote ballot in person, as described in Subsection
- 1193 (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);
- 1198 (d) except as provided in Subsection (4), an election officer shall remove the designation
- 1199 of a voter as a remote voter if, after the election officer designates the voter as a
- 1200 remote voter under Subsection (2)(c), the voter:
- 1201 (i) votes in person without making a request for a remote ballot, as described in
- 1202 Subsection (1)(d)(i)(A);
- 1203 (ii)(A) submits a voter registration form, other than a provisional ballot envelope
- 1204 described in Section 20A-6-105, that gives the option for the voter to request
- 1205 that a ballot be mailed to the voter for upcoming elections in 2026 and beyond;
- 1206 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
- 1210 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
- 1213 election day and no later than seven days before election day, mail to each active
- 1214 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
- 1218 any relevant deadlines that the voter must meet in order for the voter's vote to
- 1219 be counted;] the following statement:
- 1220 "You must comply with the following deadlines for your ballot to be
- 1221 counted:

1222 •If you return your ballot by mail, your ballot must be received in the office
 1223 of the election officer before 8 p.m. on [insert day of election].

1224 •If you return your ballot by placing it in a ballot drop box, or in a ballot box
 1225 at a polling place, you must place your ballot in the drop box or ballot box
 1226 before 8 p.m. on [insert day of election] (if there is a line at 8 p.m., those in line
 1227 at that time will be permitted to place their ballot in the ballot drop box or
 1228 ballot box).

1229 * Note: Certain exceptions apply to a covered voter under Title 20A,
 1230 Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act.";

1231 [(iv)] (D) for an election administered by a county clerk, information regarding the
 1232 location and hours of operation of any election day voting center at which the
 1233 voter may vote or a website address where the voter may view this information;

1234 [(v)] (E) for an election administered by an election officer other than a county
 1235 clerk, if the election officer does not operate a polling place or an election day
 1236 voting center, a warning, on a separate page of colored paper in bold face print,
 1237 indicating that if the voter fails to follow the instructions included with the
 1238 ballot, the voter will be unable to vote in that election because there will be no
 1239 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
 1241 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

1244 [(ii)] (B) a voter [~~whom the election officer is prohibited from sending a ballot~~
 1245 ~~under Subsection (9)(e)(ii)] who timely submits a request described in~~
 1246 Subsection (11)(c);

1247 [(e)] (iii) shall, on the outside of the envelope in which the election officer mails the
 1248 ballot, include instructions for returning the ballot if the individual to whom the
 1249 election officer mails the ballot does not live at the address to which the ballot is
 1250 sent;

1251 [(d)] (iv) shall provide a method of accessible voting to a voter with a disability who
 1252 is not able to vote by mail; and

1253 [(e)] (v) shall include, on the election officer's website and with each ballot mailed,
 1254 instructions regarding how a voter described in Subsection [(2)(d)] (2)(e)(iv) may
 1255 vote.

- 1256 (3) Beginning on January 1, 2026:
- 1257 (a) except as otherwise provided for an election conducted entirely by mail under
- 1258 Section 20A-7-609.5, an election officer shall administer an election in person and by
- 1259 mail;
- 1260 (b) an individual who did not provide valid voter identification at the time the voter
- 1261 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:
- 1263 (i) makes a request for a remote ballot in person, as described in Subsection
- 1264 (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);
- 1268 (d) except as provided in Subsection (4), an election officer shall remove the designation
- 1269 of a voter as a remote voter if, after the election officer designates the voter as a
- 1270 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
- 1272 Subsection (1)(d)(ii)(A);
- 1273 (ii)(A) submits a voter registration form, other than a provisional ballot envelope
- 1274 described in Section 20A-6-105, that gives the option for the voter to request
- 1275 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) submits a request described in Subsection (11)(b); or
- 1278 (iv) 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
- 1281 form that is dated, or is received by the election officer, during the time period
- 1282 that begins after the ballot request deadline and ends at midnight at the end of the
- 1283 day of the election to which the ballot request deadline pertains; or
- 1284 (ii) the voter makes the request for a remote ballot by submitting a request described
- 1285 in Subsection (11)(b) that is dated, or is received by the election officer, during the
- 1286 time period that begins after the ballot request deadline and ends at midnight at the
- 1287 end of the day of the election to which the ballot request deadline pertains;
- 1288 (f) an election officer who administers an election:
- 1289 (i) shall in accordance with Subsection (5), no sooner than 21 days before election

- 1290 day and no later than seven days before election day, mail to each voter within a
1291 voting precinct who, on the day that is 60 days before the day of the election, is a
1292 remote voter:
- 1293 (A) a manual ballot;
1294 (B) a return envelope;
1295 (C) instructions for returning the ballot that include the following statement:
1296 "You must comply with the following deadlines for your ballot to be
1297 counted:
- 1298 •If you return your ballot by mail, your ballot must be received in the office
1299 of the election officer before 8 p.m. on [insert day of election].
1300 •If you return your ballot by placing it in a ballot drop box, or in a ballot box
1301 at a polling place, you must place your ballot in the drop box or ballot box
1302 before 8 p.m. on [insert day of election] (if there is a line at 8 p.m., those in line
1303 at that time will be permitted to place their ballot in the ballot drop box or
1304 ballot box).
- 1305 * Note: Certain exceptions apply to a covered voter under Title 20A,
1306 Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act.";
- 1307 (D) except as provided in Subsection (3)(f)(i)(E), information regarding the
1308 location and hours of operation of each election day voting center at which the
1309 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
1311 warning, on a separate page of colored paper in bold face print, indicating that
1312 if the voter fails to follow the instructions included with the ballot, the voter
1313 will be unable to vote in that election because there will be no polling place for
1314 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
1316 notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5;
- 1317 (ii) may not mail a ballot to:
- 1318 (A) an inactive voter, unless the inactive voter requests a manual ballot; or
1319 (B) a voter who, on the day that is 60 days before the day of the election, is not
1320 designated as a remote voter;
- 1321 (iii) shall, on the outside of the envelope in which the election officer mails the ballot,
1322 include instructions for returning the ballot if the individual to whom the election
1323 officer mails the ballot does not live at the address to which the ballot is sent;

- 1324 (iv) shall provide a method of accessible voting to a voter with a disability who is not
 1325 able to vote by mail; and
- 1326 (v) shall include, on the election officer's website and with each ballot mailed,
 1327 instructions regarding how a voter described in Subsection (3)(f)(iv) may vote.
- 1328 (4) An election officer may not remove the designation of a remote voter from a voter who
 1329 is a covered voter.
- 1330 ~~[(3)]~~ (5)(a) An election officer who mails a manual ballot under Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (2)(e)(i)
 1331 or (3)(f)(i) shall mail the manual ballot to the address:
- 1332 (i) provided at the time of registration; or
- 1333 (ii) if, at or after the time of registration, the voter files an alternate address request
 1334 form described in Subsection ~~[(3)(b)]~~ (5)(b), the alternate address indicated on the
 1335 form.
- 1336 (b) The lieutenant governor shall make available to voters an alternate address request
 1337 form that permits a voter to request that the election officer mail the voter's ballot to a
 1338 location other than the voter's residence.
- 1339 (c) A voter shall provide the completed alternate address request form to the election
 1340 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
 1343 the envelope;
- 1344 (b) a space where a voter may write an email address and phone number by which the
 1345 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 of ____ State of ____
 1348 I, ____, solemnly swear that: I am a qualified resident voter of the ____ voting precinct
 1349 in ____ County, Utah and that I am entitled to vote in this election. I am not a convicted felon
 1350 currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.
- 1351 _____
 1352 Signature of Voter"; ~~[and]~~
- 1353 (d) a warning that the affidavit must be signed by the individual to whom the ballot was
 1354 sent and that the ballot will not be counted if the signature on the affidavit does not
 1355 match the signature on file with the election officer of the individual to whom the
 1356 ballot was sent[-] ; and
- 1357 (e) for an election held in 2025, the following statement:

- 1358 "If you desire to have a ballot mailed to you in the 2026 elections and beyond,
 1359 indicate your desire here:
 1360 _____ Yes, I desire to have a ballot mailed to me in the 2026 elections and
 1361 beyond."
- 1362 [~~(5)~~] (7) If the election officer determines that the voter is required to show valid voter
 1363 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
 1366 return ballot; and
 1367 (c) provide instructions to the voter on how the voter may sign up to receive electronic
 1368 ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section
 1369 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
 1372 election; or
 1373 (ii) obtain the signature of each voter within the voting precinct from the county
 1374 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
 1377 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
 1380 accordance with Part 7, Election Day Voting Center, and at least one additional
 1381 election day voting center for every 5,000 active voters in the county who have
 1382 requested to not receive a ballot by mail;
- 1383 (b) shall, beginning in 2026, provide at least one election day voting center in
 1384 accordance with Part 7, Election Day Voting Center, and at least one additional
 1385 election day voting center for every 5,000 active voters in the county who are not
 1386 remote voters;
- 1387 [~~(b)~~] (c) shall ensure that each election day voting center operated by the county has at
 1388 least one voting device that is accessible, in accordance with the Help America Vote
 1389 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:
 1391 (i) the county clerk conducts early voting on at least four days;

- 1392 (ii) the early voting days are within the period beginning on the date that is 14 days
 1393 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
 1395 with Section 20A-3a-604; and
- 1396 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) is not required to pay return postage for a ballot.
- 1397 (11)(a) Before January 1, 2026, a voter may, on a form created by the chief election
 1398 officer, submit to an election officer a request indicating that the voter desires to
 1399 receive a ballot by mail in the 2026 elections and beyond.
- 1400 (b) Subject to Subsection (3)(e)(ii), beginning on January 1, 2026, a voter may, on a
 1401 form created by the chief election officer, submit to an election officer a request
 1402 indicating that the voter desires to receive a ballot by mail in the upcoming elections.
- 1403 (c) Before January 1, 2026, a voter may, on a form created by the chief election officer,
 1404 submit to an election officer a request indicating that the voter desires to stop
 1405 receiving a ballot by mail.
- 1406 (d) An election officer may not require an active voter to file a new voter registration
 1407 form in order to make a request described in Subsections (11)(a) through (c).
- 1408 (e) A form described in Subsection (11)(b) shall:
- 1409 (i) warn the voter that a request to receive a ballot by mail is invalid and will be
 1410 rejected if the form is dated, or is received by the election officer, during the time
 1411 period described in Subsection (3)(e)(ii); and
- 1412 (ii) indicate that, in a case described in Subsection (11)(e)(i), the voter should wait
 1413 until after the day of the upcoming election to make the request.
- 1414 ~~[(9)(a) An individual may request that the election officer not send the individual a ballot~~
 1415 ~~by mail in the next and subsequent elections by submitting a written request to the~~
 1416 ~~election officer.]~~
- 1417 ~~[(b) An individual shall submit the request described in Subsection (9)(a) to the election~~
 1418 ~~officer before 5 p.m. no later than 60 days before an election if the individual does not~~
 1419 ~~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~~
 1422 ~~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)~~
 1425 ~~before the deadline described in Subsection (9)(b); or]~~

- 1426 ~~[(B) an election after the election described in Subsection (9)(c)(ii)(A).]~~
1427 ~~[(d) An individual who submits a request under Subsection (9)(a) may resume the~~
1428 ~~individual's receipt of a ballot by mail by submitting a written request to the election~~
1429 ~~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
1433 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
1435 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
1438 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
1442 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
1447 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,
1451 whether a voter's party affiliation designation in the official register allows the voter
1452 to vote the ballot that the voter requests.
- 1453 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), if the voter's name is not found on the
1454 official register, the poll worker shall follow the procedures and requirements of
1455 Section 20A-3a-205.
- 1456 (b) If, in a regular primary election or a presidential primary election, the official register
1457 does not affirmatively identify the voter as being affiliated with a registered political
1458 party or if the official register identifies the voter as being "unaffiliated," the voter
1459 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
- 1462 to the election process, the poll worker may attempt to contact the county clerk's
- 1463 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
- 1467 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
- 1470 presidential primary election, the voter's political party affiliation listed in the official
- 1471 register does not allow the voter to vote the ballot that the voter requested, the poll
- 1472 worker shall inform the voter of that fact and inform the voter of the ballot or ballots
- 1473 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
- 1475 in the official register as unaffiliated, or if the official register does not affirmatively
- 1476 identify the voter as either unaffiliated or affiliated with a registered political party,
- 1477 and the voter, as an unaffiliated voter, is not authorized to vote the ballot that the
- 1478 voter requests, the poll worker shall:
- 1479 (i) ask the voter if the voter wishes to vote another registered political party ballot
- 1480 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
- 1482 unaffiliated voter is authorized to vote, the poll worker shall proceed as
- 1483 required by Subsection (3); or
- 1484 (B) if the voter wishes to remain unaffiliated and does not wish to vote another
- 1485 ballot that unaffiliated voters are authorized to vote, the poll worker shall
- 1486 instruct the voter that the voter may not vote.
- 1487 (7) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b)(ii)(B), and subject to the other provisions of
- 1488 Subsection (6), if the poll worker determines that the voter is registered, a poll worker
- 1489 shall:
- 1490 (a) direct the voter to sign the voter's name in the official register;
- 1491 (b) for an election held in 2025, ask the voter if the voter desires to receive a ballot by
- 1492 mail in the 2026 elections and beyond;
- 1493 (c) for an election held in 2026 or after, ask the voter if the voter desires to receive a

1494 ballot by mail in the upcoming elections;
 1495 (d) if, in response to the inquiry described in Subsection (7)(b) or (c), the voter requests
 1496 to receive future ballots by mail, record the request in a manner that will notify the
 1497 election officer of the request;

1498 ~~[(b)]~~ (e) provide to the voter the ballot that the voter is qualified to vote; and
 1499 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) allow the voter to enter the voting booth.

1500 Section 10. Section **20A-3a-204** is amended to read:

1501 **20A-3a-204 . Marking and depositing ballots -- Deadlines.**

1502 (1) To vote by mail:

1503 (a) except as provided in Subsection (6), the voter shall prepare the voter's manual ballot
 1504 by marking the appropriate space with a mark opposite the name of each candidate of
 1505 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
 1507 appropriate space with a mark opposite the answer the voter intends to make;

1508 (c) except as provided in Subsection (6), the voter shall record a write-in vote in
 1509 accordance with Subsection 20A-3a-206(1);

1510 (d) except as provided in Subsection (6), a mark is not required opposite the name of a
 1511 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
 1516 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
 1520 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
 1522 20A-16-408, to be valid, a ballot that is ~~[mailed]~~ returned by mail must be[:]

1523 ~~[(i) clearly postmarked before election day, or otherwise clearly marked by the post~~
 1524 ~~office as received by the post office before election day; and]~~

1525 ~~[(ii)]~~ received in the office of the election officer before [noon on the day of the
 1526 official canvass following the election] 8 p.m. on the day of the election.

1527 (b) Except as provided in Sections 20A-16-404 and 20A-16-408 or Subsection (2)(c), to

- 1528 be valid, a ballot that is not returned by mail shall, before the polls close on election
1529 day, be deposited in:
- 1530 (i) a ballot box at a polling place; or
1531 (ii) a ballot drop box designated by an election officer for the jurisdiction to which
1532 the ballot relates.
- 1533 (c) An election officer may, but is not required to, forward a ballot deposited in a ballot
1534 drop box in the wrong jurisdiction to the correct jurisdiction.
- 1535 (d) An election officer shall ensure that a voter who is, at or before 8 p.m., in line at a
1536 ballot drop box, with a sealed return envelope containing a ballot in the voter's
1537 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
1539 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
1542 (ii) if the ballot is a provisional ballot, place the ballot in the provisional ballot
1543 envelope, complete the information printed on the provisional ballot envelope, and
1544 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.
1546 (b) An individual other than an individual with a disability may vote a mechanical ballot
1547 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
1553 whom the voter wishes to vote.
- 1554 (6) To vote in an instant runoff voting race under Title 20A, Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal
1555 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
1557 first preference for the office; and
1558 (b) may indicate, as directed on the ballot, the names of the remaining candidates in
1559 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

- 1562 after voting; and
- 1563 (b) may not:
- 1564 (i) occupy a voting booth occupied by another, except as provided in Section
- 1565 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
- 1568 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
- 1570 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
- 1572 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.
- 1576 Section 11. Section **20A-5-411** is enacted to read:
- 1577 **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
- 1579 provide a copy of the form described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(11)(a) and the written
- 1580 notice described in Subsection (4), to each active voter, as follows:
- 1581 (a) an election officer who mails a ballot to an active voter for the 2025 municipal
- 1582 primary election shall mail the notice with the ballot to each active voter to whom the
- 1583 notice was not mailed previously; and
- 1584 (b) an election officer who mails a ballot to an active voter for the 2025 municipal
- 1585 general election shall mail the notice with the ballot to each active voter to whom the
- 1586 notice was not mailed previously.
- 1587 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), after the election officers mail ballots for the 2025
- 1588 municipal general election, but before January 1, 2026, a county clerk shall mail written
- 1589 notice, containing a copy of the form described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(11)(b) and
- 1590 the written notice described in Subsection (4), to each active voter who resides in the
- 1591 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
- 1593 described in Subsections (1) and (2) in relation to an active voter who, on or after May
- 1594 7, 2025:
- 1595 (a) votes in person;

1596 (b) submits a voter registration form that gives the option for the active voter to request
1597 that a ballot be mailed to the active voter for elections in 2026 and beyond;

1598 (c) submits a request described in Subsection 20A-2-202(11)(a) or (c); or

1599 (d) submits a ballot in a return envelope.

1600 (4) The written notice described in this section shall be in substantially the following form:

1601 IMPORTANT ELECTIONS NOTICE

1602 Currently, election officers are required to mail ballots to each active voter unless the
1603 voter requests otherwise.

1604 Beginning in 2026, you will no longer receive a ballot by mail unless you request to
1605 receive a ballot by mail.

1606 You may submit a request to receive a ballot by mail in 2026 and beyond by
1607 submitting the request form included with this notice to your county clerk.

1608 You must resubmit a request to receive a ballot by mail if you fail to vote in a regular
1609 general election.

1610 (5) The chief election officer shall issue press releases and take other action, as the chief
1611 election officer determines is needed, to notify the public of the change in requirements
1612 for receiving a ballot by mail.

1613 Section 12. Section **20A-9-808** is amended to read:

1614 **20A-9-808 . Voting.**

1615 Voting in a presidential primary election shall be conducted in accordance with the
1616 procedures of Section [~~20A-3a-203~~] 20A-3a-202.

1617 Section 13. **Effective Date.**

1618 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.