

Political Party Procedures Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brady Brammer

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to the use of public meeting buildings by political parties.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- provides that certain facilities under the control of a public institution of higher education are not exempt from use by political parties.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-8-404, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 68

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

Section 1. Section **20A-8-404** is amended to read:

20A-8-404 . Use of public meeting buildings by political parties.

- (1) The legislative body of a county, municipality, school district, or public institution of higher education shall make all meeting facilities in buildings under its control available to registered political parties, without discrimination, to be used for political party activities if:
 - (a) the political party requests the use of the meeting facility before 5 p.m. no later than 30 calendar days before the day on which the use by the political party will take place; and
 - (b) the meeting facility is not already scheduled for another purpose at the time of the proposed use.

- (2) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (3), when a legislative body makes a meeting facility available under Subsection (1), it may establish terms and conditions for use of that meeting facility.
- (3) The charge imposed for the use of a meeting facility described in Subsection (1) by a registered political party may not exceed the actual cost of:
- (a) custodial services for cleaning the meeting facility after the use by the political party; and
 - (b) any service requested by the political party and provided by the meeting facility.
- (4) An entity described in Subsection (1) shall, to the extent possible, avoid scheduling an event in a government building for the same evening as an announced party caucus meeting.
- (5) This section does not apply to a ~~publicly owned or operated~~ convention center, sports arena, or other facility at which conventions, conferences, ~~[and]~~ or other gatherings are held:
- (a) that is owned or operated by a public entity other than a public institution of higher education; and
 - (b) whose primary business or function is to host [such] sporting events, conventions, conferences, ~~[and]~~ or other gatherings.

Section 2. Effective date.

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.