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**Voter Information Amendments**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to voter registration records.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▸ defines terms;

▸ provides that if a voter with a voter registration record that is classified as private signs a petition, the voter's name, address, and other information relating to the petition may be publicly disclosed to the same extent, and in the same manner, as a voter signing the petition who does not have a private voter registration record;

▸ requires a petition to contain a warning regarding the provision described in the preceding paragraph; and

▸ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**10-2-602**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 330

**10-2-701.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1981, Chapter 55

**10-2a-208**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 116, 224 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

**17-2-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

**17-2-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

**17-3-1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

**17-11-2**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

**17-52a-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

31 **17-52a-505**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116  
 32 **17B-1-205**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 388  
 33 **17B-1-506**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 388  
 34 **17B-1-1304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 15  
 35 **17D-2-502**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116  
 36 **20A-2-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 327, 406  
 37 **20A-7-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
 38 **20A-7-215**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
 39 **20A-7-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
 40 **20A-7-313**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
 41 **20A-7-503**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
 42 **20A-7-514**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
 43 **20A-7-603**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
 44 **20A-7-614**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
 45 **20A-8-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116  
 46 **20A-9-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 465  
 47 **20A-9-404**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 3  
 48 **20A-9-405**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 325  
 49 **20A-9-408**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116  
 50 **20A-9-502**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 17  
 51 **20A-15-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116  
 52 **53G-3-301.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 3  
 53 **53G-3-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116  
 54 **53G-3-501**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 528  
 55 **73-10d-4**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

56 ENACTS:

57 **20A-1-1004**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

60 Section 1. Section **10-2-602** is amended to read:

61 **10-2-602 . Contents of resolution or petition.**

62 (1) The resolution of the governing body or the petition of the electors shall include:

63 (a) a statement fully describing each of the areas to be included within the consolidated  
 64 municipality;

65 (b) the name of the proposed consolidated municipality; and

66 (c) the names of the municipalities to be consolidated.

67 (2)(a) The resolution or petition shall state the population of each of the municipalities  
68 within the area of the proposed consolidated municipality and the total population of  
69 the proposed consolidated municipality.

70 (b)(i) The population figure under Subsection (2)(a) shall be derived from the most  
71 recent official census or census estimate of the United States Bureau of the Census.

72 (ii) If the population figure is not available from the United States Bureau of the  
73 Census, the population figure shall be derived from the estimate from the Utah  
74 Population Committee.

75 (3) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
76 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
77 page:

78 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS  
79 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
80 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
81 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

82 Section 2. Section **10-2-701.5** is amended to read:

83 **10-2-701.5 . Form of petition.**

84 A petition for municipal disincorporation shall substantially comply with, and be  
85 circulated in, the following form:

86 PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL DISINCORPORATION

87 To the Honorable District Court of \_\_\_\_ County, Utah:

88 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Utah, and residents of \_\_\_\_  
89 City, Utah, respectfully petition the Court to submit a proposal to disincorporate \_\_\_\_ City,  
90 Utah, to the legal voters resident within said city for their approval or rejection at a special  
91 election ordered held by the court for that purpose; and each signator for himself or herself  
92 says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Utah; I am a  
93 resident of \_\_\_\_ City, Utah, and my residence and post office address are correctly written  
94 after my name.

95 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS  
96 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
97 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
98 been classified as a private record at your request.

99 Section 3. Section **10-2a-208** is amended to read:

100 **10-2a-208 . Petition for incorporation -- Requirements and form.**

- 101 (1) At any time within one year after the day on which the county clerk completes the  
102 public hearings required under Section 10-2a-207, individuals within the proposed  
103 municipality may proceed with the incorporation process by circulating, and submitting  
104 to the county clerk, a petition for incorporation that, to be certified under Subsection  
105 10-2a-209(1)(b)(i), is required to be signed by:
- 106 (a) 10% of all registered voters within the area proposed to be incorporated as a  
107 municipality, as of the day on which the petition for incorporation is filed;
  - 108 (b) if the petition for incorporation proposes the incorporation of a city, and subject to  
109 Subsection (5), 10% of all registered voters within 90% of the voting precincts within  
110 the area proposed to be incorporated as a city, as of the day on which the petition for  
111 incorporation is filed; and
  - 112 (c) the owners of private real property that:
    - 113 (i) is located within the proposed municipality;
    - 114 (ii) covers at least 10% of the total private land area within the proposed  
115 municipality; and
    - 116 (iii) on January 1 of the current year, was equal in assessed fair market value to at  
117 least 7% of the assessed fair market value of all private real property within the  
118 proposed municipality.
- 119 (2) The petition for incorporation shall:
- 120 (a) include the typed or printed name and current residence address of each voter who  
121 signs the petition for incorporation;
  - 122 (b) describe the area proposed to be incorporated as a municipality, as described in the  
123 feasibility request or the modified feasibility request that complies with Subsection  
124 10-2a-205(5)(a);
  - 125 (c) state the proposed name for the proposed municipality;
  - 126 (d) designate five signers of the petition for incorporation as petition sponsors, one of  
127 whom is designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone  
128 number of each;
  - 129 (e) if the sponsors propose the incorporation of a city, state that the signers of the  
130 petition for incorporation appoint the sponsors, if the incorporation measure passes,  
131 to represent the signers in:
    - 132 (i) selecting the number of commission or council members the new city will have;

133 and  
 134 (ii) drawing district boundaries for the election of council members, if the voters  
 135 decide to elect council members by district;

136 (f) be accompanied by and circulated with an accurate plat or map, prepared by a  
 137 licensed surveyor, showing the boundaries of the proposed municipality; and

138 (g) substantially comply with and be circulated in the following form:

139 PETITION FOR INCORPORATION OF (insert the proposed name of the proposed  
 140 municipality)

141 To the Honorable Lieutenant Governor and the [name of county legislative body]:

142 We, the undersigned registered voters within the area described in this petition for  
 143 incorporation, respectfully petition the lieutenant governor and the county legislative body to  
 144 submit to the registered voters residing within the area described in this petition for  
 145 incorporation, at the next regular general election, the question of whether the area should  
 146 incorporate as a municipality. Each of the undersigned affirms that each has personally signed  
 147 this petition for incorporation and is a registered voter who resides within the described area,  
 148 and that the current residence address of each is correctly written after the signer's name.

149 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

150 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
 151 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
 152 been classified as a private record at your request.

153 The area proposed to be incorporated as a municipality is described as follows:[insert an  
 154 accurate description of the area proposed to be incorporated].

155 (3)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a valid signature on a feasibility request  
 156 described in Section 10-2a-202 or a modified feasibility request described in Section  
 157 10-2a-206 may be used toward fulfilling the signature requirement described in  
 158 Subsection (1) if the feasibility request notified the signer in conspicuous language  
 159 that the signature, unless withdrawn, would also be used for a petition for  
 160 incorporation under this section.

161 (b) A signature described in Subsection (3)(a) may not be used toward fulfilling the  
 162 signature requirement described in Subsection (1) if the signer files with the county  
 163 clerk a written withdrawal of the signature before the petition for incorporation is  
 164 filed with the county clerk under this section.

165 (4)(a) A voter who signs a petition for incorporation may have the voter's signature  
 166 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on

- 167 which the petition for incorporation is submitted to the county clerk, submitting to  
 168 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 169 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 170 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 171 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection  
 172 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a  
 173 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 174 (d) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
 175 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition for  
 176 incorporation after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the  
 177 signature.

178 (5)(a) A signature does not qualify under Subsection (1)(b) if the signature is gathered  
 179 from a voting precinct that:

- 180 (i) except in a proposed municipality that will be a city of the fifth class, is not  
 181 located entirely within the boundaries of a proposed city; or  
 182 (ii) includes less than 50 registered voters.

183 (b) A voting precinct that is not located entirely within the boundaries of the proposed  
 184 city does not qualify as a voting precinct under Subsection (1)(b).

185 Section 4. Section **17-2-103** is amended to read:

186 **17-2-103 . Consolidation of counties -- Petition -- Certification of petition**  
 187 **signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballot.**

188 (1)(a) If a majority of the legal voters of any county desire to have the county joined to  
 189 and consolidated with an adjoining county, they may petition the county legislative  
 190 body of the county in which they reside and the county legislative body of the  
 191 adjoining county.

192 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 193 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
 194 page:

195 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 196 RECORDS

197 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 198 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
 199 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

200 (2) Each petition under Subsection (1) shall be presented before the first Monday in June of

- 201 any year.
- 202 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body  
203 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the  
204 petition to the county clerk.
- 205 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
206 county legislative body under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk shall:
- 207 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
208 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1);
- 209 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the  
210 county; and
- 211 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 212 (4)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature  
213 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
214 which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,  
215 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be  
216 removed.
- 217 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
218 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 219 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
220 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
221 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 222 (5)(a) If a petition under Subsection (1) is presented in a year during which a regular  
223 general election is held, the county legislative body of the originating county and the  
224 county legislative body of the consolidating county shall cause the proposition to be  
225 submitted to the legal voters of their respective counties at the next regular general  
226 election.
- 227 (b) If a petition under Subsection (1) is presented during a year in which there is no  
228 regular general election, the county legislative body of the originating county and the  
229 county legislative body of the consolidating county shall:
- 230 (i) call a special election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
231 November following the presentation of the petition; and
- 232 (ii) cause the proposition to be submitted to the legal voters of the respective counties  
233 on that day.
- 234 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an election under this Subsection (5) shall

235 be held, the results canvassed, and returns made under the provisions of the general  
 236 election laws of the state.

237 (d) The ballot to be used at an election under this Subsection (5) shall be:

238 For combining \_\_\_\_ county with \_\_\_\_ county.

239 Against combining \_\_\_\_ county with \_\_\_\_ county.

240 Section 5. Section **17-2-203** is amended to read:

241 **17-2-203 . Annexation of portion of county to adjoining county -- Petition --**

242 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballot.**

243 (1)(a) Except as provided in Section 17-2-209, if a majority of the legal voters of any  
 244 portion of any county, in number equal to a majority of the votes cast at the preceding  
 245 general election within that portion of the county, desire to have the territory within  
 246 which they reside included within the boundaries of an adjoining county, they may  
 247 petition the county legislative body of the county in which they reside and the county  
 248 legislative body of the adjoining county.

249 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 250 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
 251 page:

252 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 253 RECORDS

254 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 255 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
 256 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

257 [(b)] (c) Each petition under Subsection (1)(a) shall be presented before the first Monday  
 258 in June of a year during which a general election is held.

259 [(e)] (d) If a petition is presented under Subsection (1)(a), at the ensuing regular general  
 260 election:

261 (i) the legislative body of the initiating county shall cause the proposition to be  
 262 submitted to the legal voters residing in the initiating county; and

263 (ii) the legislative body of the annexing county shall cause the proposition to be  
 264 submitted to the legal voters of the annexing county.

265 (2)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body  
 266 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the  
 267 petition to the county clerk.

268 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the



- 269 county legislative body under Subsection (2)(a), the county clerk shall:
- 270 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
- 271 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1);
- 272 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
- 273 county; and
- 274 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 275 (3)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
- 276 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
- 277 which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
- 278 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
- 279 removed.
- 280 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 281 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 282 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 283 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
- 284 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 285 (4)(a) Except as otherwise provided, the election provided in Subsection (1) shall be
- 286 held, the results canvassed, and returns made under the provisions of the general
- 287 election laws of the state.
- 288 (b) The ballot to be used shall be:
- 289 For annexing a portion of \_\_\_\_ county to \_\_\_\_ county.
- 290 Against annexing a portion of \_\_\_\_ county to \_\_\_\_ county.
- 291 Section 6. Section **17-3-1** is amended to read:
- 292 **17-3-1 . Creating a new county -- Petition -- Certification of petition signatures --**
- 293 **Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballots.**
- 294 (1) Whenever any number of the registered voters of any portion of any county desire to
- 295 have the territory within which they reside created into a new county they may file a
- 296 petition for the creation of a new county with the county legislative body of the county
- 297 in which they reside.
- 298 (2)(a) The petition shall be signed by at least one-fourth of the registered voters as
- 299 shown by the registration list of the last preceding general election, residing in that
- 300 portion of the county to be created into a new county, and by not less than one-fourth
- 301 of the registered voters residing in the remaining portion of the county.
- 302 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following

303 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
304 page:

305 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
306 RECORDS

307 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
308 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
309 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

310 (3) The petition shall be presented on or before the first Monday in May of any year, and  
311 shall propose the name and define the boundaries of the new county.

312 (4)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body  
313 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the  
314 petition to the county clerk.

315 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
316 county legislative body under Subsection (4)(a), the county clerk shall:

317 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
318 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2);

319 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the  
320 county; and

321 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

322 (5)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature  
323 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
324 which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,  
325 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be  
326 removed.

327 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
328 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

329 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
330 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
331 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

332 (6) The county legislative body shall cause the proposition to be submitted to the legal  
333 voters residing in the county at a special election to be held according to the dates  
334 established in Section 20A-1-204, first causing 30 days' notice of the election to be  
335 given in the manner provided by law for giving notice of general elections.

336 (7) The election shall be held, the result canvassed, and returns made under the provisions

337 of the general election laws.

338 (8) The form of ballot to be used at such election shall be:

339 For the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.

340 Against the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.

341 Section 7. Section **17-11-2** is amended to read:

342 **17-11-2 . Initiating petitions -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of**  
 343 **signature -- Limitation.**

344 (1)(a) Whenever there is presented to the county legislative body of any county a  
 345 petition signed by registered voters of the county, in number equal to a majority of  
 346 the votes cast at the preceding general election, praying for the submission of the  
 347 question of the removal of the county seat, it shall be the duty of the county  
 348 legislative body to submit the question of the removal at the next general election to  
 349 the registered voters of the county.

350 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 351 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
 352 page:

353 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 354 RECORDS

355 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 356 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
 357 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

358 (2)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body  
 359 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the  
 360 petition to the county clerk.

361 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
 362 county legislative body under Subsection (2)(a), the county clerk shall:

363 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
 364 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1);

365 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the  
 366 county; and

367 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

368 (3)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature  
 369 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
 370 which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,

- 371 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be  
 372 removed.
- 373 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 374 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 375 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
 376 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
 377 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 378 (4) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed in all respects as provided by  
 379 law for the conducting of general elections and canvassing the returns.
- 380 (5) A proposition of removal of the county seat may not be submitted in the same county  
 381 more than once in four years, or within four years after the day on which a proposition  
 382 of removal of the county seat is submitted.

383 Section 8. Section **17-52a-303** is amended to read:

384 **17-52a-303 . Registered voter initiation of adoption of optional plan --**  
 385 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Procedure.**

- 386 (1)(a) Registered voters of a county may initiate the process of adopting an optional plan  
 387 by filing with the county clerk a notice of intent to gather signatures for a petition:
- 388 (i) for the establishment of a study committee described in Section 17-52a-403; or  
 389 (ii) to adopt an optional plan that:
- 390 (A) accompanies the petition during the signature gathering process and  
 391 accompanies the petition in the submission to the county clerk under  
 392 Subsection (2)(b); and
- 393 (B) complies with the requirements described in Sections 17-52a-404 and  
 394 17-52a-405.
- 395 (b) A notice of intent described in Subsection (1)(a) shall:
- 396 (i) designate five sponsors for the petition;
- 397 (ii) designate a contact sponsor to serve as the primary contact for the petition  
 398 sponsors;
- 399 (iii) list the mailing address and telephone number of each of the sponsors; and  
 400 (iv) be signed by each of the petition sponsors.
- 401 (c) Registered voters of a county may not file a notice of intent to gather signatures in  
 402 bad faith.
- 403 (2)(a) The sponsors of a petition may circulate the petition after filing a notice of intent  
 404 to gather signatures under Subsection (1).

- 405 (b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), the petition is valid if the petition  
 406 contains the number of legal signatures required under Subsection 20A-7-501(2).
- 407 (ii) For a county of the fifth or sixth class, the petition is valid if the petition contains  
 408 at least the number of legal signatures equal to 30% of the number of active  
 409 voters, as defined in Section 20A-7-501, in the county.
- 410 (iii) The county clerk may not count a signature that was collected for the petition  
 411 before the petition sponsors filed a notice of intent under Subsection (1)(a).
- 412 (iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual may not sign a petition  
 413 circulated under this section by electronic signature as defined in Section  
 414 20A-1-202.
- 415 (c) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 416 statement in at least the same sized type as the majority of the other statements on the  
 417 page:
- 418 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 419 RECORDS
- 420 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 421 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
 422 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."
- 423 [(e)] (d) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b)(ii), the sponsors of the petition shall  
 424 submit the completed petition and any amended or supplemental petition described in  
 425 Subsection (4) with the county clerk not more than 180 days after the day on which  
 426 the sponsors file the notice described in Subsection (1).
- 427 [(d)] (e)(i) Within 30 days after the day on which the sponsors submit a petition, the  
 428 sponsors shall submit financial disclosures to the county clerk that include:
- 429 (A) a list of each contribution received by the sponsors and the name of the donor;  
 430 and
- 431 (B) a list of each expenditure for purposes of furthering or sponsoring the petition  
 432 and the recipient of each expenditure.
- 433 (ii) The county clerk shall publish the financial disclosures described in Subsection [  
 434 ~~(2)(d)(i)~~] (2)(e)(i).
- 435 (iii) All sponsors of a petition shall date and sign each list described in Subsection [  
 436 ~~(2)(d)(i)~~] (2)(e)(i).
- 437 (3) Within 30 days after the day on which the sponsors submit a petition under Subsection [  
 438 ~~(2)(e)~~] (2)(d) or an amended or supplemental petition under Subsection (4), the county

- 439 clerk shall:
- 440 (a)(i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a  
441 signer is a registered voter; and
- 442 (ii) determine whether the petition or amended or supplemental petition has been  
443 signed by the required number of registered voters;
- 444 (b)(i) if the petition was signed by a sufficient number of registered voters:
- 445 (A) certify the petition;
- 446 (B) deliver the petition to the county legislative body and county executive; and
- 447 (C) notify the contact sponsor in writing of the certification; or
- 448 (ii) if the petition was not signed by a sufficient number of registered voters:
- 449 (A) reject the petition; and
- 450 (B) notify the county legislative body and the contact sponsor in writing of the  
451 rejection and the reasons for the rejection; and
- 452 (c) for a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), no later than 10 days after the day on  
453 which the county clerk certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i), the county  
454 clerk shall send a copy of the optional plan that accompanied the petition to the  
455 county attorney for review in accordance with Section 17-52a-406.
- 456 (4) The sponsors of a petition circulated under this section may submit supplemental  
457 signatures for the petition:
- 458 (a) if the county clerk rejects the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(ii); and
- 459 (b) before the earlier of:
- 460 (i) the deadline described in Subsection [~~(2)(e)~~] (2)(d); or
- 461 (ii) 20 days after the day on which the county clerk rejects the petition under  
462 Subsection (3)(b)(ii).
- 463 (5) With the unanimous approval of petition sponsors, a petition filed under this section  
464 may be withdrawn at any time within 90 days after the day on which the county clerk  
465 certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i) and no later than 45 days before an  
466 election under Section 17-52a-501 if the petition included a notification to petition  
467 signers, in conspicuous language and in a conspicuous location, that the petition  
468 sponsors are authorized to withdraw the petition.
- 469 (6)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature  
470 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
471 which the sponsors submit the petition to the county clerk, submitting to the county  
472 clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

- 473 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
474 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 475 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
476 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
477 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

478 Section 9. Section **17-52a-505** is amended to read:

479 **17-52a-505 . Repeal of optional plan -- Certification of petition signatures --**

480 **Removal of signature.**

- 481 (1) An optional plan that the voters in an election adopt under this chapter may be repealed  
482 as provided in this section.
- 483 (2) Registered voters of a county that has adopted an optional plan may initiate the process  
484 of repealing an optional plan by filing a petition for the repeal of the optional plan.
- 485 (3)(a) Registered voters of a county may not file a petition to repeal an optional plan  
486 sooner than four years or more than five years after the election of county officers  
487 under Section 17-52a-503.
- 488 (b)(i) If the registered voters file a petition to repeal an optional plan under this  
489 section, the petition is certified, and the optional plan is not repealed at an election  
490 described in Subsection (9), the voters may not circulate or file a subsequent  
491 petition to repeal until at least four, and not more than five, years after the  
492 certification of the original petition.
- 493 (ii) If, after four years, the voters file a subsequent petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i),  
494 the voters:
- 495 (A) may not circulate or file another petition to repeal until at least four, and not  
496 more than five, years after certification of the subsequent petition; and  
497 (B) shall wait an additional four, and not more than five, years after the date of  
498 certification of the previous petition for each petition filed thereafter.
- 499 (4) A petition described in Subsection (2) shall:
- 500 (a) be signed by registered voters residing in the county:
- 501 (i) equal in number to at least 15% of the total number of votes cast in each precinct  
502 described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii) for all candidates for president of the United  
503 States at the most recent election in which a president of the United States was  
504 elected; and
- 505 (ii) who represent at least 85% of the voting precincts located within the county;
- 506 (b) designate up to five of the petition signers as sponsors, designating one petition

- 507 signer as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of  
508 each; [and]
- 509 (c) include the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the same  
510 size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:  
511 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
512 RECORDS  
513 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
514 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
515 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."; and  
516 [(e)] (d) be filed in the office of the clerk of the county in which the petition signers  
517 reside.
- 518 (5) Within 30 days after the filing of a petition under Subsection (2) or an amended petition  
519 under Subsection (6), the county clerk shall:
- 520 (a)(i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a  
521 signer is a registered voter; and  
522 (ii) determine whether the required number of voters have signed the petition or  
523 amended petition has been signed by the required number of registered voters; and  
524 (b)(i) if a sufficient number of voters have signed the petition, certify the petition or  
525 amended petition and deliver it to the county legislative body, and notify in  
526 writing the contact sponsor of the certification; or  
527 (ii) if a sufficient number of voters have not signed the petition, reject the petition or  
528 the amended petition and notify the county legislative body and the contact  
529 sponsor in writing of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection.
- 530 (6) If a county clerk rejects a petition or an amended petition under Subsection (5)(b)(ii),  
531 the petition may be amended or an amended petition may be further amended with  
532 additional signatures and refiled within 20 days of the date of rejection.
- 533 (7)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature  
534 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
535 which the sponsors file the petition in the office of the county clerk, submitting to the  
536 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 537 (b) A statement described in Subsection (7)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
538 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 539 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
540 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving



- 541 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 542 (8) If a county clerk certifies a petition under Subsection [~~(2)~~] (5), the county legislative  
543 body shall hold an election on the proposal to repeal the optional plan at the next regular  
544 general election that is at least 60 days after the day on which the county clerk certifies  
545 the petition.
- 546 (9) If, at an election held under Subsection (8), a majority of voters voting on the proposal  
547 to repeal the optional plan vote in favor of repealing:
- 548 (a) the optional plan is repealed, effective January 1 of the year following the election of  
549 county officers under Subsection (9)(c);
- 550 (b) upon the effective date of the repeal under Subsection (9)(a), the form of government  
551 under which the county operates reverts to the form it had before the optional plan  
552 was adopted; and
- 553 (c) the county officers under the form of government to which the county reverts, who  
554 are different than the county officers under the repealed optional plan, shall be  
555 elected at the next regular general election following the election under Subsection (8).

556 Section 10. Section **17B-1-205** is amended to read:

557 **17B-1-205 . Petition and request requirements -- Withdrawal of signature.**

- 558 (1) Each petition and request shall:
- 559 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each property  
560 owner, groundwater right owner, or registered voter signing the petition;
- 561 (b)(i) if it is a property owner request or petition, indicate the address of the property  
562 as to which the owner is signing the request or petition; or
- 563 (ii) if it is a groundwater right owner request or petition, indicate the location of the  
564 diversion of the groundwater as to which the owner is signing the groundwater  
565 right owner request or petition;
- 566 (c) describe the entire area of the proposed special district;
- 567 (d) be accompanied by a map showing the boundaries of the entire proposed special  
568 district;
- 569 (e) specify the service proposed to be provided by the proposed special district;
- 570 (f) if the petition or request proposes the creation of a specialized special district, specify  
571 the type of specialized special district proposed to be created;
- 572 (g) for a proposed basic special district:
- 573 (i) state whether the members of the board of trustees will be elected or appointed or  
574 whether some members will be elected and some appointed, as provided in

- 575 Section 17B-1-1402;
- 576 (ii) if one or more members will be elected, state the basis upon which each elected  
577 member will be elected; and
- 578 (iii) if applicable, explain how the election or appointment of board members will  
579 transition from one method to another based on stated milestones or events, as  
580 provided in Section 17B-1-1402;
- 581 (h) for a proposed improvement district whose remaining area members or county  
582 members, as those terms are defined in Section 17B-2a-404, are to be elected, state  
583 that those members will be elected;
- 584 (i) for a proposed service area that is entirely within the unincorporated area of a single  
585 county, state whether the initial board of trustees will be:
- 586 (i) the county legislative body;
- 587 (ii) appointed as provided in Section 17B-1-304; or
- 588 (iii) elected as provided in Section 17B-1-306;
- 589 (j) designate up to five signers of the petition or request as sponsors, one of whom shall  
590 be designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number  
591 of each;
- 592 (k) if the petition or request is a groundwater right owner petition or request proposing  
593 the creation of a special district to acquire a groundwater right under Section  
594 17B-1-202, explain the anticipated method:
- 595 (i) of paying for the groundwater right acquisition; and
- 596 (ii) of addressing blowing dust created by the reduced use of water;
- 597 (l) if the petition or request is a groundwater right owner petition or request proposing  
598 the creation of a special district to assess a groundwater right under Section  
599 17B-1-202, explain the anticipated method:
- 600 (i) of assessing the groundwater right and securing payment of the assessment; and
- 601 (ii) of addressing blowing dust created by the reduced use of water; and
- 602 (m) for a proposed infrastructure financing district:
- 603 (i) state whether the members of the board of trustees will be elected or appointed or  
604 whether some members will be elected and some appointed;
- 605 (ii) if one or more members will be elected, state the basis upon which each elected  
606 member will be elected;
- 607 (iii) explain how appointed board member positions will transition to elected board  
608 member positions based on stated milestones or events, as provided in Section

- 609 17B-2a-1303;
- 610 (iv) state whether divisions will be established within the boundary of the
- 611 infrastructure financing district so that some or all board members represent a
- 612 division rather than the district at large and, if so, describe the boundary of each
- 613 division; and
- 614 (v) if applicable, be accompanied by the governing document prepared according to
- 615 Section 17B-2a-1303.

616 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following

617 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the

618 page:

619 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

620 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly

621 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter

622 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

623 [~~2~~] (3)(a) Subject to Subsection [~~2~~](b), a signer of a request or petition may

624 withdraw or, once withdrawn, reinstate the signer's signature at any time before the

625 filing of the request or petition by filing a written withdrawal or reinstatement with:

626 (i) in the case of a request:

627 (A) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose

628 applicable area the signer's property is located, if the request is a property

629 owner request;

630 (B) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose

631 applicable area the signer's groundwater diversion point is located, if the

632 request is a groundwater right owner request; or

633 (C) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose

634 applicable area the signer resides, if the request is a registered voter request; or

635 (ii) in the case of a petition, the responsible clerk.

636 (b) The time for a signer of a petition for the creation of an infrastructure financing

637 district to withdraw or reinstate the signer's signature is any time before the petition is

638 certified under Section 17B-1-209.

639 [~~3~~] (4)(a) A clerk of the county who receives a timely, valid written withdrawal or

640 reinstatement from a signer of a registered voter request or registered voter petition

641 shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to determine

642 whether to remove or reinstate the individual's signature.

643 (b) If a municipal clerk or recorder receives a timely, valid written withdrawal or  
 644 reinstatement from a signer of a registered voter request or registered voter petition,  
 645 the clerk of the municipality's county shall assist the municipal clerk or recorder with  
 646 determining whether to remove or reinstate the individual's signature using the  
 647 procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3).

648 Section 11. Section **17B-1-506** is amended to read:

649 **17B-1-506 . Withdrawal petition requirements.**

650 (1) Each petition under Section 17B-1-504 shall:

651 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current address of each owner of acre-feet of  
 652 water, property owner, registered voter, or authorized representative of the governing  
 653 body signing the petition;

654 (b) separately group signatures by municipality and, in the case of unincorporated areas,  
 655 by county;

656 (c) if it is a petition signed by the owners of land, the assessment of which is based on  
 657 acre-feet of water, indicate the address of the property and the property tax  
 658 identification parcel number of the property as to which the owner is signing the  
 659 request;

660 (d) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, or in the case of a petition  
 661 filed under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv), designate a governmental representative  
 662 as a sponsor, and in each case, designate one sponsor as the contact sponsor with the  
 663 mailing address and telephone number of each;

664 (e) state the reasons for withdrawal; ~~and~~

665 (f) when the petition is filed with the special district board of trustees, be accompanied  
 666 by a map generally depicting the boundaries of the area proposed to be withdrawn  
 667 and a legal description of the area proposed to be withdrawn[-] ; and

668 (g) include the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the same  
 669 size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:

670 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION

671 RECORDS

672 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 673 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
 674 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

675 (2)(a) The special district may prepare an itemized list of expenses, other than attorney  
 676 expenses, that will necessarily be incurred by the special district in the withdrawal

677 proceeding. The itemized list of expenses may be submitted to the contact sponsor.  
678 If the list of expenses is submitted to the contact sponsor within 21 days after receipt  
679 of the petition, the contact sponsor on behalf of the petitioners shall be required to  
680 pay the expenses to the special district within 90 days of receipt. Until funds to cover  
681 the expenses are delivered to the special district, the district will have no obligation to  
682 proceed with the withdrawal and the time limits on the district stated in this part will  
683 be tolled. If the expenses are not paid within the 90 days, or within 90 days from the  
684 conclusion of any arbitration under Subsection (2)(b), the petition requesting the  
685 withdrawal shall be considered to have been withdrawn.

686 (b) If there is no agreement between the board of trustees of the special district and the  
687 contact sponsor on the amount of expenses that will necessarily be incurred by the  
688 special district in the withdrawal proceeding, either the board of trustees or the  
689 contact sponsor may submit the matter to binding arbitration in accordance with Title  
690 78B, Chapter 6, Part 2, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act; provided that, if the  
691 parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator and the rules and procedures that will control  
692 the arbitration, either party may pursue arbitration under Title 78B, Chapter 11, Utah  
693 Uniform Arbitration Act.

694 (3)(a) A signer of a petition may withdraw or, once withdrawn, reinstate the signer's  
695 signature at any time before the public hearing under Section 17B-1-508 by  
696 submitting a written statement requesting withdrawal or reinstatement with the board  
697 of trustees of the special district in which the area proposed to be withdrawn is  
698 located.

699 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
700 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

701 (c) As applicable and using the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the  
702 county clerk shall assist the board of trustees to determine whether to remove or  
703 reinstate a registered voter's signature after the voter submits a timely, valid statement  
704 described in Subsection (3)(a).

705 (4) If it reasonably appears that, if the withdrawal which is the subject of a petition filed  
706 under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(i) or (ii) is granted, it will be necessary for a  
707 municipality to provide to the withdrawn area the service previously supplied by the  
708 special district, the board of trustees of the special district may, within 21 days after  
709 receiving the petition, notify the contact sponsor in writing that, before it will be  
710 considered by the board of trustees, the petition shall be presented to and approved by

- 711 the governing body of the municipality as provided in Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv)  
 712 before it will be considered by the special district board of trustees. If the notice is  
 713 timely given to the contact sponsor, the petition shall be considered to have been  
 714 withdrawn until the municipality files a petition with the special district under  
 715 Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv).
- 716 (5)(a) After receiving the notice required by Subsection 17B-1-504(2), unless  
 717 specifically allowed by law, a public entity may not make expenditures from public  
 718 funds to support or oppose the gathering of signatures on a petition for withdrawal.
- 719 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits a public entity from providing factual information  
 720 and analysis regarding a withdrawal petition to the public, so long as the information  
 721 grants equal access to both the opponents and proponents of the petition for  
 722 withdrawal.
- 723 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a public official from speaking, campaigning,  
 724 contributing personal money, or otherwise exercising the public official's  
 725 constitutional rights.
- 726 (6) Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) do not apply to a petition seeking the withdrawal of an  
 727 area from an infrastructure financing district.
- 728 Section 12. Section **17B-1-1304** is amended to read:  
 729 **17B-1-1304 . Petition requirements.**
- 730 (1) Each petition under Subsection 17B-1-1303(1)(a) or (2) shall:  
 731 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each owner of  
 732 acre-feet of water, property owner, or registered voter signing the petition;  
 733 (b) if it is a petition signed by the owners of acre-feet of water or property owners,  
 734 indicate the address of the property as to which the owner is signing;  
 735 (c) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, one of whom shall be  
 736 designated the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of  
 737 each; and  
 738 (d) be filed with the clerk.
- 739 (2) A signer of a petition to dissolve a special district may withdraw, or, once withdrawn,  
 740 reinstate the signer's signature at any time until 30 days after the public hearing under  
 741 Section 17B-1-1306.
- 742 (3) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 743 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
 744 page:

745 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS  
 746 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 747 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
 748 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

749 Section 13. Section **17D-2-502** is amended to read:

750 **17D-2-502 . Required process for issuance of local building authority bonds --**  
 751 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature.**

752 (1) A local building authority may not issue bonds unless the creating local entity's  
 753 governing body approves the issuance and terms of the bonds.

754 (2)(a) Before issuing bonds, the authority board of a local building authority shall give  
 755 public notice of the authority board's intent to issue bonds.

756 (b)(i) A local building authority may not issue bonds without the approval of the  
 757 creating local entity's voters if, within 30 days after the notice under Subsection  
 758 (2)(a) is given, a written petition requesting an election is filed with the local  
 759 building authority, signed by at least 20% of the active voters, as defined in  
 760 Section 20A-1-102, within the creating local entity.

761 (ii) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 762 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on  
 763 the page:

764 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 765 RECORDS

766 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 767 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
 768 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

769 [(ii)] (iii) Each election under Subsection (2)(b)(i) shall be held as provided in Title  
 770 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act, in the same manner as an  
 771 election for general obligation bonds issued by the creating local entity.

772 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a local building authority  
 773 receives a petition under Subsection (2)(b)(i), the local building authority shall  
 774 provide the petition to the county clerk of the county in which the creating local  
 775 entity is located.

776 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
 777 local building authority under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk shall:

778 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the

- 779 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2)(b)(i);
- 780 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of an active voter within the
- 781 creating local entity; and
- 782 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the local building authority.
- 783 (4)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
- 784 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
- 785 which the local building authority provides the petition to the county clerk,
- 786 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
- 787 removed.
- 788 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 789 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 790 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 791 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
- 792 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

793 Section 14. Section **20A-1-1004** is enacted to read:

794 **20A-1-1004 . Signing a petition -- Waiver of privacy status.**

- 795 (1) As used in this section:
- 796 (a) "Private individual" means the same as that term is defined in Subsection
- 797 20A-2-104(1).
- 798 (b) "Public individual" means an individual who is not a private individual.
- 799 (2) Subject to Subsection (3), if a private individual signs a petition, the individual's name
- 800 and other information or records are subject to disclosure to the same extent, and in the
- 801 same manner, as a public individual who signs the petition.
- 802 (3)(a) Subsection (2) applies only to the extent of a disclosure made in direct relation to
- 803 the petition, including:
- 804 (i) disclosing the individuals who signed the petition;
- 805 (ii) signature verification or certification for the petition; or
- 806 (iii) removing a signature from the petition.
- 807 (b) Except to the extent described in Subsection (3)(a), the voter registration record of a
- 808 private individual retains the classification as a private record.

809 Section 15. Section **20A-2-104** is amended to read:

810 **20A-2-104 . Voter registration form -- Registered voter lists -- Fees for copies.**

- 811 (1) As used in this section:
- 812 (a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:



- 813 (i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;
- 814 (ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or
- 815 (iii) employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual described in
- 816 Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) for political campaign purposes.
- 817 (b) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-402 and
- 818 the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
- 819 (c) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and
- 820 the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
- 821 (d) "Hash Code" means a code generated by applying an algorithm to a set of data to
- 822 produce a code that:
  - 823 (i) uniquely represents the set of data;
  - 824 (ii) is always the same if the same algorithm is applied to the same set of data; and
  - 825 (iii) cannot be reversed to reveal the data applied to the algorithm.
- 826 (e) "Protected individual" means an individual:
  - 827 (i) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration
  - 828 record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates
  - 829 on the form that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is
  - 830 a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of
  - 831 domestic violence or dating violence;
  - 832 (ii) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration
  - 833 record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates
  - 834 on the form and provides verification that the individual, or an individual who
  - 835 resides with the individual, is a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed
  - 836 forces as defined in Section 20A-1-513, a public figure, or protected by a
  - 837 protective order or protection order; or
  - 838 (iii) whose voter registration record was classified as a private record at the request of
  - 839 the individual before May 12, 2020.

840 (2)(a) An individual applying for voter registration, or an individual preregistering to vote,

841 shall complete a voter registration form in substantially the following form:

842 -----

843 UTAH ELECTION REGISTRATION FORM

844 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

845 If you checked "no" to the above question, do not complete this form.

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

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

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

850 Name of Voter  
851 \_\_\_\_\_

852 First Middle Last

853 Utah Driver License or Utah Identification Card

854 Number \_\_\_\_\_

855 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

856 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

857 \_\_\_\_\_

858 City County State Zip Code

859 Telephone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

860 Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

861 Last four digits of Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

862 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if

863 known) \_\_\_\_\_

864 \_\_\_\_\_

865 City County State Zip Code

866 Political Party

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

870  Unaffiliated (no political party preference)  Other (Please  
871 specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

878 Signed and sworn

879 \_\_\_\_\_

880 Voter's Signature

881 \_\_\_\_\_(month/day/year).

882 **PRIVACY INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

897 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

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

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

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

915 CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT

- 916 Name:
- 917 Name at birth, if different:
- 918 Place of birth:
- 919 Date of birth:
- 920 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

921 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a  
922 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and  
923 correct.

924 \_\_\_\_\_  
925 Signature of Applicant

926 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or  
927 allowing yourself to be registered or preregistered to vote if you know you are not entitled to  
928 register or preregister to vote is up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

929 NOTICE: IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, YOU MUST PRESENT VALID  
930 VOTER IDENTIFICATION TO THE POLL WORKER BEFORE VOTING, WHICH MUST  
931 BE A VALID FORM OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION THAT SHOWS YOUR NAME AND  
932 PHOTOGRAPH; OR

933 TWO DIFFERENT FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION THAT SHOW YOUR NAME  
934 AND CURRENT ADDRESS.

935 FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

- 936 Type of I.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 937 Voting Precinct \_\_\_\_\_
- 938 Voting I.D. Number \_\_\_\_\_

939 -----

940 (b) The voter registration form described in Subsection (2)(a) shall include a section in  
941 substantially the following form:

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943 BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

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

947 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to receive electronic notifications regarding the status of my  
948 ballot.

- 949 -----
- 950 (c)(i) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the county clerk shall retain a
- 951 copy of each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file,
- 952 which may be electronic or some other recognized system.
- 953 (ii) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the
- 954 Division of Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.
- 955 (3)(a) Each county clerk shall retain lists of currently registered voters.
- 956 (b) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.
- 957 (c) If there are any discrepancies between the two lists, the county clerk's list is the
- 958 official list.
- 959 (d) The lieutenant governor and the county clerks may charge the fees established under
- 960 the authority of Subsection 63G-2-203(10) to individuals who wish to obtain a copy
- 961 of the list of registered voters.
- 962 (4)(a) As used in this Subsection (4), "qualified person" means:
- 963 (i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's
- 964 or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government
- 965 employee;
- 966 (ii) a health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, or an agent, employee, or
- 967 independent contractor of a health care provider;
- 968 (iii) an insurance company, as defined in Section 67-4a-102, or an agent, employee,
- 969 or independent contractor of an insurance company;
- 970 (iv) a financial institution, as defined in Section 7-1-103, or an agent, employee, or
- 971 independent contractor of a financial institution;
- 972 (v) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a political
- 973 party;
- 974 (vi) a candidate for public office, or an employee, independent contractor, or
- 975 volunteer of a candidate for public office;
- 976 (vii) a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi) who, after obtaining a
- 977 year of birth from the list of registered voters:
- 978 (A) provides the year of birth only to a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i)
- 979 through [~~(vii)~~] (vi);
- 980 (B) verifies that the person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii)(A) is a person
- 981 described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through [~~(vii)~~] (vi);
- 982 (C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the year of birth may

- 983 not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsections  
984 (4)(a)(i) through [~~(vii)~~] (vi);
- 985 (D) verifies that each person described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii) through (iv) to  
986 whom the person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth to  
987 verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to  
988 confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;
- 989 (E) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) to whom the person  
990 provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth in the person's capacity  
991 as a government official or government employee; and
- 992 (F) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the  
993 person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth for a political  
994 purpose of the political party or candidate for public office; or
- 995 (viii) a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) who, after obtaining  
996 information under Subsection (4)(n) and (o):
- 997 (A) provides the information only to another person described in Subsection  
998 (4)(a)(v) or (vi);
- 999 (B) verifies that the other person described in Subsection (4)(a)(viii)(A) is a  
1000 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi);
- 1001 (C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the information may  
1002 not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsection  
1003 (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and
- 1004 (D) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the  
1005 person provides the information will only use the information for a political  
1006 purpose of the political party or candidate for public office.
- 1007 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j)(iv), and except as provided in  
1008 Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall,  
1009 when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person under this section,  
1010 include, with the list, the years of birth of the registered voters, if:
- 1011 (i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and  
1012 that the person is a qualified person; and
- 1013 (ii) the qualified person signs a document that includes the following:
- 1014 (A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of  
1015 registered voters;
- 1016 (B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list

- 1017 claims to be;
- 1018 (C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the  
1019 years of birth;
- 1020 (D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the year of birth  
1021 of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters;
- 1022 (E) a statement that the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the  
1023 list of registered voters may not be provided or used for a purpose other than a  
1024 purpose described under Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(D);
- 1025 (F) a statement that if the person obtains the year of birth of a registered voter  
1026 from the list of registered voters under false pretenses, or provides or uses the  
1027 year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered  
1028 voters in a manner that is prohibited by law, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor  
1029 and is subject to a civil fine;
- 1030 (G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the year of  
1031 birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a  
1032 manner that is prohibited by law; and
- 1033 (H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person is  
1034 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 1035 (c) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk:
- 1036 (i) may not disclose the year of birth of a registered voter to a person that the  
1037 lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:
- 1038 (A) is not a qualified person or a person described in Subsection (4)(l); or  
1039 (B) will provide or use the year of birth in a manner prohibited by law; and
- 1040 (ii) may not disclose information under Subsections (4)(n) or (o) to a person that the  
1041 lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:
- 1042 (A) is not a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); or  
1043 (B) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.
- 1044 (d) [The] Except as provided in Section 20A-1-1004, the lieutenant governor or a county  
1045 clerk may not disclose the voter registration form of a person, or information  
1046 included in the person's voter registration form, whose voter registration form is  
1047 classified as private under Subsection (4)(h) to a person other than:
- 1048 (i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's  
1049 or government employee's capacity as a government official or government  
1050 employee; or

- 1051 (ii) subject to Subsection (4)(e), a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) for  
1052 a political purpose.
- 1053 (e)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(e)(ii), when disclosing a record or  
1054 information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the lieutenant governor or county clerk  
1055 shall exclude the information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j), other than  
1056 the year of birth.
- 1057 (ii) [Hf] Except as provided in Section 20A-1-1004, if disclosing a record or  
1058 information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii) in relation to the voter registration record  
1059 of a protected individual, the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall comply  
1060 with Subsections (4)(n) through (p).
- 1061 (f) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose a withholding request  
1062 form, described in Subsections (7) and (8), submitted by an individual, or information  
1063 obtained from that form, to a person other than a government official or government  
1064 employee acting in the government official's or government employee's capacity as a  
1065 government official or government employee.
- 1066 (g) A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if the person:
- 1067 (i) obtains from the list of registered voters, under false pretenses, the year of birth of  
1068 a registered voter or information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o);
- 1069 (ii) uses or provides the year of birth of a registered voter, or information described in  
1070 Subsection (4)(n) or (o), that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a  
1071 manner that is not permitted by law;
- 1072 (iii) obtains a voter registration record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k)  
1073 under false pretenses;
- 1074 (iv) uses or provides information obtained from a voter registration record described  
1075 in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) in a manner that is not permitted by law;
- 1076 (v) unlawfully discloses or obtains a voter registration record withheld under  
1077 Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in Subsections (7) and (8);  
1078 or
- 1079 (vi) unlawfully discloses or obtains information from a voter registration record  
1080 withheld under Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in  
1081 Subsections (7) and (8).
- 1082 (h) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration record  
1083 of a voter as a private record if the voter:
- 1084 (i) submits a written application, created by the lieutenant governor, requesting that



- 1085 the voter's voter registration record be classified as private;
- 1086 (ii) requests on the voter's voter registration form that the voter's voter registration  
1087 record be classified as a private record; or
- 1088 (iii) submits a withholding request form described in Subsection (7) and any required  
1089 verification.
- 1090 (i) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(d)(ii) and (e)(ii) or Section 20A-1-1004, the  
1091 lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose to a person described in  
1092 Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) a voter registration record, or information obtained from a  
1093 voter registration record, if the record is withheld under Subsection (7).
- 1094 (j) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed under this section, the  
1095 lieutenant governor may impose a civil fine against a person who violates a provision  
1096 of this section, in an amount equal to the greater of:
- 1097 (i) the product of 30 and the square root of the total number of:
- 1098 (A) records obtained, provided, or used unlawfully, rounded to the nearest whole  
1099 dollar; or
- 1100 (B) records from which information is obtained, provided, or used unlawfully,  
1101 rounded to the nearest whole dollar; or
- 1102 (ii) \$200.
- 1103 (k) A qualified person may not obtain, provide, or use the year of birth of a registered  
1104 voter, if the year of birth is obtained from the list of registered voters or from a voter  
1105 registration record, unless the person:
- 1106 (i) is a government official or government employee who obtains, provides, or uses  
1107 the year of birth in the government official's or government employee's capacity  
1108 as a government official or government employee;
- 1109 (ii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), (iii), or (iv) and obtains or  
1110 uses the year of birth only to verify the accuracy of personal information  
1111 submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to  
1112 prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;
- 1113 (iii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) and obtains,  
1114 provides, or uses the year of birth for a political purpose of the political party or  
1115 candidate for public office; or
- 1116 (iv) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii) and obtains, provides, or  
1117 uses the year of birth to provide the year of birth to another qualified person to  
1118 verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to

- 1119 confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse.
- 1120 (l) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may provide a year of birth to a member of  
1121 the media, in relation to an individual designated by the member of the media, in  
1122 order for the member of the media to verify the identity of the individual.
- 1123 (m) A person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) may not use or disclose  
1124 information from a voter registration record for a purpose other than a political  
1125 purpose.
- 1126 (n) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a  
1127 county clerk shall, when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person  
1128 described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), include, from the record of a voter whose  
1129 record is withheld under Subsection (7), the information described in Subsection  
1130 (4)(o), if:
- 1131 (i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and  
1132 that the person is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and
- 1133 (ii) the qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) signs a document  
1134 that includes the following:
- 1135 (A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of  
1136 registered voters;
- 1137 (B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list  
1138 claims to be;
- 1139 (C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the  
1140 information;
- 1141 (D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the information;
- 1142 (E) a statement that the information may not be provided or used for a purpose  
1143 other than a purpose described under Subsection (4)(n)(ii)(D);
- 1144 (F) a statement that if the person obtains the information under false pretenses, or  
1145 provides or uses the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, the  
1146 person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and is subject to a civil fine;
- 1147 (G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the  
1148 information in a manner that is prohibited by law; and
- 1149 (H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person is  
1150 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 1151 (o) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(p), the information that the lieutenant governor  
1152 or a county clerk is required to provide, under Subsection (4)(n), from the record of a

- 1153 protected individual is:
- 1154 (i) a single hash code, generated from a string of data that includes both the voter's
- 1155 voter identification number and residential address;
- 1156 (ii) the voter's residential address;
- 1157 (iii) the voter's mailing address, if different from the voter's residential address;
- 1158 (iv) the party affiliation of the voter;
- 1159 (v) the precinct number for the voter's residential address;
- 1160 (vi) the voter's voting history; and
- 1161 (vii) a designation of which age group, of the following age groups, the voter falls
- 1162 within:
- 1163 (A) 25 or younger;
- 1164 (B) 26 through 35;
- 1165 (C) 36 through 45;
- 1166 (D) 46 through 55;
- 1167 (E) 56 through 65;
- 1168 (F) 66 through 75; or
- 1169 (G) 76 or older.
- 1170 (p) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose:
- 1171 (i) information described in Subsection (4)(o) that, due to a small number of voters
- 1172 affiliated with a particular political party, or due to another reason, would likely
- 1173 reveal the identity of a voter if disclosed; or
- 1174 (ii) the address described in Subsection (4)(o)(iii) if the lieutenant governor or the
- 1175 county clerk determines that the nature of the address would directly reveal
- 1176 sensitive information about the voter.
- 1177 (q) A qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), may not obtain, provide,
- 1178 or use the information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), except to the extent that
- 1179 the qualified person uses the information for a political purpose of a political party or
- 1180 candidate for public office.
- 1181 (5) When political parties not listed on the voter registration form qualify as registered
- 1182 political parties under [~~Title 20A, Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures~~]
- 1183 Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures, the lieutenant governor shall
- 1184 inform the county clerks of the name of the new political party and direct the county
- 1185 clerks to ensure that the voter registration form is modified to include that political party.
- 1186 (6) Upon receipt of a voter registration form from an applicant, the county clerk or the

- 1187 clerk's designee shall:
- 1188 (a) review each voter registration form for completeness and accuracy; and
- 1189 (b) if the county clerk believes, based upon a review of the form, that an individual may
- 1190 be seeking to register or preregister to vote who is not legally entitled to register or
- 1191 preregister to vote, refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and
- 1192 possible prosecution.
- 1193 (7) ~~[The]~~ Except as provided in Section 20A-1-1004, the lieutenant governor or a county
- 1194 clerk shall withhold from a person, other than a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i),
- 1195 the voter registration record, and information obtained from the voter registration record,
- 1196 of a protected individual.
- 1197 (8)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute ~~[the]~~ a withholding request
- 1198 form ~~[described in Subsection (7)]~~ to each election officer and to each agency that
- 1199 provides a voter registration form.
- 1200 (b) An individual described in Subsection (1)(e)(i) is not required to provide
- 1201 verification, other than the individual's attestation and signature on the withholding
- 1202 request form, that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a
- 1203 victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic
- 1204 violence or dating violence.
- 1205 (c) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
- 1206 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
- 1207 establishing requirements for providing the verification described in Subsection
- 1208 (1)(e)(ii).
- 1209 (9) An election officer or an employee of an election officer may not encourage an
- 1210 individual to submit, or discourage an individual from submitting, a withholding request
- 1211 form.
- 1212 (10)(a) The lieutenant governor shall make and execute a plan to provide notice to
- 1213 registered voters who are protected individuals, that includes the following
- 1214 information:
- 1215 (i) that the voter's classification of the record as private remains in effect;
- 1216 (ii) that certain non-identifying information from the voter's voter registration record
- 1217 may, under certain circumstances, be released to political parties and candidates
- 1218 for public office;
- 1219 (iii) that the voter's name, driver license or identification card number, social security
- 1220 number, email address, phone number, and the voter's day, month, and year of

1221 birth will remain private and will not be released to political parties or candidates  
1222 for public office;

1223 (iv) that a county clerk will only release the information to political parties and  
1224 candidates in a manner that does not associate the information with a particular  
1225 voter; and

1226 (v) that a county clerk may, under certain circumstances, withhold other information  
1227 that the county clerk determines would reveal identifying information about the  
1228 voter.

1229 (b) The lieutenant governor may include in the notice described in this Subsection (10) a  
1230 statement that a voter may obtain additional information on the lieutenant governor's  
1231 website.

1232 (c) The plan described in Subsection (10)(a) may include providing the notice described  
1233 in Subsection (10)(a) by:

1234 (i) publication on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section 63A-16-601;

1235 (ii) publication on the lieutenant governor's website or a county's website;

1236 (iii) posting the notice in public locations;

1237 (iv) publication in a newspaper;

1238 (v) sending notification to the voters by electronic means;

1239 (vi) sending notice by other methods used by government entities to communicate  
1240 with citizens; or

1241 (vii) providing notice by any other method.

1242 (d) The lieutenant governor shall provide the notice included in a plan described in this  
1243 Subsection (10) before June 16, 2023.

1244 Section 16. Section **20A-7-203** is amended to read:

1245 **20A-7-203 . Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative petition and signature**  
1246 **sheets.**

1247 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

1248 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

1249 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Lieutenant Governor:

1250 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed  
1251 law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or rejection at the  
1252 regular general election/session to be held/ beginning on \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year);

1253 Each signer says:

1254 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying

1255 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the  
 1256 initials "AV" as my signature;

1257 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
 1258 initiative petition;

1259 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

1260 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1261 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.

1262 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

1263 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
 1264 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
 1265 been classified as a private record at your request.

1266 NOTICE TO SIGNERS:

1267 Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public  
 1268 hearings.)".

1269 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least  
 1270 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

1271 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax  
 1272 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
 1273 increase in the current tax rate."

1274 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
 1275 proposed law to each initiative petition.

1276 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

1277 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

1278 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above  
 1279 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

1280 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,  
 1281 bold type;

1282 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch  
 1283 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

1284 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

1285 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
 1286 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

1287 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

1288 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

- 1289 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 1290 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1291 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
- 1292 type;
- 1293 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1294 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1295 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 1296 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1297 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 1298 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1299 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 1300 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1301 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1302 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 1303 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1304 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 1305 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1306 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 1307 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1308 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1309 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 1310 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 1311 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 1312 and contain the following statement, "By signing this initiative petition, you are
- 1313 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
- 1314 petition." in 12-point type;
- 1315 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 1316 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 1317 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 1318 (i) the words "Fiscal Impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
- 1319 12-point, bold type;
- 1320 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (5), the initial fiscal impact statement issued by
- 1321 the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with Subsection
- 1322 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in accordance with Subsection

1323 20A-7-204.1(5), in not less than 12-point type;

1324 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:

1325 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax  
1326 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
1327 increase in the current tax rate."; and

1328 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not  
1329 less than eight-point type:

1330 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name  
1331 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
1332 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
1333 that the individual is not a registered voter.

1334 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity  
1335 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
1336 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified  
1337 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

1338 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed  
1339 statement:

1340 \_Verification of signature collector

1341 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

1342 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

1343 I am at least 18 years old;

1344 All the names that appear in this initiative packet were signed by individuals who  
1345 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed  
1346 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying  
1347 disability, I have signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the  
1348 individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's  
1349 signature;

1350 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative  
1351 packet by the initials "AV":

1352 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative  
1353 petition on the individual's behalf;

1354 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
1355 capacity to give direction or consent;

1356 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not



1357 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

1358 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,

1359 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;[~~and~~]

1360 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature

1361 sheet;

1362 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by

1363 the initiative;

1364 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written

1365 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is

1366 registered to vote in Utah;

1367 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

1368 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this initiative

1369 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

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1371 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

1372 (5) If the initial fiscal impact statement described in Subsection (3)(f)(ii), as updated in

1373 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), exceeds 200 words, the Office of the

1374 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall prepare a shorter summary statement, for the purpose of

1375 inclusion on an initiative signature sheet, that does not exceed 200 words.

1376 (6) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions

1377 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

1378 Section 17. Section **20A-7-215** is amended to read:

1379 **20A-7-215 . Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative petition --**

1380 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

1381 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

1382 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

1383 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Lieutenant

1384 Governor:

1385 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following

1386 proposed law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or

1387 rejection at the regular general election/session to be held/beginning on

1388 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year)."

1389 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link

1390 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and

- 1391 understand the information presented on this screen."
- 1392 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the following  
1393 statement:
- 1394 "Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public  
1395 hearings.)".
- 1396 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
1397 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
1398 and understand the information presented on this screen."
- 1399 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of  
1400 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-202(2)(e)(i), followed by the entire text  
1401 of the proposed law.
- 1402 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link  
1403 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
1404 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."
- 1405 (5) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the  
1406 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to  
1407 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement: "By clicking here, I  
1408 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":
- 1409 (a) a description of all proposed sources of funding for the costs associated with the  
1410 proposed law, including the proposed percentage of total funding from each source;
- 1411 (b)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative  
1412 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage  
1413 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
1414 increase in the current tax rate."; or
- 1415 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This  
1416 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";
- 1417 (c) the initial fiscal impact statement issued by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal  
1418 Analyst in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in  
1419 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5)(b);
- 1420 (d) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition  
1421 may be paid for gathering signatures; and
- 1422 (e) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":  
1423 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;  
1424 I am personally signing this initiative petition;

1425 I am registered to vote in Utah; and  
 1426 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is  
 1427 accurate.

1428 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name  
 1429 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
 1430 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
 1431 that the individual is not a registered voter.

1432 [WARNING

1433 ~~Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter~~  
 1434 ~~identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be~~  
 1435 ~~made public.]~~

1436 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

1437 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
 1438 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
 1439 been classified as a private record at your request.

1440 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

1441 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection  
 1442 (5)(e), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your  
 1443 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

1444 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection  
 1445 (5)(e), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
 1446 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the initiative petition through the  
 1447 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

1448 Section 18. Section **20A-7-303** is amended to read:

1449 **20A-7-303 . Manual referendum process -- Form of referendum petition and**  
 1450 **signature sheets.**

1451 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

1452 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

1453 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_, Lieutenant Governor:

1454 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill No.  
 1455 \_\_\_\_, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth here  
 1456 the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state of  
 1457 Utah during the \_\_\_\_ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or rejection  
 1458 at a regular general election or a statewide special election;

1459 Each signer says:

1460 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a  
1461 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer  
1462 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

1463 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
1464 referendum petition;

1465 I have personally read the entire statement included with this referendum packet;

1466 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1467 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.[":]

1468 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

1469 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
1470 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
1471 been classified as a private record at your request."

1472 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
1473 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

1474 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

1475 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

1476 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above  
1477 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

1478 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least  
1479 14-point, bold type;

1480 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch  
1481 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

1482 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

1483 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
1484 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

1485 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

1486 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

1487 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

1488 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
1489 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point  
1490 type;

1491 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

1492 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

- 1493 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 1494 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1495 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 1496 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1497 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 1498 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1499 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1500 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 1501 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1502 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 1503 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1504 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 1505 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1506 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1507 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 1508 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 1509 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 1510 and contain the following words "By signing this referendum petition, you are
- 1511 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition
- 1512 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;
- 1513 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 1514 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 1515 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by
- 1516 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:
- 1517 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
- 1518 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
- 1519 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
- 1520 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.
- 1521 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
- 1522 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
- 1523 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
- 1524 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."
- 1525 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed
- 1526 statement:

1527        "Verification of signature collector

1528        State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_

1529        I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

1530        I am at least 18 years old;

1531        All the names that appear in this referendum packet were signed by individuals who  
1532        professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed  
1533        the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying  
1534        disability, I have signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of  
1535        the individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's  
1536        signature;

1537                I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum  
1538        packet by the initials "AV":

1539                I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum  
1540        petition on the individual's behalf;

1541                I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
1542        capacity to give direction or consent;

1543                I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
1544        understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's  
1545        behalf;

1546                I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
1547        or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

1548                I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature  
1549        sheet;

1550                I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition  
1551        seeks to overturn;

1552                I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
1553        correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each  
1554        signer is registered to vote in Utah;

1555                The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; [~~and~~]

1556                I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum  
1557        packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

1558                \_\_\_\_\_

1559                (Name)                               (Residence Address)                               (Date)".

1560        (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum

1561 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

1562 Section 19. Section **20A-7-313** is amended to read:

1563 **20A-7-313 . Electronic referendum process -- Form of referendum petition --**  
1564 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

1565 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

1566 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

1567 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_, Lieutenant  
1568 Governor:

1569 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill  
1570 No. \_\_\_\_, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth  
1571 here the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state  
1572 of Utah during the \_\_\_\_ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or  
1573 rejection at a regular general election or a statewide special election."

1574 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
1575 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
1576 understand the information presented on this screen."

1577 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text  
1578 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

1579 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
1580 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
1581 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum  
1582 petition."

1583 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement  
1584 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be  
1585 paid for gathering signatures.

1586 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link  
1587 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
1588 understand the information presented on this screen."

1589 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,  
1590 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

1591 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

1592 I am personally signing this referendum petition;

1593 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1594 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is

1595 accurate.

1596 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name  
1597 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
1598 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual  
1599 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

1600 [WARNING

1601 ~~Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter~~  
1602 ~~identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this referendum petition will~~  
1603 ~~be made public.]~~

1604 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

1605 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
1606 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
1607 been classified as a private record at your request.

1608 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

1609 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection  
1610 (5), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.  
1611 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

1612 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),  
1613 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
1614 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the  
1615 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

1616 Section 20. Section **20A-7-503** is amended to read:

1617 **20A-7-503 . Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative petition and signature**  
1618 **sheet.**

1619 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

1620 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

1621 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town  
1622 Clerk:

1623 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed  
1624 law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next meeting; and  
1625 the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the proposed law or  
1626 takes no action on it.

1627 Each signer says:

1628 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying



1629 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the  
1630 initials "AV" as my signature;

1631 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
1632 petition;

1633 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

1634 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1635 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

1636 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

1637 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
1638 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
1639 been classified as a private record at your request."

1640 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least  
1641 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

1642 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax  
1643 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
1644 increase in the current tax rate."

1645 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
1646 proposed law to each initiative petition.

1647 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

1648 (a) be printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

1649 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above  
1650 that line blank for the purpose of binding;

1651 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,  
1652 bold type;

1653 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch  
1654 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

1655 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

1656 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
1657 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

1658 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

1659 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

1660 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

1661 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
1662 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point

- 1663 type;
- 1664 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1665 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1666 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 1667 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1668 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 1669 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1670 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 1671 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1672 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1673 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 1674 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1675 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 1676 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1677 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 1678 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1679 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 1680 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 1681 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 1682 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 1683 and contain the following words "By signing this initiative petition, you are
- 1684 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
- 1685 petition." in 12-point type;
- 1686 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 1687 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 1688 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 1689 (i) the words "Fiscal and legal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at
- 1690 least 12-point, bold type;
- 1691 (ii) the summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by
- 1692 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost
- 1693 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition
- 1694 in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3), in not less than 12-point, bold
- 1695 type;
- 1696 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:

1697 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax  
 1698 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
 1699 increase in the current tax rate."; and

1700 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not  
 1701 less than eight-point type:

1702 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name  
 1703 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
 1704 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
 1705 that the individual is not a registered voter.

1706 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity  
 1707 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
 1708 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified  
 1709 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

1710 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed  
 1711 statement:

1712 "Verification of signature collector

1713 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

1714 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

1715 I am at least 18 years old;

1716 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be  
 1717 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's  
 1718 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have  
 1719 signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and in  
 1720 the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

1721 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative  
 1722 packet by the initials "AV":

1723 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative  
 1724 petition on the individual's behalf;

1725 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
 1726 capacity to give direction or consent;

1727 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
 1728 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

1729 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
 1730 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;[~~and~~]

1731 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature  
1732 sheet;

1733 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by  
1734 the initiative; and

1735 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
1736 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is  
1737 registered to vote in Utah.

1738 \_\_\_\_\_  
1739 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

1740 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

1741 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to  
1742 encourage that individual to sign it.

1743 \_\_\_\_\_  
1744 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

1745 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions  
1746 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

1747 Section 21. Section **20A-7-514** is amended to read:

1748 **20A-7-514 . Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative petition --**

1749 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

1750 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

1751 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

1752 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk/City  
1753 Recorder/Town Clerk:

1754 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following  
1755 proposed law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next  
1756 meeting; and the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the  
1757 proposed law or takes no action on it."

1758 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
1759 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
1760 understand the information presented on this screen."

1761 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of  
1762 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-502(2)(d)(i), followed by the entire text  
1763 of the proposed law.

1764 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at

1765 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
1766 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."

1767 (4) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the  
1768 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to  
1769 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement, "By clicking here, I  
1770 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":

1771 (a)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative  
1772 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage  
1773 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
1774 increase in the current tax rate."; or

1775 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This  
1776 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";

1777 (b) the summary statement from the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by  
1778 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost  
1779 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition in  
1780 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3);

1781 (c) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition  
1782 may be paid for gathering signatures; and

1783 (d) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

1784 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

1785 I am personally signing this petition;

1786 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1787 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is  
1788 accurate.

1789 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name  
1790 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
1791 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
1792 that the individual is not a registered voter.

1793 [WARNING

1794 ~~Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter~~  
1795 ~~identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be~~  
1796 ~~made public].~~

1797 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

1798 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if

1799 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
 1800 been classified as a private record at your request.

1801 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

1802 (5)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection  
 1803 (4)(d), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your  
 1804 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

1805 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection  
 1806 (4)(d), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
 1807 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the petition through the signature  
 1808 process described in Section 20A-21-201.

1809 Section 22. Section **20A-7-603** is amended to read:

1810 **20A-7-603 . Manual referendum process -- Form of referendum petition and**  
 1811 **signature sheet.**

1812 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

1813 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

1814 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk/City  
 1815 Recorder/Town Clerk:

1816 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that (description of local law or  
 1817 portion of local law being challenged), passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ be referred to the voters for their  
 1818 approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on  
 1819 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year);

1820 Each signer says:

1821 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a  
 1822 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer  
 1823 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

1824 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
 1825 petition;

1826 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

1827 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1828 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

1829 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

1830 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
 1831 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
 1832 been classified as a private record at your request."

- 1833 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
1834 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.
- 1835 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:
- 1836 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [~~8-1/2~~] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 1837 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line three-fourths inch from the top, with the space above  
1838 that line blank for the purpose of binding;
- 1839 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least  
1840 14-point type;
- 1841 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch  
1842 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
- 1843 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
- 1844 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
1845 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
- 1846 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
- 1847 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1848 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 1849 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
1850 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point  
1851 type;
- 1852 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1853 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
1854 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 1855 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1856 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 1857 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
1858 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 1859 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1860 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
1861 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 1862 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 1863 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 1864 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
1865 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 1866 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;

1867 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
 1868 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;

1869 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and

1870 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,  
 1871 and contain the following words, "By signing this referendum petition, you are  
 1872 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition  
 1873 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

1874 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at  
 1875 the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

1876 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by  
 1877 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

1878 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name  
 1879 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
 1880 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual  
 1881 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

1882 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity  
 1883 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
 1884 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified  
 1885 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

1886 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed  
 1887 statement:

1888 "Verification of signature collector

1889 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

1890 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

1891 I am at least 18 years old;

1892 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be  
 1893 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's  
 1894 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have  
 1895 signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and  
 1896 in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

1897 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum  
 1898 packet by the initials "AV":

1899 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum  
 1900 petition on the individual's behalf;



1901 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
1902 capacity to give direction or consent;

1903 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
1904 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's  
1905 behalf;

1906 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
1907 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf;[~~and~~]

1908 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature  
1909 sheet;

1910 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition  
1911 seeks to overturn; and

1912 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
1913 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each  
1914 signer is registered to vote in Utah.

1915 \_\_\_\_\_  
1916 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

1917 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

1918 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum  
1919 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

1920 \_\_\_\_\_  
1921 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

1922 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum  
1923 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

1924 Section 23. Section **20A-7-614** is amended to read:

1925 **20A-7-614 . Electronic referendum process -- Form of referendum petition --**  
1926 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

1927 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

1928 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

1929 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, County  
1930 Clerk/City Recorder/Town Clerk:

1931 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that (description of local  
1932 law or portion of local law being challenged), passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ be referred to the voters for  
1933 their approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on  
1934 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year)."

1935 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
1936 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
1937 understand the information presented on this screen."

1938 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text  
1939 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

1940 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
1941 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
1942 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum  
1943 petition."

1944 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement  
1945 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be  
1946 paid for gathering signatures.

1947 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link  
1948 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
1949 and understand the information presented on this screen."

1950 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,  
1951 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

1952 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

1953 I am personally signing this referendum petition;

1954 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

1955 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is  
1956 accurate.

1957 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name  
1958 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
1959 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual  
1960 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

1961 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

1962 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
1963 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
1964 been classified as a private record at your request.

1965 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

1966 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection  
1967 (5), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.  
1968 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

1969 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),  
 1970 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
 1971 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the  
 1972 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

1973 Section 24. Section **20A-8-103** is amended to read:

1974 **20A-8-103 . Petition procedures -- Criminal penalty -- Removal of signature.**

1975 (1) As used in this section, the proposed name or emblem of a registered political party is  
 1976 "distinguishable" if a reasonable person of average intelligence will be able to perceive a  
 1977 difference between the proposed name or emblem and any name or emblem currently  
 1978 being used by another registered political party.

1979 (2) To become a registered political party, an organization of registered voters that is not a  
 1980 continuing political party shall:

1981 (a) circulate a petition seeking registered political party status beginning no earlier than  
 1982 the date of the statewide canvass held after the last regular general election and  
 1983 ending before 5 p.m. no later than November 30 of the year before the year in which  
 1984 the next regular general election will be held;

1985 (b) file a petition with the lieutenant governor that is signed, with a holographic  
 1986 signature, by at least 2,000 registered voters before 5 p.m. no later than November 30  
 1987 of the year in which a regular general election will be held; and

1988 (c) file, with the petition described in Subsection (2)(b), a document certifying:

1989 (i) the identity of one or more registered political parties whose members may vote  
 1990 for the organization's candidates;

1991 (ii) whether unaffiliated voters may vote for the organization's candidates; and

1992 (iii) whether, for the next election, the organization intends to nominate the  
 1993 organization's candidates in accordance with the provisions of Section 20A-9-406.

1994 (3) The petition shall:

1995 (a) be on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

1996 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line 3/4 inch from the top, with the space above that line  
 1997 blank for the purpose of binding;

1998 (c) contain the name of the political party and the words "Political Party Registration  
 1999 Petition" printed directly below the horizontal line;

2000 (d) contain the [~~word "Warning" printed~~] following statement directly under the words  
 2001 described in Subsection (3)(c)[;] , in at least the same size type as the majority of the  
 2002 other statements on the page:

2003 [(e) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed in not less  
2004 than eight-point, single leaded type:]

2005 "WARNING

2006 ["It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a political party registration  
2007 petition signature sheet with any name other than the individual's own name or more than once  
2008 for the same party or if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend  
2009 to become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant  
2010 governor.[";

2011 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

2012 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
2013 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
2014 been classified as a private record at your request.";

2015 [(f)] (e) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [  
2016 (3)(e)] (3)(d):

2017 "POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_,  
2018 Lieutenant Governor:

2019 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, seek registered political party status for \_\_\_\_\_  
2020 (name);

2021 Each signer says:

2022 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

2023 I am registered to vote in Utah or will register to vote in Utah before the petition is  
2024 submitted to the lieutenant governor;

2025 I am or desire to become a member of the political party; and

2026 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

2027 [(g)] (f) be vertically divided into columns as follows:

2028 (i) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be 5/8 inch wide, be  
2029 headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a light vertical line  
2030 down the middle;

2031 (ii) the next column shall be 2-1/2 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's Printed  
2032 Name (must be legible to be counted)";

2033 (iii) the next column shall be 2-1/2 inches wide, headed "Holographic Signature of  
2034 Registered Voter";

2035 (iv) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age (Optional)";

2036 (v) the final column shall be 4-3/8 inches wide, headed "Street Address, City, Zip

2037 Code"; and  
 2038 (vi) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age  
 2039 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter  
 2040 registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
 2041 certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures  
 2042 are certified or if the information you provide does not match your voter  
 2043 registration records.";

2044 ~~(h)~~ (g) have a final page bound to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that  
 2045 contains the following printed statement:

2046 "Verification

2047 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_

2048 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that:

2049 I am a Utah resident and am at least 18 years old;

2050 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by  
 2051 individuals who professed to be the individuals whose names appear on the signature sheets,  
 2052 and each individual signed the individual's name on the signature sheets in my presence; and

2053 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written  
 2054 the individual's street address correctly, and that each individual is registered to vote in Utah or  
 2055 will register to vote in Utah before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant governor.

2056 \_\_\_\_\_

2057 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)"; and

2058 ~~(i)~~ (h) be bound to a cover sheet that:

2059 (i) identifies the political party's name, which may not exceed four words, and the  
 2060 emblem of the party;

2061 (ii) states the process that the organization will follow to organize and adopt a  
 2062 constitution and bylaws; and

2063 (iii) is signed by a filing officer, who agrees to receive communications on behalf of  
 2064 the organization.

2065 (4) The filing officer described in Subsection ~~[(3)(i)(iii)]~~ (3)(h)(iii) shall ensure that the  
 2066 individual in whose presence each signature sheet is signed:

2067 (a) is at least 18 years old;

2068 (b) meets the residency requirements of Section 20A-2-105; and

2069 (c) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more  
 2070 signature sheets that are bound together.

- 2071 (5) An individual may not sign the verification if the individual signed a signature sheet  
2072 bound to the verification.
- 2073 (6) The lieutenant governor shall:
- 2074 (a) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer is  
2075 a registered voter;
- 2076 (b) review the proposed name and emblem to determine if they are "distinguishable"  
2077 from the names and emblems of other registered political parties; and
- 2078 (c) certify the lieutenant governor's findings to the filing officer described in Subsection [  
2079 ~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) within 30 days of the filing of the petition.
- 2080 (7)(a) If the lieutenant governor determines that the petition meets the requirements of  
2081 this section, and that the proposed name and emblem are distinguishable, the  
2082 lieutenant governor shall authorize the filing officer described in Subsection [  
2083 ~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) to organize the prospective political party.
- 2084 (b) If the lieutenant governor finds that the name, emblem, or both are not  
2085 distinguishable from the names and emblems of other registered political parties, the  
2086 lieutenant governor shall notify the filing officer that the filing officer has seven days  
2087 to submit a new name or emblem to the lieutenant governor.
- 2088 (8) A registered political party may not change its name or emblem during the regular  
2089 general election cycle.
- 2090 (9)(a) It is unlawful for an individual to:
- 2091 (i) knowingly sign a political party registration petition:
- 2092 (A) with any name other than the individual's own name;
- 2093 (B) more than once for the same political party; or
- 2094 (C) if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to  
2095 become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the  
2096 lieutenant governor; or
- 2097 (ii) sign the verification of a political party registration petition signature sheet if the  
2098 individual:
- 2099 (A) does not meet the residency requirements of Section 20A-2-105;
- 2100 (B) has not witnessed the signing by those individuals whose names appear on the  
2101 political party registration petition signature sheet; or
- 2102 (C) knows that an individual whose signature appears on the political party  
2103 registration petition signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and  
2104 does not intend to become registered to vote in this state.

- 2105 (b) An individual who violates this Subsection (9) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 2106 (10)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
- 2107 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
- 2108 which the petition is filed with the lieutenant governor, submitting to the lieutenant
- 2109 governor a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 2110 (b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 2111 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 2112 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection
- 2113 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a
- 2114 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 2115 Section 25. Section **20A-9-203** is amended to read:
- 2116 **20A-9-203 . Declarations of candidacy -- Municipal general elections --**
- 2117 **Nomination petition -- Removal of signature.**
- 2118 (1) An individual may become a candidate for any municipal office if:
- 2119 (a) the individual is a registered voter; and
- 2120 (b)(i) the individual has resided within the municipality in which the individual seeks
- 2121 to hold elective office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date
- 2122 of the election; or
- 2123 (ii) the territory in which the individual resides was annexed into the municipality,
- 2124 the individual has resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12
- 2125 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.
- 2126 (2)(a) For purposes of determining whether an individual meets the residency
- 2127 requirement of Subsection (1)(b)(i) in a municipality that was incorporated less than
- 2128 12 months before the election, the municipality is considered to have been
- 2129 incorporated 12 months before the date of the election.
- 2130 (b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), each candidate for a municipal
- 2131 council position shall, if elected from a district, be a resident of the council district
- 2132 from which the candidate is elected.
- 2133 (c) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article IV, Section 6, a mentally incompetent
- 2134 individual, an individual convicted of a felony, or an individual convicted of treason
- 2135 or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the
- 2136 right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5.
- 2137 (3)(a) An individual seeking to become a candidate for a municipal office shall,
- 2138 regardless of the nomination method by which the individual is seeking to become a

- 2139 candidate:
- 2140 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b) or Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate  
2141 Voting Methods Pilot Project, and subject to Subsection 20A-9-404(3)(e), file a  
2142 declaration of candidacy, in person with the city recorder or town clerk, during the  
2143 office hours described in Section 10-3-301 and not later than the close of those  
2144 office hours, between June 1 and June 7 of any odd-numbered year; and
- 2145 (ii) pay the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- 2146 (b) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), an individual may designate an agent to file a  
2147 declaration of candidacy with the city recorder or town clerk if:
- 2148 (i) the individual is located outside of the state during the entire filing period;
- 2149 (ii) the designated agent appears in person before the city recorder or town clerk;
- 2150 (iii) the individual communicates with the city recorder or town clerk using an  
2151 electronic device that allows the individual and city recorder or town clerk to see  
2152 and hear each other; and
- 2153 (iv) the individual provides the city recorder or town clerk with an email address to  
2154 which the city recorder or town clerk may send the individual the copies described  
2155 in Subsection (4).
- 2156 (c) Any resident of a municipality may nominate a candidate for a municipal office by:
- 2157 (i) except as provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot  
2158 Project, filing a nomination petition with the city recorder or town clerk during the  
2159 office hours described in Section 10-3-301 and not later than the close of those  
2160 office hours, between June 1 and June 7 of any odd-numbered year that includes  
2161 signatures in support of the nomination petition of the lesser of at least:
- 2162 (A) 25 registered voters who reside in the municipality; or
- 2163 (B) 20% of the registered voters who reside in the municipality; and
- 2164 (ii) paying the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- 2165 (4)(a) Before the filing officer may accept any declaration of candidacy or nomination  
2166 petition, the filing officer shall:
- 2167 (i) read to the prospective candidate or individual filing the petition the constitutional  
2168 and statutory qualification requirements for the office that the candidate is seeking;
- 2169 (ii) require the candidate or individual filing the petition to state whether the  
2170 candidate meets the requirements described in Subsection (4)(a)(i); and
- 2171 (iii) inform the candidate or the individual filing the petition that an individual who  
2172 holds a municipal elected office may not, at the same time, hold a county elected



- 2173 office.
- 2174 (b) If the prospective candidate does not meet the qualification requirements for the  
2175 office, the filing officer may not accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination  
2176 petition.
- 2177 (c) If it appears that the prospective candidate meets the requirements of candidacy, the  
2178 filing officer shall:
- 2179 (i) inform the candidate that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it is  
2180 written on the declaration of candidacy;
- 2181 (ii) provide the candidate with a copy of the current campaign financial disclosure  
2182 laws for the office the candidate is seeking and inform the candidate that failure to  
2183 comply will result in disqualification as a candidate and removal of the candidate's  
2184 name from the ballot;
- 2185 (iii) provide the candidate with a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide  
2186 Electronic Voter Information Website Program and inform the candidate of the  
2187 submission deadline under Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a);
- 2188 (iv) inform the candidate that the candidate must provide the filing officer with an  
2189 email address that the candidate actively monitors:
- 2190 (A) to receive a communication from a filing officer or an election officer; and  
2191 (B) if the candidate wishes to display a candidate profile on the Statewide  
2192 Electronic Voter Information Website, to submit to the website the  
2193 biographical and other information described in Subsection 20A-7-801  
2194 (4)(a)(ii);
- 2195 (v) inform the candidate that the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv) is  
2196 not a record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and  
2197 Management Act;
- 2198 (vi) obtain from the candidate the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv);
- 2199 (vii) provide the candidate with a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices  
2200 described under Section 20A-9-206 and inform the candidate that:
- 2201 (A) signing the pledge is voluntary; and  
2202 (B) signed pledges shall be filed with the filing officer; and
- 2203 (viii) accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition.
- 2204 (d) If the candidate elects to sign the pledge of fair campaign practices, the filing officer  
2205 shall:
- 2206 (i) accept the candidate's pledge; and

2207 (ii) if the candidate has filed for a partisan office, provide a certified copy of the  
 2208 candidate's pledge to the chair of the county or state political party of which the  
 2209 candidate is a member.

2210 (5)(a) The declaration of candidacy shall be in substantially the following form:

2211 "I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, being first sworn and under penalty of perjury, say that I reside at  
 2212 \_\_\_\_\_ Street, City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, state of Utah, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, Telephone Number  
 2213 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_; that I am a registered voter; and that I am a candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
 2214 (stating the term). I will meet the legal qualifications required of candidates for this office. If  
 2215 filing via a designated agent, I attest that I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire  
 2216 candidate filing period. I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law  
 2217 and I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this  
 2218 office and removal of my name from the ballot. I request that my name be printed upon the  
 2219 applicable official ballots. (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

2220 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by \_\_\_\_\_ on this  
 2221 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year).

2222 (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Clerk or other officer qualified to administer oath)."

2223 (b) An agent designated under Subsection (3)(b) to file a declaration of candidacy may  
 2224 not sign the form described in Subsection (5)(a).

2225 (c)(i) A nomination petition shall be in substantially the following form:

2226 "NOMINATION PETITION

2227 The undersigned residents of (name of municipality), being registered voters, nominate  
 2228 (name of nominee) for the office of (name of office) for the (length of term of office).["]

2229 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

2230 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
 2231 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
 2232 been classified as a private record at your request."

2233 (ii) The remainder of the petition shall contain lines and columns for the signatures of  
 2234 individuals signing the petition and each individual's address and phone number.

2235 (6) If the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition fails to state whether the  
 2236 nomination is for the two-year or four-year term, the clerk shall consider the nomination  
 2237 to be for the four-year term.

2238 (7)(a)[(†)] The clerk shall verify with the county clerk that all candidates are  
 2239 registered voters.

2240 (b) With the assistance of the county clerk, and using the procedures described in

- 2241 Section 20A-1-1002, the municipal clerk shall determine whether the required  
2242 number of signatures of registered voters appears on a nomination petition.
- 2243 (8) Immediately after expiration of the period for filing a declaration of candidacy, the clerk  
2244 shall:
- 2245 (a) publicize a list of the names of the candidates as they will appear on the ballot by  
2246 publishing the list for the municipality, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102,  
2247 for seven days; and
- 2248 (b) notify the lieutenant governor of the names of the candidates as they will appear on  
2249 the ballot.
- 2250 (9) Except as provided in Subsection (10)(c), an individual may not amend a declaration of  
2251 candidacy or nomination petition filed under this section after the candidate filing period  
2252 ends.
- 2253 (10)(a) A declaration of candidacy or nomination petition that an individual files under  
2254 this section is valid unless a person files a written objection with the clerk before 5  
2255 p.m. within 10 days after the last day for filing.
- 2256 (b) If a person files an objection, the clerk shall:
- 2257 (i) mail or personally deliver notice of the objection to the affected candidate  
2258 immediately; and
- 2259 (ii) decide any objection within 48 hours after the objection is filed.
- 2260 (c) If the clerk sustains the objection, the candidate may, before 5 p.m. within three days  
2261 after the day on which the clerk sustains the objection, correct the problem for which  
2262 the objection is sustained by amending the candidate's declaration of candidacy or  
2263 nomination petition, or by filing a new declaration of candidacy.
- 2264 (d)(i) The clerk's decision upon objections to form is final.
- 2265 (ii) The clerk's decision upon substantive matters is reviewable by a district court if  
2266 prompt application is made to the district court.
- 2267 (iii) The decision of the district court is final unless the Supreme Court, in the  
2268 exercise of its discretion, agrees to review the lower court decision.
- 2269 (11) A candidate who qualifies for the ballot under this section may withdraw as a  
2270 candidate by filing a written affidavit with the municipal clerk.
- 2271 (12)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's  
2272 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day  
2273 on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or municipal clerk, submitting to  
2274 the municipal clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

- 2275 (b) A statement described in Subsection (12)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 2276 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 2277 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in  
 2278 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the municipal clerk shall determine whether to remove an  
 2279 individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid statement  
 2280 requesting removal of the signature.
- 2281 Section 26. Section **20A-9-404** is amended to read:  
 2282 **20A-9-404 . Municipal primary elections.**
- 2283 (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section or Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal  
 2284 Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, candidates for municipal office in all  
 2285 municipalities shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.
- 2286 (b) Municipal primary elections shall be held:  
 2287 (i) consistent with Section 20A-1-201.5, on the second Tuesday following the first  
 2288 Monday in the August before the regular municipal election; and  
 2289 (ii) whenever possible, at the same polling places as the regular municipal election.
- 2290 (c) Subsections (3) through (5) do not apply to an election to elect local school board  
 2291 members under Section 53G-3-302.
- 2292 (d) Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, does not apply  
 2293 to an election to elect local school board members under Section 53G-3-302.
- 2294 (2) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods  
 2295 Pilot Project, if the number of candidates for a particular municipal office does not  
 2296 exceed twice the number of individuals needed to fill that office, a primary election for  
 2297 that office may not be held and the candidates are considered nominated.
- 2298 (3)(a) For purposes of this Subsection (3), "convention" means an organized assembly of  
 2299 voters or delegates.
- 2300 (b)(i) By ordinance adopted before the May 1 that falls before a regular municipal  
 2301 election, any third, fourth, or fifth class city or town may exempt itself from a  
 2302 primary election by providing that the nomination of candidates for municipal  
 2303 office to be voted upon at a municipal election be nominated by a municipal party  
 2304 convention or committee.
- 2305 (ii) The municipal party convention or committee described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)  
 2306 shall be held on or before May 30 of an odd-numbered year.
- 2307 (iii) Any primary election exemption ordinance adopted under this Subsection (3)  
 2308 remains in effect until repealed by ordinance.

- 2309 (c)(i) A convention or committee may not nominate more than one candidate for each  
2310 of the municipal offices to be voted upon at the municipal election.
- 2311 (ii) A convention or committee may not nominate an individual who has accepted the  
2312 nomination of a different convention or committee.
- 2313 (iii) A municipal party may not have more than one group of candidates placed upon  
2314 the ballot and may not group the same candidates on different tickets by the same  
2315 party under a different name or emblem.
- 2316 (d)(i) On or before May 31 of an odd-numbered year, a convention or committee  
2317 shall prepare and submit to the filing officer a certificate of nomination for each  
2318 individual nominated.
- 2319 (ii) The certificate of nomination shall:
- 2320 (A) contain the name of the office for which each individual is nominated, the  
2321 name, post office address, and, if in a city, the street number of residence and  
2322 place of business, if any, of each individual nominated;
- 2323 (B) designate in not more than five words the party that the convention or  
2324 committee represents;
- 2325 (C) contain a copy of the resolution passed at the convention that authorized the  
2326 committee to make the nomination;
- 2327 (D) contain a statement certifying that the name of the candidate nominated by the  
2328 political party will not appear on the ballot as a candidate for any other  
2329 political party;
- 2330 (E) be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention or  
2331 committee; and
- 2332 (F) contain a statement identifying the residence and post office address of the  
2333 presiding officer and secretary and certifying that the presiding officer and  
2334 secretary were officers of the convention or committee and that the certificates  
2335 are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.
- 2336 (iii) A candidate nominated by a municipal party convention or committee shall file a  
2337 declaration with the filing officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-9-203(3)  
2338 that includes:
- 2339 (A) the name of the municipal party or convention that nominated the candidate;  
2340 and
- 2341 (B) the office for which the convention or committee nominated the candidate.
- 2342 (e) A committee appointed at a convention, if authorized by an enabling resolution, may

- 2343 also make nominations or fill vacancies in nominations made at a convention if the  
 2344 committee makes the nomination before the deadline for a write-in candidate to file a  
 2345 declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-601.
- 2346 (f) The election ballot shall substantially comply with the form prescribed in Chapter 6,  
 2347 Part 4, Ballot Form Requirements for Municipal Elections, but the party name shall  
 2348 be included with the candidate's name.
- 2349 (4)(a) Any third, fourth, or fifth class city or a town may adopt an ordinance before the  
 2350 May 1 that falls before the regular municipal election that:
- 2351 (i) exempts the city or town from the other methods of nominating candidates to  
 2352 municipal office provided in this section; and
- 2353 (ii) provides for a municipal partisan convention method of nominating candidates as  
 2354 provided in this Subsection (4).
- 2355 (b)(i) Any party that was a registered political party at the last regular general  
 2356 election or regular municipal election is a municipal political party under this  
 2357 section.
- 2358 (ii) Any political party may qualify as a municipal political party by presenting a  
 2359 petition to the city recorder that:
- 2360 (A) is signed, with a holographic signature, by registered voters within the  
 2361 municipality equal to at least 20% of the number of votes cast for all  
 2362 candidates for mayor in the last municipal election at which a mayor was  
 2363 elected;
- 2364 (B) is filed with the city recorder or town clerk before 5 p.m. no later than the day  
 2365 before the day on which the municipal party holds a convention to nominate a  
 2366 candidate under this Subsection (4);
- 2367 (C) is substantially similar to the form of the signature sheets described in Section  
 2368 20A-7-303;[-and]
- 2369 (D) contains the name of the municipal political party using not more than five  
 2370 words[-: ] and
- 2371 (E) includes the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the  
 2372 same size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:  
 2373 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 2374 RECORDS  
 2375 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 2376 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter

- 2377 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."
- 2378 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk, the city recorder or town clerk shall use
- 2379 the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether each signer
- 2380 is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition.
- 2381 (c)(i) If the number of candidates for a particular office does not exceed twice the
- 2382 number of offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, no primary
- 2383 election for that office shall be held and the candidates are considered to be
- 2384 nominated.
- 2385 (ii) If the number of candidates for a particular office exceeds twice the number of
- 2386 offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, those candidates for
- 2387 municipal office shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.
- 2388 (d) The clerk shall ensure that the partisan municipal primary ballot is similar to the
- 2389 ballot forms required by Section 20A-6-401 and, as applicable, Section 20A-6-401.1.
- 2390 (e) After marking a municipal primary ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot in the
- 2391 blank ballot box.
- 2392 (f) Immediately after the canvass, the election judges shall, without examination, destroy
- 2393 the tickets deposited in the blank ballot box.
- 2394 (5)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (4)(b)(ii) may have the voter's
- 2395 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
- 2396 on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or town clerk, submitting to the
- 2397 city recorder or town clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
- 2398 removed.
- 2399 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 2400 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 2401 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in
- 2402 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the city recorder or town clerk shall determine whether to
- 2403 remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid
- 2404 statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 2405 Section 27. Section **20A-9-405** is amended to read:
- 2406 **20A-9-405 . Nomination petitions for regular primary elections.**
- 2407 (1) This section applies to the form and circulation of nomination petitions for regular
- 2408 primary elections described in Subsection 20A-9-403(3)(a).
- 2409 (2) A candidate for elective office, and the agents of the candidate, may not circulate
- 2410 nomination petitions until the candidate has submitted a declaration of candidacy in

- 2411 accordance with Subsection 20A-9-202(1).
- 2412 (3) For the manual candidate qualification process, the nomination petitions shall be in
- 2413 substantially the following form:
- 2414 (a) the petition shall be printed on paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 2415 (b) the petition shall be ruled with a horizontal line 3/4 inch from the top, with the space
- 2416 above that line blank for purposes of binding;
- 2417 (c) the petition shall be headed by a caption stating the purpose of the petition and the
- 2418 name of the proposed candidate;
- 2419 (d) the petition shall feature the [~~word "Warning" followed by the~~]following statement
- 2420 in no less than eight-point, single leaded type:[-]
- 2421 "WARNING
- 2422 ["]It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition
- 2423 with any name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same
- 2424 candidate, or if the person is not registered to vote in this state.[";]
- 2425 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
- 2426 RECORDS
- 2427 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
- 2428 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter
- 2429 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request.";
- 2430 (e) the petition shall feature 10 lines spaced one-half inch apart and consecutively
- 2431 numbered one through 10;
- 2432 (f) the signature portion of the petition shall be divided into columns headed by the
- 2433 following titles:
- 2434 (i) Registered Voter's Printed Name;
- 2435 (ii) Signature of Registered Voter;
- 2436 (iii) Party Affiliation of Registered Voter;
- 2437 (iv) Birth Date or Age (Optional);
- 2438 (v) Street Address, City, Zip Code; and
- 2439 (vi) Date of Signature; and
- 2440 (g) a photograph of the candidate may appear on the nomination petition.
- 2441 (4) For the electronic candidate qualification process, the lieutenant governor shall design
- 2442 an electronic form, using progressive screens, that includes:
- 2443 (a) the following [warning] statement:
- 2444 "[~~Warning:~~] WARNING



2445 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition with any  
 2446 name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same candidate, or if the  
 2447 person is not registered to vote in this state.~~["; and]~~

2448 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

2449 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
 2450 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
 2451 been classified as a private record at your request."; and

2452 (b) the following information for each individual who signs the petition:

2453 (i) name;

2454 (ii) party affiliation;

2455 (iii) date of birth or age, (optional);

2456 (iv) street address, city, zip code;

2457 (v) date of signature;

2458 (vi) other information required under Section 20A-21-201; and

2459 (vii) other information required by the lieutenant governor.

2460 (5) For the manual candidate qualification process, if one or more nomination petitions are  
 2461 bound together, a page shall be bound to the nomination petition(s) that features the following  
 2462 printed verification statement to be signed and dated by the petition circulator:

2463 "Verification

2464 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

2465 I, \_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_, hereby state that:

2466 I am a Utah resident and am at least 18 years old;

2467 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were, to the best of  
 2468 my knowledge, signed by the persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on  
 2469 the signature sheets, and each of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my  
 2470 presence;

2471 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's  
 2472 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah."

2473 (6) The lieutenant governor shall prepare and make public model nomination petition forms  
 2474 and associated instructions.

2475 (7) A nomination petition circulator must be at least 18 years old and a resident of the state,  
 2476 but may affiliate with any political party.

2477 (8) It is unlawful for any person to:

2478 (a) knowingly sign the nomination petition described in this section or Section

- 2479 20A-9-408:
- 2480 (i) with any name other than the person's own name;
- 2481 (ii) more than once for the same candidate; or
- 2482 (iii) if the person is not registered to vote in this state;
- 2483 (b) sign the verification of a signature for a nomination petition if the person:
- 2484 (i) does not meet the residency requirements of Section 20A-2-105;
- 2485 (ii) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the
- 2486 nomination petition; or
- 2487 (iii) knows that a person whose signature appears on the nomination petition is not
- 2488 registered to vote in this state;
- 2489 (c) pay compensation to any person to sign a nomination petition; or
- 2490 (d) pay compensation to any person to circulate a nomination petition, if the
- 2491 compensation is based directly on the number of signatures submitted to a filing
- 2492 officer rather than on the number of signatures verified or on some other basis.
- 2493 (9) Any person violating Subsection (8) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 2494 (10) Withdrawal of petition signatures is prohibited.
- 2495 Section 28. Section **20A-9-408** is amended to read:
- 2496 **20A-9-408 . Signature-gathering process to seek the nomination of a qualified**
- 2497 **political party -- Removal of signature.**
- 2498 (1) This section describes the requirements for a member of a qualified political party who
- 2499 is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office through
- 2500 the signature-gathering process described in this section.
- 2501 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-201(7)(a), the form of the declaration of candidacy
- 2502 for a member of a qualified political party who is nominated by, or who is seeking the
- 2503 nomination of, the qualified political party under this section shall be substantially as
- 2504 described in Section 20A-9-408.5.
- 2505 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(a), and except as provided in Subsection
- 2506 20A-9-202(4), a member of a qualified political party who, under this section, is seeking
- 2507 the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office that is to be filled at
- 2508 the next general election shall:
- 2509 (a) during the declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5,
- 2510 and before gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing officer on a
- 2511 form approved by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather signatures for
- 2512 candidacy that includes:

- 2513 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered  
2514 political party under this section;
- 2515 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking  
2516 nomination;
- 2517 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;
- 2518 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and
- 2519 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;
- 2520 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in  
2521 person, with the filing officer during the declaration of candidacy filing period  
2522 described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and
- 2523 (c) pay the filing fee.
- 2524 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(2)(a), a member of a qualified political party  
2525 who, under this section, is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for the  
2526 office of district attorney within a multicounty prosecution district that is to be filled at  
2527 the next general election shall:
- 2528 (a) during the declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5,  
2529 and before gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing officer on a  
2530 form approved by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather signatures for  
2531 candidacy that includes:
- 2532 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered  
2533 political party under this section;
- 2534 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking  
2535 nomination;
- 2536 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;
- 2537 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and
- 2538 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;
- 2539 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in  
2540 person, with the filing officer during the declaration of candidacy filing period  
2541 described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and
- 2542 (c) pay the filing fee.
- 2543 (5) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(3)(a)(iii), a lieutenant governor candidate who  
2544 files as the joint-ticket running mate of an individual who is nominated by a qualified  
2545 political party, under this section, for the office of governor shall, during the declaration  
2546 of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, file a declaration of

- 2547 candidacy and submit a letter from the candidate for governor that names the lieutenant  
2548 governor candidate as a joint-ticket running mate.
- 2549 (6) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that the certification described in Subsection  
2550 20A-9-701(1) also includes the name of each candidate nominated by a qualified  
2551 political party under this section.
- 2552 (7) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-701(2), the ballot shall, for each candidate who is  
2553 nominated by a qualified political party under this section, designate the qualified  
2554 political party that nominated the candidate.
- 2555 (8) A member of a qualified political party may seek the nomination of the qualified  
2556 political party for an elective office by:
- 2557 (a) complying with the requirements described in this section; and
- 2558 (b) collecting signatures, on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies  
2559 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), during the period beginning on the day on which the  
2560 member files a notice of intent to gather signatures and ending at 5 p.m. 14 days  
2561 before the day on which the qualified political party's convention for the office is  
2562 held, in the following amounts:
- 2563 (i) for a statewide race, 28,000 signatures of registered voters in the state who are  
2564 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's  
2565 candidates in a primary election;
- 2566 (ii) for a congressional district race, 7,000 signatures of registered voters who are  
2567 residents of the congressional district and are permitted by the qualified political  
2568 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
- 2569 (iii) for a state Senate district race, 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are  
2570 residents of the state Senate district and are permitted by the qualified political  
2571 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
- 2572 (iv) for a state House district race, 1,000 signatures of registered voters who are  
2573 residents of the state House district and are permitted by the qualified political  
2574 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
- 2575 (v) for a State Board of Education race, the lesser of:
- 2576 (A) 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the State Board of  
2577 Education district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for  
2578 the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election; or
- 2579 (B) 3% of the registered voters of the qualified political party who are residents of  
2580 the applicable State Board of Education district; and

- 2581 (vi) for a county office race, signatures of 3% of the registered voters who are  
2582 residents of the area permitted to vote for the county office and are permitted by  
2583 the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in  
2584 a primary election.
- 2585 (9)(a) This Subsection (9) applies only to the manual candidate qualification process.
- 2586 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the  
2587 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, using  
2588 the manual candidate qualification process, the member shall:
- 2589 (i) collect the signatures on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies  
2590 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), using the same circulation and verification  
2591 requirements described in Sections 20A-7-105 and 20A-7-204; and
- 2592 (ii) submit the signatures to the election officer before 5 p.m. no later than 14 days  
2593 before the day on which the qualified political party holds the party's convention  
2594 to select candidates, for the elective office, for the qualified political party's  
2595 nomination.
- 2596 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), the  
2597 election officer shall, no later than the earlier of 14 days after the day on which the  
2598 election officer receives the signatures, or one day before the day on which the  
2599 qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee for the elective  
2600 office to which the signature packets relate:
- 2601 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature  
2602 packet to determine whether each individual is a resident of Utah and is at least 18  
2603 years old;
- 2604 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (9)(c)(i) who is not a  
2605 Utah resident or who is not at least 18 years old to the attorney general and the  
2606 county attorney;
- 2607 (iii) with the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, determine whether each  
2608 signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition, using the same  
2609 method, described in Section 20A-1-1002, used to verify a signature on a petition;  
2610 and
- 2611 (iv) certify whether each name is that of a registered voter who is qualified to sign the  
2612 signature packet.
- 2613 (d)(i) A registered voter who physically signs a form under Subsections (8) and (9)(b)  
2614 may have the voter's signature removed from the form by, no later than three

- 2615 business days after the day on which the member submits the signature form to the  
2616 election officer, submitting to the election officer a statement requesting that the  
2617 voter's signature be removed.
- 2618 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (9)(d)(i) shall comply with the requirements  
2619 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 2620 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, the election officer shall  
2621 use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether  
2622 to remove an individual's signature after receiving a timely, valid statement  
2623 requesting removal of the signature.
- 2624 (10)(a) This Subsection (10) applies only to the electronic candidate qualification  
2625 process.
- 2626 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the  
2627 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, the  
2628 member shall, before 5 p.m. no later than 14 days before the day on which the  
2629 qualified political party holds the party's convention to select candidates, for the  
2630 elective office, for the qualified political party's nomination, collect signatures  
2631 electronically:
- 2632 (i) in accordance with Section 20A-21-201; and  
2633 (ii) using progressive screens, in a format approved by the lieutenant governor, that  
2634 complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(4).
- 2635 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), the  
2636 election officer shall, no later than the earlier of 14 days after the day on which the  
2637 election officer receives the signatures, or one day before the day on which the  
2638 qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee for the elective  
2639 office to which the signature packets relate:
- 2640 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature  
2641 to determine whether each individual is a resident of Utah and is at least 18 years  
2642 old; and  
2643 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (10)(c)(i) who is not  
2644 a Utah resident or who is not at least 18 years old to the attorney general and the  
2645 county attorney.
- 2646 (11)(a) An individual may not gather signatures under this section until after the  
2647 individual files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this  
2648 section.

- 2649 (b) An individual who files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy,  
 2650 described in Subsection (3)(a) or (4)(a), is, beginning on the day on which the  
 2651 individual files the notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy:  
 2652 (i) required to comply with the reporting requirements that a candidate for office is  
 2653 required to comply with; and  
 2654 (ii) subject to the same enforcement provisions, and civil and criminal penalties, that  
 2655 apply to a candidate for office in relation to the reporting requirements described  
 2656 in Subsection (11)(b)(i).
- 2657 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), or  
 2658 Subsections (8) and (10)(b), the election officer shall, no later than one day before the  
 2659 day on which the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee  
 2660 for the elective office to which the signature packets relate, notify the qualified  
 2661 political party and the lieutenant governor of the name of each member of the  
 2662 qualified political party who qualifies as a nominee of the qualified political party,  
 2663 under this section, for the elective office to which the convention relates.
- 2664 (d) Upon receipt of a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this  
 2665 section, the lieutenant governor shall post the notice of intent to gather signatures for  
 2666 candidacy on the lieutenant governor's website in the same location that the  
 2667 lieutenant governor posts a declaration of candidacy.

2668 Section 29. Section **20A-9-502** is amended to read:

2669 **20A-9-502 . Certificate of nomination -- Contents -- Circulation -- Verification --**

2670 **Criminal penalty -- Removal of petition signature.**

2671 (1) The candidate shall:

2672 (a) prepare a certificate of nomination in substantially the following form:

2673 "State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_

2674 I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare my intention of becoming an unaffiliated candidate for the  
 2675 political group designated as \_\_\_\_ for the office of \_\_\_\_\_. I do solemnly swear that I can  
 2676 qualify to hold that office both legally and constitutionally if selected, and that I reside at \_\_\_\_  
 2677 Street, in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, state of \_\_\_\_\_, zip code \_\_\_\_\_, phone \_\_\_\_\_, and  
 2678 that I am providing, or have provided, the required number of holographic signatures of  
 2679 registered voters required by law; that as a candidate at the next election I will not knowingly  
 2680 violate any election or campaign law; that, if filing via a designated agent for an office other  
 2681 than president of the United States, I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate  
 2682 filing period; I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and I

2683 understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office  
2684 and removal of my name from the ballot.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year).

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Notary Public (or other officer

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qualified to administer oaths)";

2690 (b) for each signature packet, bind signature sheets to a copy of the certificate of  
2691 nomination and the circulator verification, that:

2692 (i) are printed on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

2693 (ii) are ruled with a horizontal line 3/4 inch from the top, with the space above that  
2694 line blank for the purpose of binding;

2695 (iii) contain the name of the proposed candidate and the words "Unaffiliated  
2696 Candidate Certificate of Nomination Petition" printed directly below the  
2697 horizontal line;

2698 (iv) contain the [word "Warning" printed] following statement, directly under the  
2699 words described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii)[;] ,

2700 [~~(v)~~ contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed] in not less  
2701 than eight-point, single leaded type:

2702 "WARNING

2703 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a certificate of nomination  
2704 signature sheet with any name other than the person's own name or more than once for the  
2705 same candidate or if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to  
2706 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the signatures.[";]

2707 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

2708 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if  
2709 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter registration record has  
2710 been classified as a private record at your request.";

2711 [~~(vi)~~] (v) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection



- 2712 (1)(b)(v):
- 2713 "Each signer says:
- 2714 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;
- 2715 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
- 2716 county clerk certifies my signature; and
- 2717 My street address is written correctly after my name.";
- 2718 [(vii)] (vi) contain horizontally ruled lines, 3/8 inch apart under the statement
- 2719 described in Subsection (1)(b)(vi); and
- 2720 [(viii)] (vii) be vertically divided into columns as follows:
- 2721 (A) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be 5/8 inch wide,
- 2722 be headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a light vertical
- 2723 line down the middle;
- 2724 (B) the next column shall be 2-1/2 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's
- 2725 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";
- 2726 (C) the next column shall be 2-1/2 inches wide, headed "Holographic Signature of
- 2727 Registered Voter";
- 2728 (D) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age
- 2729 (Optional)";
- 2730 (E) the final column shall be 4-3/8 inches wide, headed "Street Address, City, Zip
- 2731 Code"; and
- 2732 (F) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age
- 2733 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with
- 2734 voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may
- 2735 not be certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition
- 2736 signatures are certified or if the information you provide does not match your
- 2737 voter registration records."; and
- 2738 (c) bind a final page to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that contains,
- 2739 except as provided by Subsection (3), the following printed statement:
- 2740 "Verification
- 2741 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_
- 2742 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that:
- 2743 I am at least 18 years old;
- 2744 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by
- 2745 persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on the signature sheets, and each

2746 of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my presence;

2747 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's  
 2748 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah or will register to  
 2749 vote in Utah before the county clerk certifies the signatures on the signature sheet.

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2751 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)".

2752 (2) An agent designated to file a certificate of nomination under Subsection 20A-9-503

2753 (2)(b) or (4)(b) may not sign the form described in Subsection (1)(a).

2754 (3)(a) The candidate shall circulate the nomination petition and ensure that the person in  
 2755 whose presence each signature sheet is signed:

2756 (i) is at least 18 years old; and

2757 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more  
 2758 signature sheets that are bound together.

2759 (b) A person may not sign the circulator verification if the person signed a signature  
 2760 sheet bound to the verification.

2761 (4)(a) It is unlawful for any person to:

2762 (i) knowingly sign a certificate of nomination signature sheet:

2763 (A) with any name other than the person's own name;

2764 (B) more than once for the same candidate; or

2765 (C) if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to  
 2766 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the  
 2767 signatures; or

2768 (ii) sign the verification of a certificate of nomination signature sheet if the person:

2769 (A) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the  
 2770 certificate of nomination signature sheet; or

2771 (B) knows that a person whose signature appears on the certificate of nomination  
 2772 signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to  
 2773 become registered to vote in this state.

2774 (b) Any person violating this Subsection (4) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

2775 (5)(a) To qualify for placement on the general election ballot, the candidate shall, no  
 2776 earlier than the start of the declaration of candidacy period described in Section  
 2777 20A-9-201.5 and no later than 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in which the election  
 2778 will be held:

2779 (i) comply with Subsection 20A-9-503(1); and

- 2780 (ii) submit each signature packet to the county clerk where the majority of the  
2781 signatures in the packet were collected, with signatures totaling:  
2782 (A) at least 1,000 registered voters residing within the state when the nomination  
2783 is for an office to be filled by the voters of the entire state; or  
2784 (B) at least 300 registered voters residing within a political division or at least 5%  
2785 of the registered voters residing within a political division, whichever is less,  
2786 when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the voters of any political  
2787 division smaller than the state.
- 2788 (b) A candidate has not complied with Subsection (5)(a)(ii), unless the county clerks  
2789 verify that each required signature is a valid signature of a registered voter who is  
2790 eligible to sign the signature packet and has not signed a signature packet to nominate  
2791 another candidate for the same office.
- 2792 (c) In reviewing the signature packets, the county clerk shall count and certify only those  
2793 persons who signed with a holographic signature, who:  
2794 (i) are registered voters within the political division that the candidate seeks to  
2795 represent; and  
2796 (ii) did not sign any other certificate of nomination for that office.
- 2797 (d) The county clerk shall count and certify the number of registered voters who validly  
2798 signed a signature packet, no later than 30 days after the day on which the candidate  
2799 submits the signature packet.
- 2800 (e) The candidate may supplement the signatures or amend the certificate of nomination  
2801 or declaration of candidacy at any time on or before 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in  
2802 which the election will be held.
- 2803 (f) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to  
2804 determine whether a signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the signature  
2805 packet.
- 2806 (6)(a) A voter who signs a signature packet under this section may have the voter's  
2807 signature removed from the signature packet by, no later than three business days  
2808 after the day on which the candidate submits the signature packet to the county clerk,  
2809 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be  
2810 removed.
- 2811 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
2812 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 2813 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to

2814 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a signature packet after  
2815 receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

2816 Section 30. Section **20A-15-103** is amended to read:

2817 **20A-15-103 . Delegates -- Candidacy -- Qualifications -- Nominating procedures**  
2818 **-- Removal of petition signature.**

2819 (1) Candidates for the office of delegate to the ratification convention shall be citizens,  
2820 residents of Utah, and at least 21 years old.

2821 (2) Persons wishing to be delegates to the ratification convention shall:

2822 (a) circulate a nominating petition meeting the requirements of this section; and

2823 (b) obtain the signature of at least 100 registered voters.

2824 (3)(a) A single nominating petition may nominate any number of candidates up to 21,  
2825 the total number of delegates to be elected.

2826 (b) Nominating petitions may not contain anything identifying a candidate's party or  
2827 political affiliation.

2828 (c) Each nominating petition shall contain a written statement signed by each nominee,  
2829 indicating either that the candidate will:

2830 (i) vote for ratification of the proposed amendment; or

2831 (ii) vote against ratification of the proposed amendment.

2832 (d) A nominating petition containing the names of more than one nominee may not  
2833 contain the name of any nominee whose stated position in the nominating petition is  
2834 inconsistent with that of any other nominee listed in the petition.

2835 (e) The first page of a nominating petition described in this section shall include the  
2836 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other  
2837 statements on the page:

2838 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
2839 RECORDS

2840 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
2841 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
2842 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

2843 (4)(a) Candidates shall file their nominating petitions with the lieutenant governor  
2844 before 5 p.m. no later than 40 days before the proclaimed date of the election.

2845 (b) Within 10 days after the last day for filing the petitions, the lieutenant governor shall:

2846 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer  
2847 is a registered voter;

- 2848 (ii) declare nominated the 21 nominees in favor of ratification and the 21 nominees  
 2849 against ratification whose nominating petitions have been signed by the largest  
 2850 number of registered voters;
- 2851 (iii) decide any ties by lot drawn by the lieutenant governor; and
- 2852 (iv) certify the nominated candidates of each group to the county clerk of each county  
 2853 within the state.
- 2854 (5)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's  
 2855 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the last  
 2856 day for filing the petitions, submitting to the lieutenant governor a statement  
 2857 requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 2858 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 2859 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 2860 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection  
 2861 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a  
 2862 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.  
 2863 Section 31. Section **53G-3-301.1** is amended to read:
- 2864 **53G-3-301.1 . Creation of a new school district -- Citizens' petition -- Procedures**  
 2865 **to be followed.**
- 2866 (1) Citizens may file a petition to create a new school district in accordance with this  
 2867 section and Section 53G-3-301.
- 2868 (2)(a) The county clerk shall ensure that a petition described in Subsection (1) is signed  
 2869 by registered voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new  
 2870 school district in an amount equal to at least 10% of all votes cast within the  
 2871 geographic boundaries of the proposed new school district for all candidates for  
 2872 president of the United States at the last regular general election at which a president  
 2873 of the United States was elected.
- 2874 (b) The sponsors of a petition described in Subsection (1) shall file the petition with the  
 2875 clerk of each county in which any part of the proposed new school district is located.
- 2876 (c) The petition sponsors shall ensure that the petition described in Subsection (1):
- 2877 (i) indicates the typed or printed name and current residence address of each voter  
 2878 who signs the petition;
- 2879 (ii) describes the proposed new school district boundaries; and
- 2880 (iii) designates up to five signers of the petition as sponsors, designating one as the  
 2881 contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of each.

- 2882 (d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 2883 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
 2884 page:  
 2885 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 2886 RECORDS  
 2887 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 2888 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
 2889 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."
- 2890 (3)(a)(i) A signer of a petition described in Subsection (1) may withdraw or, once  
 2891 withdrawn, reinstate the signer's signature by filing a written statement requesting  
 2892 for withdrawal or reinstatement with the county clerk no later than three business  
 2893 days after the day on which the petition is filed with the county clerk.
- 2894 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) shall comply with the requirements  
 2895 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 2896 (iii) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003  
 2897 (3) to determine whether to remove or reinstate an individual's signature from a  
 2898 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement.
- 2899 (b) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to  
 2900 determine whether the petition has been signed by the required number of registered  
 2901 voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new school  
 2902 district.
- 2903 (4) Within 14 days after the day on which a petition described in Subsection (1) is filed, the  
 2904 clerk of each county with which the request or petition is filed shall:
- 2905 (a) determine whether the petition complies with Subsections (2) and (3), as applicable,  
 2906 and Section 53G-3-301; and
- 2907 (b)(i) if the county clerk determines that the request or petition complies with the  
 2908 applicable requirements:
- 2909 (A) certify the petition and deliver the certified petition to the county legislative  
 2910 body; and
- 2911 (B) mail or deliver written notification of the certification to the contact sponsor;  
 2912 or
- 2913 (ii) if the county clerk determines that the petition fails to comply with any of the  
 2914 applicable requirements, reject the petition and notify the contact sponsor in  
 2915 writing of the rejection and reasons for the rejection.

- 2916 (5)(a) If the county clerk fails to certify or reject a petition within the time specified in  
 2917 Subsection (4), the petition is considered to be certified.
- 2918 (b) If the county clerk rejects a petition, the individual who submitted the petition may  
 2919 amend the petition to correct the deficiencies for which the county clerk rejected the  
 2920 petition and refile the petition.
- 2921 (6) Within 10 days after the day on which a county legislative body receives a certified  
 2922 petition as described in Subsection (4) or (5), the county legislative body shall request  
 2923 that the Legislative Audit Subcommittee consider prioritizing a feasibility study, as that  
 2924 term is defined in Section 53G-3-102.
- 2925 (7)(a) The county legislative body shall:
- 2926 (i) provide for a 45-day public comment period to begin on the day the county  
 2927 legislative body receives the study under Subsection (6); and
- 2928 (ii) hold at least two public hearings, as defined in Section 10-9a-103, on the study  
 2929 and recommendations.
- 2930 (b) Within five business days after the day on which the public comment period ends,  
 2931 the legislative body of each county with which a petition is filed shall vote on the  
 2932 creation of the proposed new school district.
- 2933 (c) A county legislative body approves a petition proposing a new school district if a  
 2934 majority of the members of the legislative body vote in favor of the petition.
- 2935 (8)(a) Within five business days after the day on which a county legislative body  
 2936 approves a petition proposing a new school district under Subsection (7), the county  
 2937 legislative body shall provide notice of the approval and a copy of the petition to  
 2938 which the approval relates to the county clerk of each county described in Subsection  
 2939 (2)(b).
- 2940 (b) If each county described in Subsection (2)(b) approves a petition proposing a new  
 2941 school district, the county clerks of the counties shall submit the proposal for the  
 2942 creation of a new school district to all legal voters in the existing school district for  
 2943 approval or rejection at the next regular general election that is at least 65 days after  
 2944 the day on which all of the counties described in Subsection (2)(b) have complied  
 2945 with Subsection (8)(a).
- 2946 (c) The new school district proposed in the petition and the reorganized new school  
 2947 district are created if a majority of the voters in the existing school district vote in  
 2948 favor of creating the new school district.
- 2949 Section 32. Section **53G-3-401** is amended to read:

2950           **53G-3-401 . Consolidation of school districts -- Resolution by local school board**  
 2951 **members -- Petition by electors -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of**  
 2952 **signature -- Election.**

2953 (1) Two or more school districts may unite and form a single school district in one of the  
 2954 following ways:

2955 (a) a majority of the members of each of the local school boards of the affected districts  
 2956 shall approve and present to the county legislative body of the affected counties a  
 2957 resolution to consolidate the districts. Once this is done, consolidation shall be  
 2958 established under this chapter; or

2959 (b) a majority of the members of the local school board of each affected district, or 15%  
 2960 of the registered voters in each of the affected districts, shall sign and present a  
 2961 petition to the county legislative body of each affected county. The question shall be  
 2962 voted upon at an election called for that purpose, which shall be the next general or  
 2963 municipal election. Consolidation shall occur if a majority of those voting on the  
 2964 question in each district favor consolidation.

2965 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 2966 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
 2967 page:

2968 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS  
 2969 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 2970 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
 2971 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

2972 [~~2~~] (3) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under  
 2973 Subsection (1)(b):

2974 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body  
 2975 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the  
 2976 county clerk; and

2977 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
 2978 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:

2979 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
 2980 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1)(b) for a registered voter  
 2981 petition;

2982 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the  
 2983 affected districts; and



- 2984 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 2985 [~~(3)~~] (4)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection (1)(b) may
- 2986 have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business
- 2987 days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the
- 2988 county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's
- 2989 signature be removed.
- 2990 (b) A statement described in Subsection [~~(3)(a)~~] (4)(a) shall comply with the
- 2991 requirements described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 2992 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 2993 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
- 2994 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 2995 [~~(4)~~] (5) The elections required under Subsection (1)(b) shall be conducted and the returns
- 2996 canvassed as provided by election laws.

2997 Section 33. Section **53G-3-501** is amended to read:

2998 **53G-3-501 . Transfer of a portion of a school district -- Required boundary**

2999 **adjustments -- Local school board petition -- Elector petition -- Certification of petition**

3000 **signatures -- Removal of signature -- Transfer election.**

- 3001 (1)(a) Part of a school district may be transferred to another district in one of the
- 3002 following ways:
- 3003 [~~(a)~~] (i) presentation to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of
- 3004 a resolution requesting the transfer, approved by at least four-fifths of the
- 3005 members of the local school board of each affected school district;
- 3006 [~~(b)~~] (ii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a
- 3007 petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by a majority of the
- 3008 members of the local school board of each affected school district;
- 3009 [~~(c)~~] (iii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a
- 3010 petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by 15% of the
- 3011 registered voters in each of the affected school districts within that county; or
- 3012 [~~(d)~~] (iv) for a boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2) or (3), submission
- 3013 to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of a resolution
- 3014 requesting the transfer from the local school board of the school district that is
- 3015 required to initiate the boundary adjustment.
- 3016 (b) The first page of a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii) shall include the
- 3017 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other

3018 statements on the page:

3019 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION

3020 RECORDS

3021 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
 3022 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
 3023 registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."

3024 (2)(a) As used in this Subsection (2):

3025 (i) "Expansion area" means the area of land approved for annexation and located  
 3026 outside the boundaries of a specified school district.

3027 (ii) "Municipality" means a city or town.

3028 (iii) "Originating school district" means the school district whose boundaries an  
 3029 expansion area is located within prior to the boundary adjustment required under  
 3030 Subsection (2)(b).

3031 (iv) "Specified school district" means a school district:

3032 (A) that serves residents within a single municipality; and

3033 (B) for which the municipality whose residents the school district serves enacts an  
 3034 ordinance in accordance with Title 10, Chapter 2, Part 4, Annexation,  
 3035 approving the annexation of an area of land located outside the boundaries of  
 3036 the school district.

3037 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter and except as provided in  
 3038 Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the local school board of a specified school district shall initiate  
 3039 boundary adjustment proceedings under Subsection [~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv):

3040 (i) to request the expansion area to be transferred to the specified school district from  
 3041 the originating school district; and

3042 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection  
 3043 (1)(d), within 60 days after the day on which the municipality enacts the ordinance  
 3044 approving annexation of the expansion area.

3045 (c)(i) Before initiating the boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2)(b), the  
 3046 local school board presidents of the specified school district and the originating  
 3047 school district shall, within the timeframe described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), meet  
 3048 to determine whether allowing the expansion area to remain within the boundaries  
 3049 of the originating school district is in the best interests of the municipality's  
 3050 residents.

3051 (ii) The requirements of Subsection (2)(b) do not apply to a specified school district

3052 if, upon meeting under Subsection (2)(c)(i), the presidents of the local school  
 3053 boards mutually agree that allowing the expansion area to remain within the  
 3054 boundaries of the originating school district is in the best interests of the  
 3055 municipality's residents.

3056 (3)(a) This Subsection (3) applies to a school district that:

- 3057 (i) serves residents within a single municipality; and
- 3058 (ii) in calendar year 2018, completed construction on a secondary school within an  
 3059 area of land located outside the boundaries of the school district.

3060 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the local school board of a  
 3061 school district described in Subsection (3)(a) shall initiate boundary adjustment  
 3062 proceedings under Subsection [~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv):

- 3063 (i) to request the land described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii) to be transferred to the school  
 3064 district from the school district whose boundaries the land is located within; and
- 3065 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [  
 3066 ~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv), on or before June 1, 2024.

3067 (4) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under Subsection [  
 3068 ~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii):

- 3069 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body  
 3070 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the  
 3071 county clerk; and
- 3072 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
 3073 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:
  - 3074 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
 3075 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii) for a registered  
 3076 voter petition;
  - 3077 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the  
 3078 affected districts; and
  - 3079 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

3080 (5)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii)  
 3081 may have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three  
 3082 business days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition  
 3083 to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the  
 3084 voter's signature be removed.

3085 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements

- 3086 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 3087 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
 3088 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
 3089 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 3090 (6)(a) The voters of each affected district shall vote on the transfer requested under  
 3091 Subsection [~~(1)(b) or (e)~~] (1)(a)(ii) or (iii) at an election called for that purpose, which  
 3092 may be the next general election.
- 3093 (b) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed as provided by election  
 3094 law.
- 3095 (c) A transfer is effected only if a majority of votes cast by the voters in both the  
 3096 proposed transferor district and in the proposed transferee district are in favor of the  
 3097 transfer.

3098 Section 34. Section **73-10d-4** is amended to read:

3099 **73-10d-4 . Notice of intention to enter privatization project -- Petition for election**  
 3100 **-- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election procedures --**  
 3101 **Powers of political subdivision -- Public bidding laws not to apply.**

- 3102 (1)(a) The governing authority of any political subdivision considering entering into a  
 3103 privatization project agreement shall issue a notice of intention setting forth a brief  
 3104 summary of the agreement provisions and the time within which and place at which  
 3105 petitions may be filed requesting the calling of an election in the political subdivision  
 3106 to determine whether the agreement should be approved.
- 3107 (b) The notice of intention shall specify the form of the petitions.
- 3108 (c) If, within 30 days after the publication of the notice of intention, petitions are filed  
 3109 with the clerk, recorder, or similar officer of the political subdivision, signed by at  
 3110 least 5% of the registered voters of the political subdivision (as certified by the  
 3111 county clerks of the respective counties within which the political subdivision is  
 3112 located pursuant to Subsections (7) and (8)) requesting an election be held to  
 3113 authorize the agreement, [~~then~~]the governing authority shall proceed to call and hold  
 3114 an election.
- 3115 (d) If an adequate petition is not filed within 30 days, the governing authority may adopt  
 3116 a resolution so finding and may proceed to enter into the agreement.
- 3117 (e) The first page of a petition described in this Subsection (1) shall include the  
 3118 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other  
 3119 statements on the page:

- 3120           "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
3121           RECORDS  
3122           Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly  
3123           disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if your voter  
3124           registration record has been classified as a private record at your request."
- 3125 (2) If, under Subsection (1), the governing authority of a political subdivision is required to  
3126 call an election to authorize an agreement, the governing authority shall adopt a  
3127 resolution directing that an election be held in the political subdivision for the purpose of  
3128 determining whether the political subdivision may enter into the agreement. The  
3129 resolution calling the election shall be adopted, notice of the election shall be given,  
3130 voting precincts shall be established, the election shall be held, voters' qualifications  
3131 shall be determined, and the results shall be canvassed in the manner and subject to the  
3132 conditions provided for in Title 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act.
- 3133 (3) A political subdivision may, upon approval of an agreement as provided by Subsections  
3134 (1) and (2) and subject to the powers and rules of the supervising agency:
- 3135 (a) supervise and regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of all  
3136 privatization projects within its jurisdiction or in which it has a contractual interest;
- 3137 (b) contract, by entry into agreements with private owner/operators for the provision  
3138 within its jurisdiction of the services of privatization projects;
- 3139 (c) levy and collect taxes, as otherwise provided by law, and impose and collect  
3140 assessments, fees, or charges for services provided by privatization projects, as  
3141 appropriate, and, subject to any limitation imposed by the constitution, pledge,  
3142 assign, or otherwise convey as security for the payment of its obligations under any  
3143 agreements any revenues and receipts derived from any assessments, fees, or charges  
3144 for services provided by privatization projects;
- 3145 (d) require the private owner/operator to obtain any and all licenses as appropriate under  
3146 federal, state, and local law and impose other requirements which are necessary or  
3147 desirable to discharge the responsibility of the political subdivision to supervise and  
3148 regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of any privatization  
3149 project;
- 3150 (e) control the right to contract, maintain, own, and operate any privatization project and  
3151 the services provided in connection with that project within its jurisdiction;
- 3152 (f) purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire all or any part of a privatization project;
- 3153 (g) with respect to the services of any privatization project, control the right to establish

- 3154 or regulate the rates paid by the users of the services within the jurisdiction of the  
3155 political subdivision;
- 3156 (h) agree that the sole and exclusive right to provide the services within its jurisdiction  
3157 related to privatization projects be assumed by any private owner/operator;
- 3158 (i) contract for the lease or purchase of land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles for the  
3159 operation of privatization projects;
- 3160 (j) lease, sell, or otherwise convey, as permitted by state and local law, but without any  
3161 requirement of competitive public bidding, land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles,  
3162 previously used in connection with privatization projects, to private owner/operators;  
3163 and
- 3164 (k) establish policies for the operation of any privatization project within its jurisdiction  
3165 or with respect to which it has a contractual interest, including hours of operation, the  
3166 character and kinds of services, and other rules necessary for the safety of operating  
3167 personnel.
- 3168 (4) Any political subdivision may enter into agreements with respect to privatization  
3169 projects. Agreements may contain provisions relating to, without limitation, any matter  
3170 provided for in this section or consistent with the purposes of this chapter.
- 3171 (5) Any agreement entered into between a political subdivision and a private  
3172 owner/operator for the provision of the services of a privatization project is considered  
3173 an exercise of that political subdivision's business or proprietary power binding upon its  
3174 succeeding governing authorities. Any agreement made by a political subdivision with a  
3175 private owner/operator for payment for services provided or to be provided may not be  
3176 construed to be an indebtedness or a lending of credit of the political subdivision within  
3177 the meaning of any constitutional or statutory restriction.
- 3178 (6) The provisions of the various laws of the state and the rules or ordinances of a political  
3179 subdivision which would otherwise require public bidding in respect to any matter  
3180 provided for in this chapter shall have no application to that matter.
- 3181 (7) If a petition is presented to the clerk of a political subdivision under Subsection (1):
- 3182 (a) as applicable, within three business days after the day on which the clerk receives the  
3183 petition, the clerk shall provide the petition to the county clerk for the county in  
3184 which the political subdivision is located; and
- 3185 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition under this  
3186 section, the county clerk shall:
- 3187 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the

- 3188 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1) for a registered voter petition;  
3189 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the  
3190 affected political subdivision; and  
3191 (iii) as applicable, deliver the certified petition to the governing authority of the  
3192 affected political subdivision.
- 3193 (8)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (1) may have the voter's signature  
3194 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
3195 which the petition is provided to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a  
3196 statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 3197 (b) A statement described in Subsection (8)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
3198 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 3199 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
3200 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
3201 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

3202 Section 35. **Effective Date.**

3203 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.