

Ballot Distribution Revisions

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher**LONG TITLE****Committee Note:**

The Government Operations Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 11 voting for 0 voting against 5 absent

General Description:

This bill amends the Election Code relating to the distribution of ballots to voters.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

creates an exception to the requirement that the bulk of ballots initially mailed to voters must be mailed from a location in Utah, if the jurisdiction mailing the ballots is assigned to a United States Postal Service area distribution center outside of Utah.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-6-108, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 156

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

Section 1. Section **20A-6-108** is amended to read:

20A-6-108 . Requirements for printing and mailing ballots.

- (1) [~~Before January 2023, the~~] The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall, in consultation with county clerks, make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing minimum requirements that a vendor must meet to be eligible to print ballots to be used in an election.
- (2) [~~Beginning on the effective date of the rules described in Subsection (1)] Except as provided in Subsection (3), an election officer shall ensure that, when the bulk of ballots~~

32 are initially mailed to voters, the ballots are mailed from a location in Utah.
33 (3) If the election officer's jurisdiction is located in an area that is assigned to a United
34 States Postal Service area distribution center located outside of Utah, the election officer
35 may deliver ballots directly to the assigned area distribution center for delivery to voters.

36 Section 2. **Effective date.**

37 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.