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Election Amendments
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: John D. Johnson
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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to elections.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ modifies and recodifies provisions relating to:
 - the information in a voter registration record that is available to a person based on the capacity in which the person requests the information; and
 - the requirements to obtain additional privacy protection for a voter registration record;
- ▶ provides that a voter's voter registration record that, before April 6, 2026, was classified as private without requiring a reason for the classification will be reclassified as a public voter registration record, unless the voter takes certain action to obtain additional protection for the voter's voter registration record;
- ▶ requires an election officer to notify a voter whose voter registration is subject to reclassification as described in the preceding paragraph in order to give the voter an opportunity to apply for additional protection for the voter's voter registration record;
- ▶ modifies the voter registration form to reflect the changes made in this bill and to give a voter the option of authorizing disclosure of the voter's telephone number or email address to the political party with which the voter affiliates;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to post information relating to the number of at-risk voters in the state and in individual state House of Representatives districts;
- ▶ establishes additional requirements to ensure the removal of deceased individuals from voter registration records;
- ▶ modifies penalties that may be imposed in relation to the unlawful disclosure of a voter

- 28 registration record;
- 29 ▸ places restrictions on the use and disclosure of information from the voter registration list;
- 30 ▸ provides criminal penalties for unlawfully obtaining, using, or disclosing information
- 31 from the voter registration list;
- 32 ▸ provides that if a voter, whose voter registration record is classified as private due to the
- 33 voter's status as an at-risk voter, signs a petition, the voter's voter identification and the
- 34 date the voter signed the petition may be publicly disclosed to the same extent, and in
- 35 the same manner, as the voter identification number and signature date of a voter signing
- 36 the petition who does not have a private voter registration record;
- 37 ▸ requires a petition to contain a warning regarding the provision described in the preceding
- 38 paragraph;
- 39 ▸ changes the person responsible for preparing the ballot title and analysis for a proposed
- 40 constitutional amendment submitted to the voters;
- 41 ▸ provides a coordination clause to merge provisions of this bill with H.B. 209, Voting
- 42 Amendments, and H.B. 361, Elections Provisions Amendments; and
- 43 ▸ makes technical and conforming changes.

44 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

45 None

46 **Other Special Clauses:**

47 This bill provides a special effective date.

48 This bill provides coordination clauses.

49 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

50 AMENDS:

51 **10-2-602 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 400

52 **10-2-701.5 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1981, Chapter 55

53 **10-2a-208 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38

54 **17-60-302 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
55 First Special Session, Chapter 13

56 **17-61-201 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
57 First Special Session, Chapter 13

58 **17-61-301 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
59 First Special Session, Chapter 13

60 **17-61-401 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
61 First Special Session, Chapter 13

62 **17-62-303 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
63 First Special Session, Chapter 13

64 **17-62-505 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
65 First Special Session, Chapter 13

66 **17B-1-205 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38

67 **17B-1-506 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38

68 **17B-1-1304 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 15

69 **17D-2-502 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

70 **20A-1-102 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
71 First Special Session, Chapter 6

72 **20A-2-101.1 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448

73 **20A-2-104 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,
74 448

75 **20A-2-108 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

76 **20A-2-204 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,
77 448

78 **20A-2-206 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381

79 **20A-2-304 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448

80 **20A-2-504 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
81 Chapter 448

82 **20A-2-505 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,
83 448

84 **20A-3a-401 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special
85 Session, Chapter 6

86 **20A-6-105 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,
87 448

88 **20A-7-103 (Effective upon governor's approval) (Contingently Superseded 01/01/27)**, as
89 last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448

90 **20A-7-103 (Contingently Effective 01/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
91 Chapter 492

92 **20A-7-105 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448

93 **20A-7-203 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442

94 **20A-7-215 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442

95 **20A-7-217 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448

96 **20A-7-303 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
97 **20A-7-313 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
98 **20A-7-315 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
99 **20A-7-503 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
100 **20A-7-514 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
101 **20A-7-516 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
102 **20A-7-603 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
103 **20A-7-614 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
104 **20A-7-616 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
105 **20A-7-702 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,
106 Chapter 465
107 **20A-7-703.1 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah
108 2025, Chapter 448
109 **20A-8-103 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 38, 448
110 **20A-9-203 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 38, 39
111 and 448
112 **20A-9-404 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
113 **20A-9-405 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38
114 **20A-9-408 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Second Special
115 Session, Chapter 2
116 **20A-9-502 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Second Special
117 Session, Chapter 2
118 **20A-15-103 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
119 **53G-3-301.1 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38
120 **53G-3-401 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116
121 **53G-3-501 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 528
122 **63G-2-202 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
123 Chapter 188
124 **63G-2-210 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025,
125 Chapter 188
126 **63G-2-301 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special
127 Session, Chapter 9
128 **63G-2-302 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172
129 **63G-2-303 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 208

130 **73-10d-4 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

131 ENACTS:

132 **20A-1-1004 (Effective 05/25/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

133 **20A-2-601 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

134 **20A-2-602 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

135 **20A-2-603 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

136 **20A-2-604 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

137 **20A-2-605 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

138 **20A-2-606 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

139 **20A-2-607 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

140 **53H-3-1304 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

141 RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

142 **20A-2-608 (Effective 04/06/26)**, (Renumbered from 20A-5-410, as last amended by
143 Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 188, 448)

144 **Utah Code Sections affected by Coordination Clause:**

145 **20A-2-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

146 **20A-2-204 (04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

147 **20A-2-504 (01/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448

148 **20A-2-504 (immediate)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448

149 **63G-2-302 (04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

150 **63G-2-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

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

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

154 **10-2-602 (Effective 05/25/26). Contents of resolution or petition.**

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

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

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

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

160 (2)(a) The resolution or petition shall state the population of each of the municipalities
161 within the area of the proposed consolidated municipality and the total population of
162 the proposed consolidated municipality.

163 (b) The population for each municipality under Subsection (2)(a) shall be derived from:

- 164 (i) the estimate of the Utah Population Committee created in Section 63C-20-103; or
 165 (ii) if the Utah Population Committee estimate is not available, the most recent
 166 official census or census estimate of the United States Bureau of the Census.

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

170 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
 171 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
 172 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
 173 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

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

175 **10-2-701.5 (Effective 05/25/26). Form of petition.**

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

178 PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL DISINCORPORATION

179 To the Honorable District Court of ____ County, Utah:

180 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Utah, and residents of ____
 181 City, Utah, respectfully petition the Court to submit a proposal to disincorporate ____ City,
 182 Utah, to the legal voters resident within said city for their approval or rejection at a special
 183 election ordered held by the court for that purpose; and each signator for himself or herself
 184 says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Utah; I am a
 185 resident of ____ City, Utah, and my residence and post office address are correctly written
 186 after my name.

187 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

188 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be
 189 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
 190 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

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

192 **10-2a-208 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition for incorporation -- Requirements and**
 193 **form -- Removal of signature.**

- 194 (1) At any time within one year after the day on which the county clerk completes the
 195 public hearings required under Section 10-2a-207, individuals within the proposed
 196 municipality may proceed with the incorporation process by circulating, and submitting
 197 to the county clerk, a petition for incorporation that, to be certified under Subsection

- 198 10-2a-209(1)(b)(i), is required to be signed by:
- 199 (a) 10% of all registered voters within the area proposed to be incorporated as a
200 municipality, as of the day on which the petition for incorporation is filed;
- 201 (b) if the petition for incorporation proposes the incorporation of a city, and subject to
202 Subsection (5), 10% of all registered voters within 90% of the voting precincts within
203 the area proposed to be incorporated as a city, as of the day on which the petition for
204 incorporation is filed; and
- 205 (c) the owners of private real property that:
- 206 (i) is located within the proposed municipality;
- 207 (ii) covers at least 10% of the total private land area within the proposed
208 municipality; and
- 209 (iii) on January 1 of the current year, was equal in assessed fair market value to at
210 least 7% of the assessed fair market value of all private real property within the
211 proposed municipality.
- 212 (2) The petition for incorporation shall:
- 213 (a) include the typed or printed name and current residence address of each voter who
214 signs the petition for incorporation;
- 215 (b) describe the area proposed to be incorporated as a municipality, as described in the
216 feasibility request or the modified feasibility request that complies with Subsection
217 10-2a-205(5)(a);
- 218 (c) state the proposed name for the proposed municipality;
- 219 (d) designate five signers of the petition for incorporation as petition sponsors, one of
220 whom is designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone
221 number of each;
- 222 (e) if the sponsors propose the incorporation of a city, state that the signers of the
223 petition for incorporation appoint the sponsors, if the incorporation measure passes,
224 to represent the signers in:
- 225 (i) selecting the number of commission or council members the new city will have;
226 and
- 227 (ii) drawing district boundaries for the election of council members, if the voters
228 decide to elect council members by district;
- 229 (f) be accompanied by and circulated with an accurate plat or map, prepared by a
230 licensed surveyor, showing the boundaries of the proposed municipality; and
- 231 (g) substantially comply with and be circulated in the following form:

232 PETITION FOR INCORPORATION OF (insert the proposed name of the proposed
233 municipality)

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

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

242 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

243 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be
244 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
245 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

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

248 (3)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a valid signature on a feasibility request
249 described in Section 10-2a-202 or a modified feasibility request described in Section
250 10-2a-206 may be used toward fulfilling the signature requirement described in
251 Subsection (1) if the feasibility request notified the signer in conspicuous language
252 that the signature, unless removed, would also be used for a petition for incorporation
253 under this section.

254 (b) A signature described in Subsection (3)(a) may not be used toward fulfilling the
255 signature requirement described in Subsection (1) if the signer files with the county
256 clerk a written statement requesting removal of the signature before the petition for
257 incorporation is filed with the county clerk under this section.

258 (4)(a) A voter who signs a petition for incorporation may have the voter's signature
259 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
260 which the petition for incorporation is submitted to the county clerk, submitting to
261 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

262 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
263 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

264 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
265 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition for

266 incorporation after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the
 267 signature.

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

270 (i) except in a proposed municipality that will be a city of the fifth class, is not
 271 located entirely within the boundaries of a proposed city; or

272 (ii) includes less than 50 registered voters.

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

275 Section 4. Section **17-60-302** is amended to read:

276 **17-60-302 (Effective 05/25/26). Initiating a petition to move a county seat --**
 277 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Limitation.**

278 (1)(a) A voter may file a petition to move the county seat with the county legislative
 279 body of the county in which the voter lives if the petition is signed by a majority of
 280 registered voters in the county, calculated by the number of votes cast in the county
 281 at the preceding general election.

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

285 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 286 RECORDS

287 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
 288 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
 289 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

290 [(b)] (c) If the county legislative body receives a petition that complies with this section,
 291 the county legislative body shall submit the question of moving the county seat to the
 292 county's voters at the next general election.

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

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

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

- 300 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
 301 county; and
- 302 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 303 (3)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
 304 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
 305 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
 306 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
 307 be removed.
- 308 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements
 309 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 310 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
 311 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
 312 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 313 (4) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed in all respects as provided by
 314 law for the conducting of general elections and canvassing the returns.
- 315 (5) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article XI, Section 2, a proposition to move the
 316 county seat may not be submitted in the same county more than once in four years, or
 317 within four years after the day on which a proposition to move the county seat is
 318 submitted to the voters.

319 Section 5. Section **17-61-201** is amended to read:

320 **17-61-201 (Effective 05/25/26). Consolidation of counties -- Petition --**
 321 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballot.**

- 322 (1)(a) A voter of a county who desires to have the county joined to and consolidated
 323 with an adjoining county may petition the county legislative body of the county in
 324 which the voter resides and the county legislative body of the adjoining county, as
 325 described in this section.
- 326 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
 327 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
 328 page:
 329 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 330 RECORDS
 331 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
 332 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
 333 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

- 334 (2) Each petition under Subsection (1) shall be:
- 335 (a) signed by a majority of the voters who reside in the originating county;
- 336 (b) signed by a majority of the voters who reside in the consolidating county; and
- 337 (c) presented to the county legislative body of the originating county and the county
- 338 legislative body of the consolidating county before the first Monday in June of any
- 339 year.
- 340 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body
- 341 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the
- 342 petition to the county clerk.
- 343 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
- 344 county legislative body under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk shall:
- 345 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
- 346 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2) in regard to the voters of the
- 347 county in which the county clerk is an officer;
- 348 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
- 349 county in which the county clerk is an officer; and
- 350 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 351 (4)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
- 352 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
- 353 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
- 354 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
- 355 be removed.
- 356 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 357 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 358 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 359 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
- 360 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 361 (5) If the county clerks of the originating county and consolidating county each determine
- 362 that the petition meets the requirements of Subsection (2)(a), each county clerk shall
- 363 ensure that the petition is submitted to the voters of the respective counties as described
- 364 in Subsection (6).
- 365 (6)(a) If a petition under Subsection (1) is presented in a year during which a regular
- 366 general election is held, the county legislative body of the originating county and the
- 367 county legislative body of the consolidating county shall cause the proposition to be

- 368 submitted to the legal voters of the respective counties at the next regular general
 369 election.
- 370 (b) If a petition under Subsection (1) is presented during a year in which there is no
 371 regular general election, the county legislative body of the originating county and the
 372 county legislative body of the consolidating county shall:
- 373 (i) call a special election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
 374 November following the presentation of the petition; and
- 375 (ii) cause the proposition to be submitted to the voters of the respective counties
 376 during the special election.
- 377 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an election under this Subsection (6) shall
 378 be held, the results canvassed, and returns made under the provisions of the general
 379 election laws of the state.
- 380 (d) The ballot language to be used at an election under this Subsection (6) shall be:
- 381 For combining ____ county with ____ county.
 382 Against combining ____ county with ____ county.
- 383 Section 6. Section **17-61-301** is amended to read:
- 384 **17-61-301 (Effective 05/25/26). Annexation of portion of county to adjoining**
 385 **county -- Petition -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature --**
 386 **Election -- Ballot.**
- 387 (1)(a) Except as provided in Section 17-61-306, a voter who desires to have initiating
 388 county territory in which the voter resides included within the boundary of an
 389 adjoining county, the voter may petition the county legislative body of the initiating
 390 county and the county legislative body of the annexing county.
- 391 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
 392 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
 393 page:
 394 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 395 RECORDS
 396 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
 397 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
 398 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 399 (2) A petition under Subsection (1) shall be:
- 400 (a) signed by a majority of the voters living in the portion of the initiating county
 401 proposed to be included within the boundaries of an annexing county; and

- 402 (b) presented before the first Monday in June of a year during which a general election is
403 held.
- 404 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body
405 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the
406 petition to the county clerk.
- 407 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk of an initiating county receives
408 a petition from the county legislative body under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk
409 shall:
- 410 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
411 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2);
- 412 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a voter in the portion of the
413 initiating county that is proposed to be annexed; and
- 414 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 415 (4)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
416 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
417 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
418 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
419 be removed.
- 420 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
421 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 422 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
423 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
424 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 425 (5)(a) If the county clerk of the initiating county determines that the petition meets the
426 requirements of Subsection (2), the county clerk of the initiating county and the
427 county clerk of the annexing county shall ensure the petition is submitted to the
428 voters of the respective counties at the next regular general election as described in
429 this Subsection (5).
- 430 (b) Except as otherwise provided, the election shall be held, the results canvassed, and
431 returns made under the provisions of the general election laws of the state.
- 432 (c) The ballot language to be used in an election held under this Subsection (5) shall be:
- 433 For annexing a portion of ____ county to ____ county.
- 434 Against annexing a portion of ____ county to ____ county.
- 435 Section 7. Section **17-61-401** is amended to read:

436 **17-61-401 (Effective 05/25/26). Creating a new county -- Petition -- Certification**
 437 **of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballots.**

438 (1)(a) Whenever a voter desires to have the territory within which the voter resides
 439 created into a new county, the voter may file a petition for the creation of a new
 440 county with the county legislative body of the seceding county in which the voter
 441 resides as described in this section.[-]

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

445 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 446 RECORDS

447 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
 448 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
 449 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

450 (2)(a) The petition described in Subsection (1) shall:

451 (i) propose the name and define the boundaries of the new county; and

452 (ii) be signed:

453 (A) by at least one-fourth of the voters residing in the portion of the seceding
 454 county proposed to be created into a new county; and

455 (B) by no less than one-fourth of the voters residing in the remaining portion of
 456 the seceding county.

457 (b) If a petition proposes to take territory from more than one seceding county, the
 458 requirements of Subsection (2)(a)(ii) apply to each seceding county affected by the
 459 petition.

460 (3) A voter shall file a petition for the creation of a new county on or before the first
 461 Monday in May of any year with the county legislative body of the seceding county.

462 (4)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body
 463 receives a petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the county
 464 clerk.

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

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

469 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the

- 470 seceding county; and
- 471 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 472 (5)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
- 473 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
- 474 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
- 475 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
- 476 be removed.
- 477 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 478 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 479 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 480 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
- 481 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 482 (6) The seceding county legislative body shall cause the proposition to be submitted to the
- 483 voters residing in the seceding county at a special election to be held according to the
- 484 dates established in Section 20A-1-204, first causing 30 days' notice of the election to be
- 485 given in the manner provided by law for giving notice of general elections.
- 486 (7) The county clerk shall ensure that the special election is held, the result canvassed, and
- 487 returns made under the provisions of the general election laws.
- 488 (8) The form of ballot to be used at the special election shall be:
- 489 For the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.
- 490 Against the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.
- 491 (9)(a) Subject to Subsection (9)(b), the expenses of any special election described in this
- 492 section shall be paid out of the general fund of the seceding county.
- 493 (b) If the voters approve the creation of the new county, the new county shall reimburse
- 494 the seceding county for half of the cost of the special election within one year of the
- 495 effective date of the new county from the general fund of the new county.
- 496 Section 8. Section **17-62-303** is amended to read:
- 497 **17-62-303 (Effective 05/25/26). Registered voter initiation of adoption of optional**
- 498 **plan -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Procedure.**
- 499 (1)(a) Registered voters of a county may initiate the process of adopting an optional plan
- 500 by filing with the county clerk a notice of intent to gather signatures for a petition:
- 501 (i) for the establishment of a study committee described in Section 17-62-402; or
- 502 (ii) to adopt an optional plan that:
- 503 (A) accompanies the petition during the signature gathering process and

- 504 accompanies the petition in the submission to the county clerk under
505 Subsection (2)(b); and
- 506 (B) complies with the requirements described in Sections 17-62-403 and
507 17-62-404.
- 508 (b) A notice of intent described in Subsection (1)(a) shall:
- 509 (i) designate five sponsors for the petition;
- 510 (ii) designate a contact sponsor to serve as the primary contact for the petition
511 sponsors;
- 512 (iii) list the mailing address and telephone number of each of the sponsors; and
513 (iv) be signed by each of the petition sponsors.
- 514 (c) Registered voters of a county may not file a notice of intent to gather signatures in
515 bad faith.
- 516 (d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
517 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
518 page:
519 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
520 RECORDS
521 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
522 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
523 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 524 (2)(a) The sponsors of a petition may circulate the petition after filing a notice of intent
525 to gather signatures under Subsection (1).
- 526 (b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), the petition is valid if the petition
527 contains the number of legal signatures required under Subsection 20A-7-501(2).
- 528 (ii) For a county of the fifth or sixth class, the petition is valid if the petition contains
529 at least the number of legal signatures equal to 30% of the number of active
530 voters, as defined in Section 20A-7-501, in the county.
- 531 (iii) The county clerk may not count a signature that was collected for the petition
532 before the petition sponsors filed a notice of intent under Subsection (1)(a).
- 533 (iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual may not sign a petition
534 circulated under this section by electronic signature as defined in Section
535 20A-1-202.
- 536 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b)(ii), the sponsors of the petition shall submit
537 the completed petition and any amended or supplemental petition described in

- 538 Subsection (4) with the county clerk not more than 180 days after the day on which
539 the sponsors file the notice described in Subsection (1).
- 540 (d)(i) Within 30 days after the day on which the sponsors submit a petition, the
541 sponsors shall submit financial disclosures to the county clerk that include:
- 542 (A) a list of each contribution received by the sponsors and the name of the donor;
543 and
544 (B) a list of each expenditure for purposes of furthering or sponsoring the petition
545 and the recipient of each expenditure.
- 546 (ii) The county clerk shall publish the financial disclosures described in Subsection
547 (2)(d)(i).
- 548 (iii) All sponsors of a petition shall date and sign each list described in Subsection
549 (2)(d)(i).
- 550 (3) Within 30 days after the day on which the sponsors submit a petition under Subsection
551 (2)(c) or an amended or supplemental petition under Subsection (4), the county clerk
552 shall:
- 553 (a)(i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a
554 signer is a registered voter; and
555 (ii) determine whether the petition or amended or supplemental petition has been
556 signed by the required number of registered voters;
- 557 (b)(i) if the petition was signed by a sufficient number of registered voters:
- 558 (A) certify the petition;
559 (B) deliver the petition to the county legislative body and county executive; and
560 (C) notify the contact sponsor in writing of the certification; or
561 (ii) if the petition was not signed by a sufficient number of registered voters:
- 562 (A) reject the petition; and
563 (B) notify the county legislative body and the contact sponsor in writing of the
564 rejection and the reasons for the rejection; and
- 565 (c) for a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), no later than 10 days after the day on
566 which the county clerk certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i), the county
567 clerk shall send a copy of the optional plan that accompanied the petition to the
568 county attorney for review in accordance with Section 17-62-405.
- 569 (4) The sponsors of a petition circulated under this section may submit supplemental
570 signatures for the petition:
- 571 (a) if the county clerk rejects the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(ii); and

- 572 (b) before the earlier of:
- 573 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (2)(c); or
- 574 (ii) 20 days after the day on which the county clerk rejects the petition under
- 575 Subsection (3)(b)(ii).
- 576 (5) With the unanimous approval of petition sponsors, a petition filed under this section
- 577 may be withdrawn at any time within 90 days after the day on which the county clerk
- 578 certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i) and no later than 45 days before an
- 579 election under Section 17-62-501 if the petition included a notification to petition
- 580 signers, in conspicuous language and in a conspicuous location, that the petition
- 581 sponsors are authorized to withdraw the petition.
- 582 (6)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
- 583 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
- 584 which the sponsors submit the petition to the county clerk, submitting to the county
- 585 clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 586 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 587 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 588 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 589 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
- 590 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 591 Section 9. Section **17-62-505** is amended to read:
- 592 **17-62-505 (Effective 05/25/26). Repeal of optional plan -- Certification of petition**
- 593 **signatures -- Removal of signature.**
- 594 (1) An optional plan that the voters in an election adopt under this chapter may be repealed
- 595 as provided in this section.
- 596 (2) Registered voters of a county that has adopted an optional plan may initiate the process
- 597 of repealing an optional plan by filing a petition for the repeal of the optional plan.
- 598 (3)(a) Registered voters of a county may not file a petition to repeal an optional plan
- 599 sooner than four years or more than five years after the election of county officers
- 600 under Section 17-62-503.
- 601 (b)(i) If the registered voters file a petition to repeal an optional plan under this
- 602 section, the petition is certified, and the optional plan is not repealed at an election
- 603 described in Subsection (9), the voters may not circulate or file a subsequent
- 604 petition to repeal until at least four, and not more than five, years after the
- 605 certification of the original petition.

- 606 (ii) If, after four years, the voters file a subsequent petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i),
607 the voters:
- 608 (A) may not circulate or file another petition to repeal until at least four, and not
609 more than five, years after certification of the subsequent petition; and
610 (B) shall wait an additional four, and not more than five, years after the date of
611 certification of the previous petition for each petition filed thereafter.
- 612 (4) A petition described in Subsection (2) shall:
- 613 (a) be signed by registered voters residing in the county:
- 614 (i) equal in number to at least 15% of the total number of votes cast in each precinct
615 described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii) for all candidates for president of the United
616 States at the most recent election in which a president of the United States was
617 elected; and
- 618 (ii) who represent at least 85% of the voting precincts located within the county;
- 619 (b) designate up to five of the petition signers as sponsors, designating one petition
620 signer as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of each;[
621 and]
- 622 (c) include the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the same
623 size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:
624 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
625 RECORDS
626 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
627 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
628 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."; and
- 629 [(e)] (d) be filed in the office of the clerk of the county in which the petition signers
630 reside.
- 631 (5) Within 30 days after the filing of a petition under Subsection (2) or an amended petition
632 under Subsection (6), the county clerk shall:
- 633 (a)(i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a
634 signer is a registered voter; and
- 635 (ii) determine whether the required number of voters have signed the petition or
636 amended petition has been signed by the required number of registered voters; and
- 637 (b)(i) if a sufficient number of voters have signed the petition, certify the petition or
638 amended petition and deliver it to the county legislative body, and notify in
639 writing the contact sponsor of the certification; or

- 640 (ii) if a sufficient number of voters have not signed the petition, reject the petition or
 641 the amended petition and notify the county legislative body and the contact
 642 sponsor in writing of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection.
- 643 (6) If a county clerk rejects a petition or an amended petition under Subsection (5)(b)(ii),
 644 the petition may be amended or an amended petition may be further amended with
 645 additional signatures and refiled within 20 days of the date of rejection.
- 646 (7)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
 647 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
 648 which the sponsors file the petition in the office of the county clerk, submitting to the
 649 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 650 (b) A statement described in Subsection (7)(a) shall comply with the requirements
 651 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 652 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
 653 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
 654 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 655 (8) If a county clerk certifies a petition under Subsection (2), the county legislative body
 656 shall hold an election on the proposal to repeal the optional plan at the next regular
 657 general election that is at least 60 days after the day on which the county clerk certifies
 658 the petition.
- 659 (9) If, at an election held under Subsection (8), a majority of voters voting on the proposal
 660 to repeal the optional plan vote in favor of repealing:
- 661 (a) the optional plan is repealed, effective January 1 of the year following the election of
 662 county officers under Subsection (9)(c);
- 663 (b) upon the effective date of the repeal under Subsection (9)(a), the form of government
 664 under which the county operates reverts to the form it had before the optional plan
 665 was adopted; and
- 666 (c) the county officers under the form of government to which the county reverts, who
 667 are different than the county officers under the repealed optional plan, shall be
 668 elected at the next regular general election following the election under Subsection (8).
- 669 Section 10. Section **17B-1-205** is amended to read:
- 670 **17B-1-205 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition and request requirements -- Removal or**
 671 **reinstatement of signature.**
- 672 (1) Each petition and request shall:
- 673 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each property

- 674 owner, groundwater right owner, or registered voter signing the petition;
- 675 (b)(i) if it is a property owner request or petition, indicate the address of the property
676 as to which the owner is signing the request or petition; or
- 677 (ii) if it is a groundwater right owner request or petition, indicate the location of the
678 diversion of the groundwater as to which the owner is signing the groundwater
679 right owner request or petition;
- 680 (c) describe the entire area of the proposed special district;
- 681 (d) be accompanied by a map showing the boundaries of the entire proposed special
682 district;
- 683 (e) specify the service proposed to be provided by the proposed special district;
- 684 (f) if the petition or request proposes the creation of a specialized special district, specify
685 the type of specialized special district proposed to be created;
- 686 (g) for a proposed basic special district:
- 687 (i) state whether the members of the board of trustees will be elected or appointed or
688 whether some members will be elected and some appointed, as provided in
689 Section 17B-1-1402;
- 690 (ii) if one or more members will be elected, state the basis upon which each elected
691 member will be elected; and
- 692 (iii) if applicable, explain how the election or appointment of board members will
693 transition from one method to another based on stated milestones or events, as
694 provided in Section 17B-1-1402;
- 695 (h) for a proposed improvement district whose remaining area members or county
696 members, as those terms are defined in Section 17B-2a-404, are to be elected, state
697 that those members will be elected;
- 698 (i) for a proposed service area that is entirely within the unincorporated area of a single
699 county, state whether the initial board of trustees will be:
- 700 (i) the county legislative body;
- 701 (ii) appointed as provided in Section 17B-1-304; or
- 702 (iii) elected as provided in Section 17B-1-306;
- 703 (j) designate up to five signers of the petition or request as sponsors, one of whom shall
704 be designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number
705 of each;
- 706 (k) if the petition or request is a groundwater right owner petition or request proposing
707 the creation of a special district to acquire a groundwater right under Section

- 708 17B-1-202, explain the anticipated method:
- 709 (i) of paying for the groundwater right acquisition; and
- 710 (ii) of addressing blowing dust created by the reduced use of water;
- 711 (l) if the petition or request is a groundwater right owner petition or request proposing
- 712 the creation of a special district to assess a groundwater right under Section
- 713 17B-1-202, explain the anticipated method:
- 714 (i) of assessing the groundwater right and securing payment of the assessment; and
- 715 (ii) of addressing blowing dust created by the reduced use of water; and
- 716 (m) for a proposed infrastructure financing district:
- 717 (i) state whether the members of the board of trustees will be elected or appointed or
- 718 whether some members will be elected and some appointed;
- 719 (ii) if one or more members will be elected, state the basis upon which each elected
- 720 member will be elected;
- 721 (iii) explain how appointed board member positions will transition to elected board
- 722 member positions based on stated milestones or events, as provided in Section
- 723 17B-2a-1303;
- 724 (iv) state whether divisions will be established within the boundary of the
- 725 infrastructure financing district so that some or all board members represent a
- 726 division rather than the district at large and, if so, describe the boundary of each
- 727 division; and
- 728 (v) if applicable, be accompanied by the governing document prepared according to
- 729 Section 17B-2a-1303.
- 730 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
- 731 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
- 732 page:
- 733 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
- 734 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
- 735 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
- 736 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 737 ~~(2)~~ (3)(a) Subject to Subsection ~~[(2)(b)]~~ (3)(b), a signer of a request or petition may
- 738 remove or, once removed, reinstate the signer's signature at any time before the filing
- 739 of the request or petition by filing a written statement for removal or reinstatement
- 740 with:
- 741 (i) in the case of a request:

- 742 (A) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose
 743 applicable area the signer's property is located, if the request is a property
 744 owner request;
- 745 (B) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose
 746 applicable area the signer's groundwater diversion point is located, if the
 747 request is a groundwater right owner request; or
- 748 (C) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose
 749 applicable area the signer resides, if the request is a registered voter request; or
 750 (ii) in the case of a petition, the responsible clerk.
- 751 (b) The time for a signer of a petition for the creation of an infrastructure financing
 752 district to remove or reinstate the signer's signature is any time before the petition is
 753 certified under Section 17B-1-209.

754 [~~3~~] (4)(a) A clerk of the county who receives a timely, valid written statement for
 755 removal or reinstatement from a signer of a registered voter request or registered
 756 voter petition shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
 757 determine whether to remove or reinstate the individual's signature.

758 (b) If a municipal clerk or recorder receives a timely, valid written statement for removal
 759 or reinstatement from a signer of a registered voter request or registered voter
 760 petition, the clerk of the municipality's county shall assist the municipal clerk or
 761 recorder with determining whether to remove or reinstate the individual's signature
 762 using the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3).

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

764 **17B-1-506 (Effective 05/25/26). Withdrawal petition requirements -- Removal or**
 765 **reinstatement of signature.**

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

- 767 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current address of each owner of acre-feet of
 768 water, property owner, registered voter, or authorized representative of the governing
 769 body signing the petition;
- 770 (b) separately group signatures by municipality and, in the case of unincorporated areas,
 771 by county;
- 772 (c) if it is a petition signed by the owners of land, the assessment of which is based on
 773 acre-feet of water, indicate the address of the property and the property tax
 774 identification parcel number of the property as to which the owner is signing the
 775 request;

- 776 (d) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, or in the case of a petition
 777 filed under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv), designate a governmental representative
 778 as a sponsor, and in each case, designate one sponsor as the contact sponsor with the
 779 mailing address and telephone number of each;
- 780 (e) state the reasons for withdrawal;[-and]
- 781 (f) when the petition is filed with the special district board of trustees, be accompanied
 782 by a map generally depicting the boundaries of the area proposed to be withdrawn
 783 and a legal description of the area proposed to be withdrawn[-] ; and
- 784 (g) include the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the same
 785 size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:
 786 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 787 RECORDS
 788 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
 789 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
 790 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 791 (2)(a) The special district may prepare an itemized list of expenses, other than attorney
 792 expenses, that will necessarily be incurred by the special district in the withdrawal
 793 proceeding. The itemized list of expenses may be submitted to the contact sponsor.
 794 If the list of expenses is submitted to the contact sponsor within 21 days after receipt
 795 of the petition, the contact sponsor on behalf of the petitioners shall be required to
 796 pay the expenses to the special district within 90 days of receipt. Until funds to cover
 797 the expenses are delivered to the special district, the district will have no obligation to
 798 proceed with the withdrawal and the time limits on the district stated in this part will
 799 be tolled. If the expenses are not paid within the 90 days, or within 90 days from the
 800 conclusion of any arbitration under Subsection (2)(b), the petition requesting the
 801 withdrawal shall be considered to have been withdrawn.
- 802 (b) If there is no agreement between the board of trustees of the special district and the
 803 contact sponsor on the amount of expenses that will necessarily be incurred by the
 804 special district in the withdrawal proceeding, either the board of trustees or the
 805 contact sponsor may submit the matter to binding arbitration in accordance with Title
 806 78B, Chapter 6, Part 2, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act[;] , provided that, if the
 807 parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator and the rules and procedures that will control
 808 the arbitration, either party may pursue arbitration under Title 78B, Chapter 11, Utah
 809 Uniform Arbitration Act.

- 810 (3)(a) A signer of a petition may remove or, once removed, reinstate the signer's
811 signature at any time before the public hearing under Section 17B-1-508 by
812 submitting a written statement requesting removal or reinstatement with the board of
813 trustees of the special district in which the area proposed to be withdrawn is located.
- 814 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements
815 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 816 (c) As applicable and using the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the
817 county clerk shall assist the board of trustees to determine whether to remove or
818 reinstate a registered voter's signature after the voter submits a timely, valid statement
819 described in Subsection (3)(a).
- 820 (4) If it reasonably appears that, if the withdrawal which is the subject of a petition filed
821 under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(i) or (ii) is granted, it will be necessary for a
822 municipality to provide to the withdrawn area the service previously supplied by the
823 special district, the board of trustees of the special district may, within 21 days after
824 receiving the petition, notify the contact sponsor in writing that, before it will be
825 considered by the board of trustees, the petition shall be presented to and approved by
826 the governing body of the municipality as provided in Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv)
827 before it will be considered by the special district board of trustees. If the notice is
828 timely given to the contact sponsor, the petition shall be considered to have been
829 withdrawn until the municipality files a petition with the special district under
830 Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv).
- 831 (5)(a) After receiving the notice required by Subsection 17B-1-504(2), unless
832 specifically allowed by law, a public entity may not make expenditures from public
833 funds to support or oppose the gathering of signatures on a petition for withdrawal.
- 834 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits a public entity from providing factual information
835 and analysis regarding a withdrawal petition to the public, so long as the information
836 grants equal access to both the opponents and proponents of the petition for
837 withdrawal.
- 838 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a public official from speaking, campaigning,
839 contributing personal money, or otherwise exercising the public official's
840 constitutional rights.
- 841 (6) Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) do not apply to a petition seeking the withdrawal of an
842 area from an infrastructure financing district.
- 843 Section 12. Section **17B-1-1304** is amended to read:

844 **17B-1-1304 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition requirements.**

- 845 (1) Each petition under Subsection 17B-1-1303(1)(a) or (2) shall:
- 846 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each owner of
- 847 acre-feet of water, property owner, or registered voter signing the petition;
- 848 (b) if it is a petition signed by the owners of acre-feet of water or property owners,
- 849 indicate the address of the property as to which the owner is signing;
- 850 (c) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, one of whom shall be
- 851 designated the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of
- 852 each; and
- 853 (d) be filed with the clerk.

- 854 (2) A signer of a petition to dissolve a special district may withdraw, or, once withdrawn,
- 855 reinstate the signer's signature at any time until 30 days after the public hearing under
- 856 Section 17B-1-1306.

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

860 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

861 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed

862 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter

863 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

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

865 **17D-2-502 (Effective 05/25/26). Required process for issuance of local building**

866 **authority bonds -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature.**

- 867 (1) A local building authority may not issue bonds unless the creating local entity's
- 868 governing body approves the issuance and terms of the bonds.
- 869 (2)(a) Before issuing bonds, the authority board of a local building authority shall give
- 870 public notice of the authority board's intent to issue bonds.
- 871 (b)(i) A local building authority may not issue bonds without the approval of the
- 872 creating local entity's voters if, within 30 days after the notice under Subsection
- 873 (2)(a) is given, a written petition requesting an election is filed with the local
- 874 building authority, signed by at least 20% of the active voters, as defined in
- 875 Section 20A-1-102, within the creating local entity.
- 876 (ii) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
- 877 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on

878 the page:
 879 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 880 RECORDS
 881 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you
 882 signed may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
 883 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
 884 record."

885 [(~~iii~~)] (iii) Each election under Subsection (2)(b)(i) shall be held as provided in Title
 886 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act, in the same manner as an
 887 election for general obligation bonds issued by the creating local entity.

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

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

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

896 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of an active voter within the
 897 creating local entity; and

898 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the local building authority.

899 (4)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
 900 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
 901 which the local building authority provides the petition to the county clerk,
 902 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
 903 removed.

904 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
 905 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

906 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in [~~Section~~] Subsection
 907 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a
 908 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

909 Section 14. Section **20A-1-102** is amended to read:

910 **20A-1-102 (Effective upon governor's approval). Definitions.**

911 As used in this title:

- 912 (1) "Active voter" means a registered voter who has not been classified as an inactive voter
913 by the county clerk.
- 914 (2) "Automatic tabulating equipment" means apparatus that automatically examines and
915 counts votes recorded on ballots and tabulates the results.
- 916 (3)(a) "Ballot" means the storage medium, including a paper, mechanical, or electronic
917 storage medium, that records an individual voter's vote.
- 918 (b) "Ballot" does not include a record to tally multiple votes.
- 919 (4) "Ballot proposition" means a question, issue, or proposal that is submitted to voters on
920 the ballot for their approval or rejection including:
- 921 (a) an opinion question specifically authorized by the Legislature;
- 922 (b) a constitutional amendment;
- 923 (c) an initiative;
- 924 (d) a referendum;
- 925 (e) a bond proposition;
- 926 (f) a judicial retention question;
- 927 (g) an incorporation of a city or town; or
- 928 (h) any other ballot question specifically authorized by the Legislature.
- 929 (5) "Bind," "binding," or "bound" means securing more than one piece of paper together
930 using staples or another means in at least three places across the top of the paper in the
931 blank space reserved for securing the paper.
- 932 (6) "Board of canvassers" means the entities established by Sections 20A-4-301 and
933 20A-4-306 to canvass election returns.
- 934 (7) "Bond election" means an election held for the purpose of approving or rejecting the
935 proposed issuance of bonds by a government entity.
- 936 (8) "Business day" means a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday that is not
937 a holiday.
- 938 (9) "Business reply mail envelope" means an envelope that may be mailed free of charge by
939 the sender.
- 940 (10) "Calendar day" means any day, regardless of whether the day is a weekend, a holiday,
941 a business day, or any other type of day.
- 942 (11) "Canvass" means the review of election returns and the official declaration of election
943 results by the board of canvassers.
- 944 (12) "Canvassing judge" means a poll worker designated to assist in counting ballots at the
945 canvass.

- 946 (13) "Contracting election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or
947 interlocal agreement with a provider election officer.
- 948 (14) "Convention" means the political party convention at which party officers and
949 delegates are selected.
- 950 (15) "Counting center" means one or more locations selected by the election officer in
951 charge of the election for the automatic counting of ballots.
- 952 (16) "Counting judge" means a poll worker designated to count the ballots during election
953 day.
- 954 (17) "Counting room" means a suitable and convenient private place or room for use by the
955 poll workers and counting judges to count ballots.
- 956 (18) "County officers" means those county officers that are required by law to be elected.
- 957 (19) "Date of the election" or "election day" or "day of the election":
- 958 (a) means the day that is specified in the calendar year as the day on which the election
959 occurs; and
- 960 (b) does not include:
- 961 (i) deadlines established for voting by mail, military-overseas voting, or emergency
962 voting; or
- 963 (ii) any early voting or early voting period as provided under Chapter 3a, Part 6,
964 Early Voting.
- 965 (20) "Elected official" means:
- 966 (a) a person elected to an office under Section 20A-1-303 or Chapter 4, Part 6,
967 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project;
- 968 (b) a person who is considered to be elected to a municipal office in accordance with
969 Subsection 20A-1-206(1)(c)(ii); or
- 970 (c) a person who is considered to be elected to a special district office in accordance
971 with Subsection 20A-1-206(3)(b)(ii).
- 972 (21) "Election" means a regular general election, a municipal general election, a statewide
973 special election, a local special election, a regular primary election, a municipal primary
974 election, and a special district election.
- 975 (22) "Election Assistance Commission" means the commission established by the Help
976 America Vote Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-252.
- 977 (23) "Election cycle" means the period beginning on the first day on which individuals are
978 eligible to file declarations of candidacy and ending when the canvass is completed.
- 979 (24) "Election judge" means a poll worker that is assigned to:

- 980 (a) preside over other poll workers at a polling place;
- 981 (b) act as the presiding election judge; or
- 982 (c) serve as a canvassing judge, counting judge, or receiving judge.
- 983 (25) "Election material" includes:
- 984 (a) the verification documentation described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(9)(b)(iv);
- 985 (b) the list of voters contacted to cure a ballot described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(10)(b);
- 986 (c) the record of rejected and resolved ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(11)(a);
- 987 (d) any chain of custody documentation described in Section 20A-3a-401.1, including:
- 988 (i) the count of ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(3); and
- 989 (ii) the batch log described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(5);
- 990 (e) the record of signature verification audits described in Subsection 20A-3a-402.5(4);
- 991 (f) the affidavit of compliance described in Subsection 20A-3a-404(2);
- 992 (g) the physical and electronic log of replicated ballots described in Subsection
- 993 20A-4-104(3);
- 994 (h) the physical or electronic log of adjudicated ballots described in Section 20A-5-802.5;
- 995 (i) the record of voter database access described in Subsection 20A-5-905(2);
- 996 (j) the reports on military and overseas voters described in Section 20A-16-202;
- 997 (k) scanned copies of return envelopes;
- 998 (l) a copy of the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5; and
- 999 (m) the materials used in the programming of the automatic tabulating equipment.
- 1000 (26) "Election officer" means:
- 1001 (a) the lieutenant governor, for all statewide ballots and elections;
- 1002 (b) the county clerk for:
- 1003 (i) a county ballot and election; and
- 1004 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 1005 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
- 1006 (c) the municipal clerk for:
- 1007 (i) a municipal ballot and election; and
- 1008 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 1009 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
- 1010 (d) the special district clerk or chief executive officer for:
- 1011 (i) a special district ballot and election; and
- 1012 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 1013 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5; or

- 1014 (e) the business administrator or superintendent of a school district for:
- 1015 (i) a school district ballot and election; and
- 1016 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 1017 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5.
- 1018 (27) "Election official" means any election officer, election judge, or poll worker.
- 1019 (28) "Election results" means:
- 1020 (a) for an election other than a bond election, the count of votes cast in the election and
- 1021 the election returns requested by the board of canvassers; or
- 1022 (b) for bond elections, the count of those votes cast for and against the bond proposition
- 1023 plus any or all of the election returns that the board of canvassers may request.
- 1024 (29) "Election results database" means the following information generated by voting
- 1025 equipment:
- 1026 (a) one or more electronic files that contains a digital interpretation of each ballot that is
- 1027 counted in an election;
- 1028 (b) a ballot image; and
- 1029 (c) other information related to a ballot that is adjudicated under Section 20A-4-105.
- 1030 (30) "Election returns" means:
- 1031 (a) the pollbook;
- 1032 (b) the military and overseas absentee voter registration and voting certificates;
- 1033 (c) one of the tally sheets;
- 1034 (d) any unprocessed ballots;
- 1035 (e) all counted ballots;
- 1036 (f) all excess ballots;
- 1037 (g) all unused ballots;
- 1038 (h) all spoiled ballots;
- 1039 (i) all ballot disposition forms, including any provisional ballot disposition forms;
- 1040 (j) the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5;
- 1041 (k) all return envelopes;
- 1042 (l) any provisional ballot envelopes; and
- 1043 (m) the total votes cast form.
- 1044 (31) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or
- 1045 logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to
- 1046 sign the record.
- 1047 (32) "Holiday" means a legal holiday described in Subsections 63G-1-301(1) and (2).

- 1048 (33) "Inactive voter" means a registered voter who is listed as inactive by a county clerk
1049 under Subsection 20A-2-505(4)(c)(i) or (ii).
- 1050 (34) "Judicial office" means the office filled by any judicial officer.
- 1051 (35) "Judicial officer" means any justice or judge of a court of record or any county court
1052 judge.
- 1053 (36) "Local election" means a regular county election, a regular municipal election, a
1054 municipal primary election, a local special election, a special district election, and a
1055 bond election.
- 1056 (37) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a special district, or a
1057 local school district.
- 1058 (38) "Local special election" means a special election called by the governing body of a
1059 local political subdivision in which all registered voters of the local political subdivision
1060 may vote.
- 1061 (39) "Manual ballot" means a paper document produced by an election officer on which an
1062 individual records an individual's vote by directly placing a mark on the paper document
1063 using a pen or other marking instrument.
- 1064 (40) "Mechanical ballot" means a record, including a paper record, electronic record, or
1065 mechanical record, that:
- 1066 (a) is created via electronic or mechanical means; and
- 1067 (b) records an individual voter's vote cast via a method other than an individual directly
1068 placing a mark, using a pen or other marking instrument, to record an individual
1069 voter's vote.
- 1070 (41) "Municipal executive" means:
- 1071 (a) the mayor in the council-mayor form of government defined in Section 10-3b-102; or
- 1072 (b) the mayor in the council-manager form of government defined in Subsection
1073 10-3b-103(6).
- 1074 (42) "Municipal general election" means the election held in municipalities and, as
1075 applicable, special districts on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of
1076 each odd-numbered year for the purposes established in Section 20A-1-202.
- 1077 (43) "Municipal legislative body" means the council of the city or town in any form of
1078 municipal government.
- 1079 (44) "Municipal office" means an elective office in a municipality.
- 1080 (45) "Municipal officers" means those municipal officers that are required by law to be
1081 elected.

- 1082 (46) "Municipal primary election" means an election held to nominate candidates for
1083 municipal office.
- 1084 (47) "Municipality" means a city or town.
- 1085 (48) "Official ballot" means the ballots distributed by the election officer for voters to
1086 record their votes.
- 1087 (49) "Official endorsement" means the information on the ballot that identifies:
1088 (a) the ballot as an official ballot;
1089 (b) the date of the election; and
1090 (c)(i) for a ballot prepared by an election officer other than a county clerk, the
1091 facsimile signature required by Subsection 20A-6-401(1)(a)(iii); or
1092 (ii) for a ballot prepared by a county clerk, the words required by Subsection
1093 20A-6-301(1)(b)(iii).
- 1094 (50) "Official register" means the official record furnished to election officials by the
1095 election officer that contains the information required by Section 20A-5-401.
- 1096 (51) "Political party" means an organization of registered voters that has qualified to
1097 participate in an election by meeting the requirements of Chapter 8, Political Party
1098 Formation and Procedures.
- 1099 (52)(a) "Poll worker" means a person assigned by an election official to assist with an
1100 election, voting, or counting votes.
1101 (b) "Poll worker" includes election judges.
1102 (c) "Poll worker" does not include a watcher.
- 1103 (53) "Pollbook" means a record of the names of voters in the order that the voters appear to
1104 cast votes.
- 1105 (54) "Polling place" means a building where voting is conducted.
- 1106 (55) "Position" means a square, circle, rectangle, or other geometric shape on a ballot in
1107 which the voter marks the voter's choice.
- 1108 (56) "Presidential Primary Election" means the election established in Chapter 9, Part 8,
1109 Presidential Primary Election.
- 1110 (57) "Primary convention" means the political party conventions held during the year of the
1111 regular general election.
- 1112 (58) "Protective counter" means a separate counter, which cannot be reset, that:
1113 (a) is built into a voting machine; and
1114 (b) records the total number of movements of the operating lever.
- 1115 (59) "Provider election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or

- 1116 interlocal agreement with a contracting election officer to conduct an election for the
1117 contracting election officer's local political subdivision in accordance with Section
1118 20A-5-400.1.
- 1119 (60) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot voted provisionally by a person:
- 1120 (a) whose name is not listed on the official register at the polling place;
- 1121 (b) whose legal right to vote is challenged as provided in this title; or
- 1122 (c) whose identity was not sufficiently established by a poll worker.
- 1123 (61) "Provisional ballot envelope" means an envelope printed in the form required by
1124 Section 20A-6-105 that is used to identify provisional ballots and to provide information
1125 to verify a person's legal right to vote.
- 1126 (62)(a) "Public figure" means an individual who, due to the individual being considered
1127 for, holding, or having held a position of prominence in a public or private capacity,
1128 or due to the individual's celebrity status, has an increased risk to the individual's
1129 safety.
- 1130 [~~(b) "Public figure" does not include an individual:~~]
- 1131 [~~(i) elected to public office; or~~]
- 1132 [~~(ii) appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected public office.]~~]
- 1133 (b) "Public figure" includes an individual who is elected to public office, appointed to
1134 fill a vacancy in an elected public office, or employed by a government entity if, in
1135 relation to the individual's service in public office or employment as an employee of
1136 a government entity, the individual has received a threat of harm to a person or
1137 property.
- 1138 (63) "Qualify" or "qualified" means to take the oath of office and begin performing the
1139 duties of the position for which the individual was elected.
- 1140 (64) "Receiving judge" means the poll worker that checks the voter's name in the official
1141 register at a polling place and provides the voter with a ballot.
- 1142 (65) "Registration form" means a form by which an individual may register to vote under
1143 this title.
- 1144 (66) "Regular ballot" means a ballot that is not a provisional ballot.
- 1145 (67) "Regular general election" means the election held throughout the state on the first
1146 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year for the
1147 purposes established in Section 20A-1-201.
- 1148 (68) "Regular primary election" means the election, held on the date specified in Section
1149 20A-1-201.5, to nominate candidates of political parties and candidates for nonpartisan

- 1150 local school board positions to advance to the regular general election.
- 1151 (69) "Resident" means a person who resides within a specific voting precinct in Utah.
- 1152 (70) "Return envelope" means the envelope, described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(4),
1153 provided to a voter with a manual ballot:
- 1154 (a) into which the voter places the manual ballot after the voter has voted the manual
1155 ballot in order to preserve the secrecy of the voter's vote; and
- 1156 (b) that includes the voter affidavit and a place for the voter's signature.
- 1157 (71) "Sample ballot" means a mock ballot similar in form to the official ballot, published as
1158 provided in Section 20A-5-405.
- 1159 (72) "Special district" means a local government entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose
1160 Local Government Entities - Special Districts, and includes a special service district
1161 under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.
- 1162 (73) "Special district officers" means those special district board members who are required
1163 by law to be elected.
- 1164 (74) "Special election" means an election held as authorized by Section 20A-1-203.
- 1165 (75) "Spoiled ballot" means each ballot that:
- 1166 (a) is spoiled by the voter;
- 1167 (b) is unable to be voted because it was spoiled by the printer or a poll worker; or
- 1168 (c) lacks the official endorsement.
- 1169 (76) "Statewide special election" means a special election called by the governor or the
1170 Legislature in which all registered voters in Utah may vote.
- 1171 (77) "Tabulation system" means a device or system designed for the sole purpose of
1172 tabulating votes cast by voters at an election.
- 1173 (78) "Ticket" means a list of:
- 1174 (a) political parties;
- 1175 (b) candidates for an office; or
- 1176 (c) ballot propositions.
- 1177 (79) "Transfer case" means the sealed box used to transport voted ballots to the counting
1178 center.
- 1179 (80) "Vacancy" means:
- 1180 (a) except as provided in Subsection (80)(b), the absence of an individual to serve in a
1181 position created by state constitution or state statute, whether that absence occurs
1182 because of death, disability, disqualification, resignation, or other cause; or
- 1183 (b) in relation to a candidate for a position created by state constitution or state statute,

- 1184 the removal of a candidate due to the candidate's death, resignation, or
1185 disqualification.
- 1186 (81) "Valid voter identification" means:
- 1187 (a) a form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter which may
1188 include:
- 1189 (i) a currently valid Utah driver license;
- 1190 (ii) a currently valid identification card issued under Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 8,
1191 Identification Card Act;
- 1192 (iii) a currently valid identification card that is issued by:
- 1193 (A) the state; or
1194 (B) a branch, department, or agency of the United States;
- 1195 (iv) a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;
- 1196 (v) a currently valid United States passport; or
1197 (vi) a currently valid United States military identification card;
- 1198 (b) one of the following identification cards, regardless of whether the card includes a
1199 photograph of the voter:
- 1200 (i) a valid tribal identification card;
- 1201 (ii) a Bureau of Indian Affairs card; or
1202 (iii) a tribal treaty card; or
- 1203 (c) two forms of identification not listed under Subsection (81)(a) or (b) but that bear the
1204 name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct,
1205 which may include:
- 1206 (i) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a current utility bill, dated no more
1207 than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1208 (ii) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a bank or other financial account
1209 statement, dated no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1210 (iii) a certified birth certificate;
- 1211 (iv) a valid social security card;
- 1212 (v) an original or copy of a check issued by the state or the federal government, dated
1213 no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1214 (vi) an original or copy of a paycheck from the voter's employer, dated no more than
1215 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1216 (vii) a currently valid Utah hunting or fishing license;
- 1217 (viii) certified naturalization documentation;

- 1218 (ix) a currently valid license issued by an authorized agency of the United States;
1219 (x) a certified copy of court records showing the voter's adoption or name change;
1220 (xi) a valid Medicaid card, Medicare card, or Electronic Benefits Transfer [~~Card~~] card;
1221 (xii) a currently valid identification card issued by:
1222 (A) a local government within the state;
1223 (B) an employer for an employee; or
1224 (C) a college, university, technical school, or professional school located within
1225 the state; or
1226 (xiii) a current Utah vehicle registration.
- 1227 (82) "Valid write-in candidate" means a candidate who has qualified as a write-in candidate
1228 by following the procedures and requirements of this title.
- 1229 (83) "Vote by mail" means to vote, using a manual ballot that is mailed to the voter, by:
1230 (a) mailing the ballot to the location designated in the mailing; or
1231 (b) depositing the ballot in a ballot drop box designated by the election officer.
- 1232 (84) "Voter" means an individual who:
1233 (a) meets the requirements for voting in an election;
1234 (b) meets the requirements of election registration;
1235 (c) is registered to vote; and
1236 (d) is listed in the official register.
- 1237 (85) "Voter registration deadline" means the registration deadline provided in Section
1238 20A-2-102.5.
- 1239 (86) "Voting area" means the area within six feet of the voting booths, voting machines,
1240 and ballot box.
- 1241 (87) "Voting booth" means:
1242 (a) the space or compartment within a polling place that is provided for the preparation
1243 of ballots, including the voting enclosure or curtain; or
1244 (b) a voting device that is free standing.
- 1245 (88) "Voting device" means any device provided by an election officer for a voter to vote a
1246 mechanical ballot.
- 1247 (89) "Voting precinct" means the smallest geographical voting unit, established under
1248 Chapter 5, Part 3, Duties of the County and Municipal Legislative Bodies.
- 1249 (90) "Watcher" means an individual who complies with the requirements described in
1250 Section 20A-3a-801 to become a watcher for an election.
- 1251 (91) "Write-in ballot" means a ballot containing any write-in votes.

1252 (92) "Write-in vote" means a vote cast for an individual, whose name is not printed on the
 1253 ballot, in accordance with the procedures established in this title.

1254 Section 15. Section **20A-1-1004** is enacted to read:

1255 **20A-1-1004 (Effective 05/25/26). Signing a petition -- Waiver of privacy status by**
 1256 **at-risk voter.**

1257 (1) As used in this section, "at-risk voter" means the same as that term is defined in Section
 1258 20A-2-601.

1259 (2) Subject to Subsection (3), if an at-risk voter signs a petition, the voter's voter
 1260 identification number and date of signature are subject to disclosure to the same extent,
 1261 and in the same manner, as the voter identification number and date of signature of a
 1262 voter who is not an at-risk voter who signs the petition.

1263 (3)(a) Subsection (2) applies only to the extent of a disclosure made in direct relation to
 1264 the petition, including:

1265 (i) disclosing the voter identification number and date of signature of an at-risk voter
 1266 who signed the petition;

1267 (ii) signature verification or certification for the petition; or

1268 (iii) removing a signature from the petition.

1269 (b) Except to the extent described in Subsection (3)(a), the voter registration record of an
 1270 at-risk voter retains the classification as a private record.

1271 Section 16. Section **20A-2-101.1** is amended to read:

1272 **20A-2-101.1 (Effective 04/06/26). Preregistering to vote.**

1273 (1) An individual may preregister to vote if the individual:

1274 (a) is 16 or 17 years [~~of age~~] old;

1275 (b) is not eligible to register to vote because the individual does not comply with the age
 1276 requirements described in Subsection 20A-2-101(1)(c);

1277 (c) is a citizen of the United States;

1278 (d) has been a resident of Utah for at least 30 calendar days; and

1279 (e) currently resides within the voting district or precinct in which the individual
 1280 preregisters to vote.

1281 (2) An individual described in Subsection (1) may not vote in an election and is not
 1282 registered to vote until:

1283 (a) the individual is otherwise eligible to register to vote because the individual complies
 1284 with the age requirements described in Subsection 20A-2-101(1)(c); and

1285 (b) the county clerk registers the individual to vote under Subsection (4).

- 1286 (3) An individual who preregisters to vote shall:
- 1287 (a) complete a voter registration form, including an indication that the individual is
- 1288 preregistering to vote; and
- 1289 (b) submit the voter registration form to a county clerk in person, by mail, or in any
- 1290 other manner authorized by this chapter for the submission of a voter registration
- 1291 form.
- 1292 (4)(a) A county clerk shall:
- 1293 (i) retain the voter registration form of an individual who meets the qualifications for
- 1294 preregistration and who submits a completed voter registration form to the county
- 1295 clerk under Subsection (3)(b);
- 1296 (ii) register the individual to vote in the next election in which the individual will be
- 1297 eligible to vote, before the voter registration deadline established in Section
- 1298 20A-2-102.5 for that election; and
- 1299 (iii) send a notice to the individual that:
- 1300 (A) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been
- 1301 accepted as an application for preregistration;
- 1302 (B) informs the individual that the individual will be registered to vote in the next
- 1303 election in which the individual will be eligible to vote; and
- 1304 (C) indicates in which election the individual will be registered to vote.
- 1305 (b) An individual who the county clerk registers under Subsection (4)(a)(ii) is
- 1306 considered to have applied for voter registration on the earlier of:
- 1307 (i) the day of the voter registration deadline immediately preceding the election day
- 1308 on which the individual will be at least 18 years [~~of age~~] old; or
- 1309 (ii) the day on which the individual turns 18 years [~~of age~~] old.
- 1310 (c) A county clerk shall refer a voter registration form to the county attorney for
- 1311 investigation and possible prosecution if the clerk or the clerk's designee believes the
- 1312 individual is attempting to preregister to vote in an election in which the individual
- 1313 will not be legally entitled to vote.
- 1314 (5)(a) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration
- 1315 record of an individual who preregisters to vote as a private record until the day on
- 1316 which the individual turns 18 years [~~of age~~] old.
- 1317 (b) [~~On~~] Subject to Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(l), and except as otherwise provided in
- 1318 Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (m), on the day on which the individual
- 1319 described in Subsection (5)(a) turns 18 years [~~of age~~] old, the lieutenant governor or

1320 county clerk shall classify the individual's voter registration record as a public record[
1321 in accordance with Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(1)].

1322 (6) If an individual who is at least 18 years [~~of age~~] old erroneously indicates on the voter
1323 registration form that the individual is preregistering to vote, the county clerk shall
1324 consider the form as a voter registration form and shall process the form in accordance
1325 with this chapter.

1326 Section 17. Section **20A-2-104** is amended to read:

1327 **20A-2-104 (Effective 04/06/26). Voter registration form -- Registered voter lists**

1328 **-- Fees for copies.**

1329 [~~(1) As used in this section:~~]

1330 [(a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:]

1331 [(i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;]

1332 [(ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or]

1333 [(iii) employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual described in
1334 Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) for political campaign purposes.]

1335 [(b) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-402 and
1336 the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.]

1337 [(c) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and
1338 the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.]

1339 [(d) "Hash Code" means a code generated by applying an algorithm to a set of data to
1340 produce a code that:]

1341 [(i) uniquely represents the set of data;]

1342 [(ii) is always the same if the same algorithm is applied to the same set of data; and]

1343 [(iii) cannot be reversed to reveal the data applied to the algorithm.]

1344 [(e) "Protected individual" means an individual:]

1345 [(i) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration
1346 record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates
1347 on the form that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is
1348 a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of
1349 domestic violence or dating violence;]

1350 [(ii) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration
1351 record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates
1352 on the form and provides verification that the individual, or an individual who
1353 resides with the individual, is a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed

1388 "Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

1389 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if

1390 known)_____

1391 _____

1392 City County State Zip Code

1393 Political Party

1394 (a listing of each registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101 and
1395 maintained by the lieutenant governor under Section 67-1a-2, with each party's name preceded
1396 by a checkbox)

1397 Unaffiliated (no political party preference) Other (Please
1398 specify)_____

1399 I do swear (or affirm), subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information
1400 contained in this form is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the
1401 state of Utah, residing at the above address. Unless I have indicated above that I am
1402 preregistering to vote in a later election, I will be at least 18 years [~~of age~~] old and will have
1403 resided in Utah for 30 calendar days immediately before the next election. I am not a
1404 convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

1405 Signed and sworn

1406 _____

1407 Voter's Signature

1408 _____(month/day/year).

1409 **PRIVACY INFORMATION**

1410 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
1411 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state
1412 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized
1413 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an
1414 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
1415 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

1416 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

1417 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration
1418 record be withheld from public disclosure if you are, or reside with:

- 1419 • an individual who is a victim of, or is threatened with, domestic violence or dating
- 1420 violence;
- 1421 • a law enforcement officer;

- 1422 • a member of the armed forces;
1423 • a public figure; or
1424 • an individual who is protected by a court order.

1425 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by
1426 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.
1427 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at
1428 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor].

1429 ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~
1430 ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~
1431 ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~
1432 ~~requirements of law.~~

1433 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~
1434 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~
1435 ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~
1436 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.~~

1437 ~~You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld~~
1438 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~
1439 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:~~

1440 ~~_____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld~~
1441 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~
1442 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.~~

1443 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

1444 ~~In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying~~
1445 ~~information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates~~
1446 ~~for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a~~
1447 ~~withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following~~
1448 ~~paragraphs.~~

1449 ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~
1450 ~~records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their~~
1451 ~~contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this~~
1452 ~~registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely~~
1453 ~~to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating~~
1454 ~~violence.~~

1455 ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~

1456 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
 1457 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
 1458 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
 1459 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
 1460 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]

CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT

- 1462 Name:
- 1463 Name at birth, if different:
- 1464 Place of birth:
- 1465 Date of birth:
- 1466 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

1467 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a
 1468 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and
 1469 correct.

1470 _____
 1471 Signature of Applicant

1472 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or
 1473 allowing yourself to be registered or preregistered to vote if you know you are not entitled to
 1474 register or preregister to vote is up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

1475 NOTICE: IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, YOU MUST PRESENT VALID
 1476 VOTER IDENTIFICATION TO THE POLL WORKER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
 1477 REQUIREMENTS OF LAW.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

- 1479 Type of I.D. _____
- 1480 Voting Precinct _____
- 1481 Voting I.D. Number _____

1482 -----"

1483 (b) The voter registration form described in Subsection [(2)(a)] (1)(a) shall include:

1484 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

1485 "-----"

BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

1487 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
 1488 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

1489 -----";

- 1490 and
- 1491 (ii) ~~[no later than November 5, 2025,]~~the following, immediately after the question described
- 1492 in Subsection ~~[(2)(b)(i)]~~ (1)(b)(i):
- 1493 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:
- 1494 _____ Mail a ballot to me.
- 1495 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."
- 1496 ~~[(e)(i) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the county clerk shall retain a~~
- 1497 ~~copy of each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file,~~
- 1498 ~~which may be electronic or some other recognized system.]~~
- 1499 ~~[(ii) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the~~
- 1500 ~~Division of Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.]~~
- 1501 ~~[(3)(a) Each county clerk shall retain lists of currently registered voters.]~~
- 1502 ~~[(b) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.]~~
- 1503 ~~[(c) If there are any discrepancies between the two lists, the county clerk's list is the~~
- 1504 ~~official list.]~~
- 1505 ~~[(d) The lieutenant governor and the county clerks may charge the fees established under~~
- 1506 ~~the authority of Subsection 63G-2-203(10) to individuals who wish to obtain a copy~~
- 1507 ~~of the list of registered voters.]~~
- 1508 ~~[(4)(a) As used in this Subsection (4), "qualified person" means:]~~
- 1509 ~~[(i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's~~
- 1510 ~~or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government~~
- 1511 ~~employee;]~~
- 1512 ~~[(ii) a health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, or an agent, employee,~~
- 1513 ~~or independent contractor of a health care provider;]~~
- 1514 ~~[(iii) an insurance company, as defined in Section 67-4a-102, or an agent, employee,~~
- 1515 ~~or independent contractor of an insurance company;]~~
- 1516 ~~[(iv) a financial institution, as defined in Section 7-1-103, or an agent, employee, or~~
- 1517 ~~independent contractor of a financial institution;]~~
- 1518 ~~[(v) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a political~~
- 1519 ~~party;]~~
- 1520 ~~[(vi) a candidate for public office, or an employee, independent contractor, or~~
- 1521 ~~volunteer of a candidate for public office;]~~
- 1522 ~~[(vii) a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi) who, after obtaining a~~
- 1523 ~~year of birth from the list of registered voters;]~~

- 1524 [(A) provides the year of birth only to a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i)
1525 through (vi);]
- 1526 [(B) verifies that the person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii)(A) is a person
1527 described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi);]
- 1528 [(C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the year of birth may
1529 not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsections
1530 (4)(a)(i) through (vi);]
- 1531 [(D) verifies that each person described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii) through (iv) to
1532 whom the person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth to
1533 verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to
1534 confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;]
- 1535 [(E) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) to whom the person
1536 provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth in the person's capacity
1537 as a government official or government employee; and]
- 1538 [(F) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the
1539 person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth for a political
1540 purpose of the political party or candidate for public office; or]
- 1541 [(viii) a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) who, after obtaining
1542 information under Subsection (4)(n) and (o);]
- 1543 [(A) provides the information only to another person described in Subsection
1544 (4)(a)(v) or (vi);]
- 1545 [(B) verifies that the other person described in Subsection (4)(a)(viii)(A) is a
1546 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi);]
- 1547 [(C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the information may
1548 not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsection
1549 (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and]
- 1550 [(D) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom
1551 the person provides the information will only use the information for a political
1552 purpose of the political party or candidate for public office.]
- 1553 [(b) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j)(iv), and except as provided in
1554 Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall,
1555 when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person under this section,
1556 include, with the list, the years of birth of the registered voters, if:]
- 1557 [(i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and

- 1558 that the person is a qualified person; and]
- 1559 [(ii) the qualified person signs a document that includes the following:]
- 1560 [(A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of
- 1561 registered voters;]
- 1562 [(B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list
- 1563 claims to be;]
- 1564 [(C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the
- 1565 years of birth;]
- 1566 [(D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the year of birth
- 1567 of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters;]
- 1568 [(E) a statement that the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the
- 1569 list of registered voters may not be provided or used for a purpose other than a
- 1570 purpose described under Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(D);]
- 1571 [(F) a statement that if the person obtains the year of birth of a registered voter
- 1572 from the list of registered voters under false pretenses, or provides or uses the
- 1573 year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered
- 1574 voters in a manner that is prohibited by law, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor
- 1575 and is subject to a civil fine;]
- 1576 [(G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the year
- 1577 of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters in
- 1578 a manner that is prohibited by law; and]
- 1579 [(H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person
- 1580 is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.]
- 1581 [(e) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk:]
- 1582 [(i) may not disclose the year of birth of a registered voter to a person that the
- 1583 lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:]
- 1584 [(A) is not a qualified person or a person described in Subsection (4)(l); or]
- 1585 [(B) will provide or use the year of birth in a manner prohibited by law; and]
- 1586 [(ii) may not disclose information under Subsections (4)(n) or (o) to a person that the
- 1587 lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:]
- 1588 [(A) is not a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); or]
- 1589 [(B) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.]
- 1590 [(d) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the voter registration
- 1591 form of a person, or information included in the person's voter registration form,

- 1592 whose voter registration form is classified as private under Subsection (4)(h) to a
 1593 person other than:]
- 1594 [(i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's
 1595 or government employee's capacity as a government official or government
 1596 employee; or]
- 1597 [(ii) subject to Subsection (4)(e), a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) for
 1598 a political purpose.]
- 1599 [(e)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(e)(ii), when disclosing a record or
 1600 information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the lieutenant governor or county clerk
 1601 shall exclude the information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j), other than
 1602 the year of birth.]
- 1603 [(ii) If disclosing a record or information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii) in relation to the
 1604 voter registration record of a protected individual, the lieutenant governor or
 1605 county clerk shall comply with Subsections (4)(n) through (p).]
- 1606 [(f) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose a withholding request
 1607 form, described in Subsections (7) and (8), submitted by an individual, or information
 1608 obtained from that form, to a person other than a government official or government
 1609 employee acting in the government official's or government employee's capacity as a
 1610 government official or government employee.]
- 1611 [(g) A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if the person:]
- 1612 [(i) obtains from the list of registered voters, under false pretenses, the year of birth
 1613 of a registered voter or information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o);]
- 1614 [(ii) uses or provides the year of birth of a registered voter, or information described
 1615 in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a
 1616 manner that is not permitted by law;]
- 1617 [(iii) obtains a voter registration record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k)
 1618 under false pretenses;]
- 1619 [(iv) uses or provides information obtained from a voter registration record described
 1620 in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) in a manner that is not permitted by law;]
- 1621 [(v) unlawfully discloses or obtains a voter registration record withheld under
 1622 Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in Subsections (7) and (8);
 1623 or]
- 1624 [(vi) unlawfully discloses or obtains information from a voter registration record
 1625 withheld under Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in

- 1626 Subsections (7) and (8).]
- 1627 [(h) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration record
1628 of a voter as a private record if the voter:]
- 1629 [(i) submits a written application, created by the lieutenant governor, requesting that
1630 the voter's voter registration record be classified as private;]
- 1631 [(ii) requests on the voter's voter registration form that the voter's voter registration
1632 record be classified as a private record; or]
- 1633 [(iii) submits a withholding request form described in Subsection (7) and any
1634 required verification.]
- 1635 [(i) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(d)(ii) and (e)(ii), the lieutenant governor or a
1636 county clerk may not disclose to a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) a
1637 voter registration record, or information obtained from a voter registration record, if
1638 the record is withheld under Subsection (7).]
- 1639 [(j) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed under this section, the
1640 lieutenant governor may impose a civil fine against a person who violates a provision
1641 of this section, in an amount equal to the greater of:]
- 1642 [(i) the product of 30 and the square root of the total number of:]
- 1643 [(A) records obtained, provided, or used unlawfully, rounded to the nearest whole
1644 dollar; or]
- 1645 [(B) records from which information is obtained, provided, or used unlawfully,
1646 rounded to the nearest whole dollar; or]
- 1647 [(ii) \$200.]
- 1648 [(k) A qualified person may not obtain, provide, or use the year of birth of a registered
1649 voter, if the year of birth is obtained from the list of registered voters or from a voter
1650 registration record, unless the person:]
- 1651 [(i) is a government official or government employee who obtains, provides, or uses
1652 the year of birth in the government official's or government employee's capacity
1653 as a government official or government employee;]
- 1654 [(ii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), (iii), or (iv) and obtains or
1655 uses the year of birth only to verify the accuracy of personal information
1656 submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to
1657 prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;]
- 1658 [(iii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) and obtains,
1659 provides, or uses the year of birth for a political purpose of the political party or

- 1660 candidate for public office; or]
- 1661 [(iv) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii) and obtains, provides, or
- 1662 uses the year of birth to provide the year of birth to another qualified person to
- 1663 verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to
- 1664 confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse.]
- 1665 [(t) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may provide a year of birth to a member
- 1666 of the media, in relation to an individual designated by the member of the media, in
- 1667 order for the member of the media to verify the identity of the individual.]
- 1668 [(m) A person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) may not use or disclose
- 1669 information from a voter registration record for a purpose other than a political
- 1670 purpose.]
- 1671 [(n) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a
- 1672 county clerk shall, when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person
- 1673 described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), include, from the record of a voter whose
- 1674 record is withheld under Subsection (7), the information described in Subsection
- 1675 (4)(o), if:]
- 1676 [(i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and
- 1677 that the person is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and]
- 1678 [(ii) the qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) signs a document
- 1679 that includes the following:]
- 1680 [(A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of
- 1681 registered voters;]
- 1682 [(B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list
- 1683 claims to be;]
- 1684 [(C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the
- 1685 information;]
- 1686 [(D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the information;]
- 1687 [(E) a statement that the information may not be provided or used for a purpose
- 1688 other than a purpose described under Subsection (4)(n)(ii)(D);]
- 1689 [(F) a statement that if the person obtains the information under false pretenses, or
- 1690 provides or uses the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, the
- 1691 person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and is subject to a civil fine;]
- 1692 [(G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the
- 1693 information in a manner that is prohibited by law; and]

1694 [(H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person
1695 is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.]

1696 [(o) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(p), the information that the lieutenant
1697 governor or a county clerk is required to provide, under Subsection (4)(n), from the
1698 record of a protected individual is:]

1699 [(i) a single hash code, generated from a string of data that includes both the voter's
1700 voter identification number and residential address;]

1701 [(ii) the voter's residential address;]

1702 [(iii) the voter's mailing address, if different from the voter's residential address;]

1703 [(iv) the party affiliation of the voter;]

1704 [(v) the precinct number for the voter's residential address;]

1705 [(vi) the voter's voting history; and]

1706 [(vii) a designation of which age group, of the following age groups, the voter falls
1707 within:]

1708 [(A) 25 or younger;]

1709 [(B) 26 through 35;]

1710 [(C) 36 through 45;]

1711 [(D) 46 through 55;]

1712 [(E) 56 through 65;]

1713 [(F) 66 through 75; or]

1714 [(G) 76 or older.]

1715 [(p) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose:]

1716 [(i) information described in Subsection (4)(o) that, due to a small number of voters
1717 affiliated with a particular political party, or due to another reason, would likely
1718 reveal the identity of a voter if disclosed; or]

1719 [(ii) the address described in Subsection (4)(o)(iii) if the lieutenant governor or the
1720 county clerk determines that the nature of the address would directly reveal
1721 sensitive information about the voter.]

1722 [(q) A qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), may not obtain,
1723 provide, or use the information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), except to the
1724 extent that the qualified person uses the information for a political purpose of a
1725 political party or candidate for public office.]

1726 [(5)] (2) When political parties not listed on the voter registration form qualify as registered
1727 political parties under Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures, the

1728 lieutenant governor shall inform the county clerks of the name of the new political party
 1729 and direct the county clerks to ensure that the voter registration form is modified to
 1730 include that political party.

1731 ~~[(6)] (3)~~ Upon receipt of a voter registration form from an applicant, the county clerk or the
 1732 clerk's designee shall:

1733 (a) review each voter registration form for completeness and accuracy; and

1734 (b) if the county clerk believes, based upon a review of the form, that an individual may
 1735 be seeking to register or preregister to vote who is not legally entitled to register or
 1736 preregister to vote, refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and
 1737 possible prosecution.

1738 ~~[(7) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall withhold from a person, other than a
 1739 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), the voter registration record, and information
 1740 obtained from the voter registration record, of a protected individual.]~~

1741 ~~[(8)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute a withholding request form
 1742 for the purpose described in Subsections (1)(e)(i), (1)(e)(ii), (7), and this Subsection
 1743 (8) to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration form.]~~

1744 ~~[(b) An individual described in Subsection (1)(e)(i) is not required to provide
 1745 verification, other than the individual's attestation and signature on the withholding
 1746 request form, that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a
 1747 victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic
 1748 violence or dating violence.]~~

1749 ~~[(e) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
 1750 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
 1751 establishing requirements for providing the verification described in Subsection
 1752 (1)(e)(ii).]~~

1753 ~~[(9) An election officer or an employee of an election officer may not encourage an
 1754 individual to submit, or discourage an individual from submitting, a withholding request
 1755 form.]~~

1756 ~~[(10)(a) The lieutenant governor shall make and execute a plan to provide notice to
 1757 registered voters who are protected individuals, that includes the following
 1758 information:]~~

1759 ~~[(i) that the voter's classification of the record as private remains in effect;]~~

1760 ~~[(ii) that certain non-identifying information from the voter's voter registration record
 1761 may, under certain circumstances, be released to political parties and candidates]~~

- 1762 for public office;]
- 1763 [(iii) that the voter's name, driver license or identification card number, social
- 1764 security number, email address, phone number, and the voter's day, month, and
- 1765 year of birth will remain private and will not be released to political parties or
- 1766 candidates for public office;]
- 1767 [(iv) that a county clerk will only release the information to political parties and
- 1768 candidates in a manner that does not associate the information with a particular
- 1769 voter; and]
- 1770 [(v) that a county clerk may, under certain circumstances, withhold other information
- 1771 that the county clerk determines would reveal identifying information about the
- 1772 voter.]
- 1773 [(b) The lieutenant governor may include in the notice described in this Subsection (10)
- 1774 a statement that a voter may obtain additional information on the lieutenant
- 1775 governor's website.]
- 1776 [(e) The plan described in Subsection (10)(a) may include providing the notice described
- 1777 in Subsection (10)(a) by:]
- 1778 [(i) publication on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section 63A-16-601;]
- 1779 [(ii) publication on the lieutenant governor's website or a county's website;]
- 1780 [(iii) posting the notice in public locations;]
- 1781 [(iv) publication in a newspaper;]
- 1782 [(v) sending notification to the voters by electronic means;]
- 1783 [(vi) sending notice by other methods used by government entities to communicate
- 1784 with citizens; or]
- 1785 [(vii) providing notice by any other method.]
- 1786 [(d) The lieutenant governor shall provide the notice included in a plan described in this
- 1787 Subsection (10) before June 16, 2023.]

1788 Section 18. Section **20A-2-108** is amended to read:

1789 **20A-2-108 (Effective 04/06/26). Driver license or state identification card**

1790 **registration form -- Transmittal of information.**

1791 (1) As used in this section, "qualifying form" means:

- 1792 (a) a driver license application form; or
- 1793 (b) a state identification card application form.

1794 (2) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall design each qualifying

1795 form to include:

1796 (a)(i) the following question, which an applicant is required to answer: "Do you
1797 authorize the use of information in this form for voter registration purposes?

1798 YES___ NO___"; and

1799 (ii) [no later than November 5, 2025,]the following:

1800 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

1801 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

1802 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person.";

1803 (b) the following statement:

1804 "PRIVACY INFORMATION

1805 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
1806 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state
1807 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized
1808 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an
1809 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
1810 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

1811 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

1812 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration
1813 record be withheld from public disclosure if you are, or reside with:

1814 • an individual who is a victim of, or is threatened with, domestic violence or dating
1815 violence;

1816 • a law enforcement officer;

1817 • a member of the armed forces;

1818 • a public figure; or

1819 • an individual who is protected by a court order.

1820 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by
1821 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.

1822 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at
1823 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor]."; and

1824 ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~
1825 ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~
1826 ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~
1827 ~~requirements of law.~~

1828 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~
1829 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~

1830 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,
1831 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

1832 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld
1833 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
1834 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

1835 _____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld
1836 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
1837 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

1838 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

1839 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying
1840 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
1841 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
1842 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
1843 paragraphs.

1844 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
1845 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
1846 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
1847 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
1848 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
1849 violence.

1850 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
1851 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
1852 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
1853 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
1854 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
1855 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."; and]

1856 (c) a section in substantially the following form:

1857 "-----"

1858 BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

1859 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
1860 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

1861 -----"

1862 (3) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall ensure that a qualifying
1863 form contains:

- 1864 (a) a place for an individual to affirm the individual's citizenship, voting eligibility, and
 1865 Utah residency, and that the information provided in the form is true;
- 1866 (b) a records disclosure that is similar to the records disclosure on a voter registration
 1867 form described in Section 20A-2-104;
- 1868 (c) a statement that if an applicant declines to register or preregister to vote, the fact that
 1869 the applicant has declined to register or preregister will remain confidential and will
 1870 be used only for voter registration purposes;
- 1871 (d) a statement that if an applicant does register or preregister to vote, the office at which
 1872 the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will
 1873 be used only for voter registration purposes; and
- 1874 (e) if the applicant answers "yes" to the question described in Subsection [~~(2)(a)~~] (2)(a)(i),
 1875 a space where an individual may, if desired:
- 1876 (i) indicate the individual's desired political affiliation from a listing of each
 1877 registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101;
- 1878 (ii) specify a political party that is not listed under Subsection (3)(e)(i) with which the
 1879 individual desires to affiliate; or
- 1880 (iii) indicate that the individual does not wish to affiliate with a political party.

1881 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

1882 Section 19. Section **20A-2-204** is amended to read:

1883 **20A-2-204 (Effective 04/06/26). Registering to vote when applying for or**
 1884 **renewing a driver license or other qualifying form.**

- 1885 (1) As used in this section, "voter registration form" means, when an individual named on a
 1886 qualifying form, as defined in Section 20A-2-108, answers "yes" to the question
 1887 described in Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(a)(i), the information on the qualifying form that
 1888 can be used for voter registration purposes.
- 1889 (2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a citizen who is qualified to vote may
 1890 register to vote, and a citizen who is qualified to preregister to vote may preregister to
 1891 vote, by answering "yes" to the question described in Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(a)(i)
 1892 and completing the voter registration form.
- 1893 (b) A citizen who is a program participant in the Safe at Home Program created in
 1894 Section 77-38-602 is not eligible to register to vote as described in Subsection (2)(a),
 1895 but is eligible to register to vote by any other means described in this part.
- 1896 (3) The Driver License Division shall:
- 1897 (a) assist an individual in completing the voter registration form unless the individual

- 1898 refuses assistance;
- 1899 (b) electronically transmit each address change to the lieutenant governor on or before
- 1900 the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on which the
- 1901 division receives the address change; and
- 1902 (c) on or before the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on
- 1903 which the division receives a voter registration form, electronically transmit the form
- 1904 to the ~~[Office of the Lieutenant Governor]~~ lieutenant governor, including the
- 1905 following for the individual named on the form:
- 1906 (i) the name, date of birth, driver license or state identification card number, last four
- 1907 digits of the social security number, Utah residential address, place of birth, and
- 1908 signature;
- 1909 (ii) a mailing address, if different from the individual's Utah residential address;
- 1910 (iii) an email address and phone number, if available;
- 1911 (iv) the desired political affiliation, if indicated; and
- 1912 ~~[(v) an indication of whether the individual requested that the individual's voter~~
- 1913 ~~registration record be classified as a private record under Subsection~~
- 1914 ~~20A-2-108(2)(b); and]~~
- 1915 ~~[(vi)]~~ (v) ~~[a withholding]~~ an at-risk designation request form described in ~~[Subsections~~
- 1916 ~~20A-2-104(7) and (8)]~~ Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted with the
- 1917 form.
- 1918 (4) Upon receipt of an individual's voter registration form from the Driver License Division
- 1919 under Subsection (3), the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall:
- 1920 (a) enter the information into the statewide voter registration database; and
- 1921 (b) if the individual ~~[requests on the individual's voter registration form that the~~
- 1922 ~~individual's voter registration record be classified as a private record or the individual~~
- 1923 ~~submits a withholding request form described in Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)]~~
- 1924 submits an at-risk designation request form described in Section 20A-2-606 and any
- 1925 required verification, classify the individual's voter registration record as a private
- 1926 record.
- 1927 (5) The county clerk of an individual whose information is entered into the statewide voter
- 1928 registration database under Subsection (4) shall:
- 1929 (a) ensure that the individual meets the qualifications to be registered or preregistered to
- 1930 vote; and
- 1931 (b)(i) if the individual meets the qualifications to be registered to vote:

- 1932 (A) ensure that the individual is assigned to the proper voting precinct; and
 1933 (B) send the individual the notice described in Section 20A-2-304; or
 1934 (ii) if the individual meets the qualifications to be preregistered to vote, process the
 1935 form in accordance with the requirements of Section 20A-2-101.1.
- 1936 (6)(a) When the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form
 1937 under this section, the clerk shall:
- 1938 (i) comply with the applicable provisions of this Subsection (6); or
 1939 (ii) if the individual is preregistering to vote, comply with Section 20A-2-101.1.
- 1940 (b) If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this
 1941 section no later than 5 p.m. or, if submitting the form electronically, midnight, 11
 1942 calendar days before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:
- 1943 (i) accept the voter registration form; and
 1944 (ii) unless the individual is preregistering to vote:
- 1945 (A) enter the individual's name on the list of registered voters for the voting
 1946 precinct in which the individual resides; and
 1947 (B) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming
 1948 election; and
- 1949 (iii) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section
 1950 20A-2-101.1.
- 1951 (c) If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this
 1952 section after the deadline described in Subsection (6)(b), the county clerk shall,
 1953 unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:
- 1954 (i) accept the application for registration of the individual;
 1955 (ii) process the voter registration form; and
 1956 (iii) unless the individual is preregistering to vote, and except as provided in
 1957 Subsection 20A-2-207(6), inform the individual that the individual will not be
 1958 registered to vote in the pending election, unless the individual registers to vote by
 1959 provisional ballot during the early voting period, if applicable, or on election day,
 1960 in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.
- 1961 (7)(a) If the county clerk determines that an individual's voter registration form received
 1962 from the Driver License Division is incorrect because of an error, because the form is
 1963 incomplete, or because the individual does not meet the qualifications to be registered
 1964 to vote, the county clerk shall mail notice to the individual stating that the individual
 1965 has not been registered or preregistered because of an error, because the registration

1966 form is incomplete, or because the individual does not meet the qualifications to be
1967 registered to vote.

1968 (b) If a county clerk believes, based upon a review of a voter registration form, that an
1969 individual, who knows that the individual is not legally entitled to register or
1970 preregister to vote, may be intentionally seeking to register or preregister to vote, the
1971 county clerk shall refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and possible
1972 prosecution.

1973 Section 20. Section **20A-2-206** is amended to read:

1974 **20A-2-206 (Effective 04/06/26). Electronic registration -- Requesting to receive a**
1975 **ballot by mail.**

1976 (1) The lieutenant governor shall create and maintain an electronic system that is publicly
1977 available on the [~~Internet~~] internet for an individual to:

1978 (a) apply for voter registration or preregistration; or

1979 (b) beginning no later than July 1, 2025, request to receive a ballot by mail.

1980 (2) The electronic system described in Subsection (1) shall require, to register to vote, the
1981 applicant to:

1982 (a) enter the applicant's name, address, date of birth, driver license number or state
1983 identification card number, and any other information determined to be necessary by
1984 the lieutenant governor;

1985 (b) provide the information required by Section 20A-2-104, except that the applicant's
1986 signature may be obtained in the manner described in Subsections (2)(d) and (5);

1987 (c) attest to the truth of the information provided; and

1988 (d) authorize the lieutenant governor's and county clerk's use of the applicant's:

1989 (i) driver license or identification card signature, obtained under Title 53, Chapter 3,
1990 Uniform Driver License Act, for voter registration or preregistration purposes; or
1991 (ii) signature on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database
1992 developed under Section 20A-2-502, for voter registration or preregistration
1993 purposes.

1994 (3) Notwithstanding Section 20A-2-104, an applicant using the electronic system described
1995 in Subsection (1) is not required to complete a printed registration form.

1996 (4) A system created and maintained under this section shall provide to an individual who is
1997 registering to vote the notices concerning a voter's presentation of identification
1998 described in Subsection [~~20A-2-104(2)~~] 20A-2-104(1).

1999 (5) The lieutenant governor shall, in relation to an individual who is registering to vote:

- 2000 (a) obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver license signature or identification card
2001 signature from the Driver License Division; or
- 2002 (b) ensure that the applicant's signature is on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide
2003 voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 2004 (6) The lieutenant governor shall send the information described in Subsections (2) and (5)
2005 to the county clerk for the county in which the applicant's principal place of residence is
2006 found for further action as required by Section 20A-2-304 after:
- 2007 (a) receiving all information from an applicant; ~~and~~
- 2008 (b) ~~(i)~~ receiving all information from the Driver License Division, if applicable; and
2009 ~~(ii)~~ (c) ensuring that the applicant's signature is on file in the lieutenant governor's
2010 statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 2011 (7) The lieutenant governor may use additional security measures to ensure the accuracy
2012 and integrity of information submitted electronically under this section.
- 2013 (8) If an individual applies to register under this section no later than 11 calendar days
2014 before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:
- 2015 (a) accept and process the voter registration form;
- 2016 (b) unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:
- 2017 (i) enter the applicant's name on the list of registered voters for the voting precinct in
2018 which the applicant resides; and
- 2019 (ii) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming
2020 election; and
- 2021 (c) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section
2022 20A-2-101.1.
- 2023 (9) If an individual applies to register under this section after the deadline described in
2024 Subsection (8), the county clerk shall, unless the individual is preregistering to vote:
- 2025 (a) accept the application for registration; and
- 2026 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-2-207(6), if possible, promptly inform the
2027 individual that the individual will not be registered to vote in the pending election,
2028 unless the individual registers to vote by provisional ballot during the early voting
2029 period, if applicable, on election day, in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.
- 2030 (10) The lieutenant governor shall provide a means by which a registered voter shall sign
2031 the application form.
- 2032 (11) For an individual who is registering to vote or is already registered to vote, the electronic
2033 system described in Subsection (1) shall include the following:

2034 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

2035 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

2036 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

2037 Section 21. Section **20A-2-304** is amended to read:

2038 **20A-2-304 (Effective 04/06/26). County clerk's responsibilities -- Notice of**
 2039 **disposition.**

2040 Each county clerk shall:

2041 (1) register to vote each individual who meets the requirements for registration and who:

2042 (a) submits a completed voter registration form to the county clerk;

2043 (b) submits a completed voter registration form, as defined in [~~Section 20A-2-204~~]
 2044 Subsection 20A-2-204(1), to the Driver License Division;

2045 (c) submits a completed voter registration form to a public assistance agency or a
 2046 discretionary voter registration agency; or

2047 (d) mails a completed voter registration form to the county clerk; and

2048 (2) within 30 calendar days after the day on which the county clerk processes a voter
 2049 registration form, send a notice to the individual who submits the form that:

2050 (a)(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been
 2051 accepted and that the individual is registered to vote;

2052 (ii) informs the individual of the procedure for designating or changing the
 2053 individual's political affiliation;

2054 (iii) informs the individual of the procedure to cancel a voter registration;

2055 (iv) provides instructions to the voter on how the voter may sign up to receive
 2056 electronic ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in
 2057 Section 20A-3a-401.5; and

2058 (v) confirms that the individual has chosen to receive electronic ballot status
 2059 notifications if the individual opted to receive electronic ballot status notifications
 2060 on the voter registration form;

2061 (b) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been rejected
 2062 and the reason for the rejection; or

2063 (c)(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form is being
 2064 returned to the individual for further action because the form is incomplete; and

2065 (ii) gives instructions to the individual on how to properly complete the form.

2066 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

2067 Section 22. Section **20A-2-504** is amended to read:

- 2068 **20A-2-504 (Effective upon governor's approval). Removing names from the**
 2069 **official register -- General requirements -- Deceased individuals.**
- 2070 (1) The county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register solely
 2071 because the voter has failed to vote in an election.
- 2072 (2) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register if:
- 2073 (a) the voter dies and the requirements of Subsection [~~3~~] (4) are met;
- 2074 (b) the county clerk, after complying with the requirements of Section 20A-2-505,
 2075 receives written confirmation from the voter that the voter no longer resides within
 2076 the county clerk's county;
- 2077 (c)(i) the county clerk obtains evidence that the voter's residence has changed;
- 2078 (ii) the county clerk mails notice to the voter as required under Section 20A-2-505;
- 2079 (iii) the county clerk:
- 2080 (A) receives no response from the voter; or
- 2081 (B) does not receive information that confirms the voter's residence; and
- 2082 (iv) the voter does not vote or appear to vote in an election during the period
 2083 beginning on the date of the notice described in Section 20A-2-505 and ending on
 2084 the day after the date of the second regular general election occurring after the
 2085 date of the notice;
- 2086 (d) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed from the official
 2087 register;
- 2088 (e) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has been convicted of any felony or a
 2089 misdemeanor for an offense under this title and the voter's right to vote has not been
 2090 restored as provided in Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5; or
- 2091 (f) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has registered to vote in another state
 2092 after the day on which the voter registered to vote in this state.
- 2093 (3) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk the United States Social
 2094 Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased
 2095 individuals.
- 2096 [~~3~~] (4) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register within five
 2097 business days after the day on which the county clerk[-] :
- 2098 (a) receives, from the lieutenant governor, the information described in Subsection (3) or
 2099 26B-8-114(11) in relation to the voter; or
- 2100 (b) receives confirmation from the Office of Vital Records and Statistics that the voter is
 2101 deceased.

- 2102 [(4)] (5) No later than 90 calendar days before each primary election day and general
 2103 election day[-] :
- 2104 (a) the county clerk shall update the official register by reviewing the official register
 2105 and taking the actions permitted or required by law under this section, Section
 2106 20A-2-503, and Section 20A-2-505[-] ; and
- 2107 (b) the lieutenant governor shall compare the records that the lieutenant governor
 2108 receives under Subsections (3) and 26B-8-114(11) to the official register to ensure
 2109 that each county clerk complies with Subsection (4).

2110 Section 23. Section **20A-2-505** is amended to read:

2111 **20A-2-505 (Effective 04/06/26). Removing names from the official register --**

2112 **Determining and confirming change of residence.**

2113 (1) A county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register on the grounds
 2114 that the voter has changed residence unless the voter:

2115 (a) confirms in writing that the voter has changed residence to a place outside the
 2116 county; or

2117 (b)(i) does not vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the
 2118 notice described in Subsection (3), and ending on the day after the date of the
 2119 second regular general election occurring after the date of the notice; and

2120 (ii) does not respond to the notice described in Subsection (3).

2121 (2)(a) Within 31 calendar days after the day on which a county clerk obtains information
 2122 that a voter's address has changed, if it appears that the voter still resides within the
 2123 same county, the county clerk shall:

2124 (i) change the official register to show the voter's new address; and

2125 (ii) send to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3).

2126 (b) When a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed and it
 2127 appears that the voter now resides in a different county, the county clerk shall verify
 2128 the changed residence by sending to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice
 2129 described in Subsection (3), printed on a postage prepaid, preaddressed return form.

2130 (3)(a) Each county clerk shall use substantially the following form to notify voters
 2131 whose addresses have changed:

2132 (i) the first part of the form shall include the following:

2133 "VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

2134 We have been notified that your residence has changed. Please read, complete, and
 2135 return this form so that we can update our voter registration records. What is your current

2136 street address?

2137 _____

2138 Street City County State Zip

2139 What is your current phone number (optional)? _____

2140 What is your current email address (optional)? _____";

2141 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2027, immediately following the portion of the form described in
2142 Subsection (3)(a)(i), the form shall include the following:

2143 "Do you consent to the election officer providing the following information to the
2144 political party with which you affiliate? (optional):

2145 • The email address you provided above? Yes No

2146 • The phone number you provided above? Yes No"; and

2147 (iii) following the portions of the form required under Subsections (3)(a)(i) and (ii), the form
2148 shall include the following:

2149 "If you have not changed your residence, or have moved but stayed within the same county,
2150 you must complete and return this form to the county clerk so that it is received by the county
2151 clerk before 5 p.m. no later than 30 calendar days before the date of the election. If you fail to
2152 return this form within that time:

2153 - you may be required to show evidence of your address to the poll worker before being
2154 allowed to vote in either of the next two regular general elections; or

2155 - if you fail to vote at least once, from the date this notice was mailed until the passing of
2156 two regular general elections, you will no longer be registered to vote. If you have changed
2157 your residence and have moved to a different county in Utah, you may register to vote by
2158 contacting the county clerk in your county.

2159 _____

2160 Signature of Voter

2161 PRIVACY INFORMATION

2162 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
2163 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state
2164 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized
2165 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an
2166 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
2167 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

2168 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

2169 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration

- 2170 record be withheld from public disclosure if you are, or reside with:
- 2171 • an individual who is a victim of, or is threatened with, domestic violence or dating
- 2172 violence;
- 2173 • a law enforcement officer;
- 2174 • a member of the armed forces;
- 2175 • a public figure; or
- 2176 • an individual who is protected by a court order.

2177 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by

2178 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.

2179 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at

2180 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor]."

2181 [Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as

2182 your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and

2183 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the

2184 requirements of law.

2185 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~

2186 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~

2187 ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~

2188 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.~~

2189 ~~You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld~~

2190 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~

2191 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:~~

2192 ~~_____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld~~

2193 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~

2194 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.~~

2195 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

2196 ~~In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying~~

2197 ~~information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates~~

2198 ~~for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a~~

2199 ~~withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following~~

2200 ~~paragraphs.~~

2201 ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~

2202 ~~records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their~~

2203 ~~contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this~~

2204 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
2205 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
2206 violence.

2207 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
2208 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
2209 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
2210 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
2211 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
2212 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."]

2213 (b) The form described in Subsection (3)(a) shall also include:

2214 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

2215 "-----
2216 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**
2217 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
2218 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No
2219 -----";

2220 and

2221 (ii) [no later than November 5, 2025,]the following, immediately after the question described
2222 in Subsection (3)(b)(i):

2223 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

2224 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

2225 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

2226 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the county clerk may not remove the
2227 names of any voters from the official register during the 90 calendar days before a
2228 regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before a regular general election.

2229 (b) The county clerk may remove the names of voters from the official register during
2230 the 90 calendar days before a regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before
2231 a regular general election if:

2232 (i) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed; or

2233 (ii) the voter dies.

2234 (c)(i) After a county clerk mails a notice under this section, the county clerk shall,
2235 unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.

2236 (ii) If a county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that
2237 there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further

- 2238 information to contact the voter, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise
- 2239 prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.
- 2240 (iii) An inactive voter may vote, sign petitions, and have all other privileges of a
- 2241 registered voter.
- 2242 (iv) A county is not required to:
- 2243 (A) send routine mailings to an inactive voter; or
- 2244 (B) count inactive voters when dividing precincts and preparing supplies.

2245 [~~(5) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk United States Social~~
 2246 ~~Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased~~
 2247 ~~individuals.]~~

2248 [~~(6) A county clerk shall, within 10 business days after the day on which the county clerk~~
 2249 ~~receives the information described in Subsection (5) or Subsections 26B-8-114(11) and~~
 2250 ~~(12) relating to a decedent whose name appears on the official register, remove the~~
 2251 ~~decedent's name from the official register.]~~

2252 [~~(7) Ninety calendar days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor~~
 2253 ~~shall compare the information the lieutenant governor has received under Subsection~~
 2254 ~~26B-8-114(11) with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have~~
 2255 ~~been removed from the official register.]~~

2256 Section 24. Section **20A-2-601** is enacted to read:

2257 **Part 6. Provision and Protection of Voter Data**

2258 **20A-2-601 (Effective upon governor's approval). Definitions.**

2259 As used in this part:

- 2260 (1) "Age range" means one of the following age ranges within which a registered voter's
- 2261 age falls:
- 2262 (a) 18 through 19 years old;
- 2263 (b) 20 through 22 years old;
- 2264 (c) 23 through 25 years old;
- 2265 (d) 26 through 30 years old;
- 2266 (e) 31 through 35 years old;
- 2267 (f) 36 through 40 years old;
- 2268 (g) 41 through 45 years old;
- 2269 (h) 46 through 55 years old; or
- 2270 (i) an age range above the age range described in Subsection (1)(h), in increasing
- 2271 10-year increments.

- 2272 (2) "Armed forces" means the same as that term is defined in Section 20A-1-513.
- 2273 (3) "At-risk voter" means a voter who is designated as an at-risk voter under Subsection
- 2274 20A-2-602(4)(a) or Section 20A-2-606.
- 2275 (4)(a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:
- 2276 (i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;
- 2277 (ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or
- 2278 (iii) who is employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual
- 2279 described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) or (ii), who is authorized to act on behalf of the
- 2280 individual described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) or (ii) for political purposes.
- 2281 (b) "Candidate for public office" does not include:
- 2282 (i) an individual described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) or (ii) who is eliminated as a
- 2283 candidate for:
- 2284 (A) failure to qualify for the primary election ballot via signature-gathering or
- 2285 convention;
- 2286 (B) failure to advance to the general election; or
- 2287 (C) any other reason provided by law; or
- 2288 (ii) an individual who is employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an
- 2289 individual described in Subsection (4)(b)(i).
- 2290 (5) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-102 and the
- 2291 federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
- 2292 (6) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and the
- 2293 federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
- 2294 (7)(a) "Government entity" means:
- 2295 (i) the state; or
- 2296 (ii) a county, city, town, school district, special district, special service district, or
- 2297 other political subdivision of the state.
- 2298 (b) "Government entity" includes an agency, bureau, office, department, division, board,
- 2299 commission, institution, laboratory, or other instrumentality of an entity described in
- 2300 Subsection (7)(a).
- 2301 (8) "Government official" means:
- 2302 (a) an elected or appointed officer of a government entity; or
- 2303 (b) an employee of a government entity.
- 2304 (9) "Mailed ballot report" means the following information for an election:
- 2305 (a) for each public registered voter:

- 2306 (i) the voter's voter identification number;
2307 (ii) the voter's full legal name;
2308 (iii) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
2309 (iv) the voter's county of residence;
2310 (v) the voter's precinct and congressional district;
2311 (vi) the date the election officer created the ballot order;
2312 (vii) the date the ballot was processed; and
2313 (viii) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated; and
2314 (b) for each at-risk voter, the information described in Subsections (9)(a)(iv) through
2315 (viii), without disclosing the identity of the voter.
- 2316 (10) "Political party" means the same as that term is defined in Section 20A-1-102.
- 2317 (11) "Political purpose" means to lawfully engage in, bring about, prevent, advocate for or
2318 against, or otherwise influence a political activity or process, including:
2319 (a) candidacy for public office;
2320 (b) a ballot measure;
2321 (c) voting;
2322 (d) an election;
2323 (e) a political caucus or convention;
2324 (f) political party administration; or
2325 (g) circulating a political petition.
- 2326 (12) "Public office" means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general,
2327 state auditor, state treasurer, state senator, state representative, state school board
2328 member, or an elective office of a local political subdivision.
- 2329 (13) "Public registered voter" means a registered voter who is not an at-risk voter.
- 2330 (14) "Standard voter data" means the following information from a voter registration record:
2331 (a) the voter's full legal name;
2332 (b) the voter's voter identification number and federal information processing series
2333 geographic code;
2334 (c) the voter's age range;
2335 (d) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
2336 (e) the voter's county of residence;
2337 (f) the voter's mailing address, including the city;
2338 (g) the voter's precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives district,
2339 state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district, county

- 2340 council district, and city council district;
- 2341 (h) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;
- 2342 (i) the voter's status as active or inactive;
- 2343 (j) the last day on which the voter's voter registration record was updated; and
- 2344 (k) the voting history of the voter.
- 2345 (15) "Voted report" means, the following information for an election:
- 2346 (a) for a public registered voter:
- 2347 (i) the voter's voter identification number;
- 2348 (ii) the voter's full legal name;
- 2349 (iii) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
- 2350 (iv) the voter's county of residence;
- 2351 (v) the voter's precinct and congressional district;
- 2352 (vi) the method by which the voter voted;
- 2353 (vii) the date the ballot was processed; and
- 2354 (viii) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated; and
- 2355 (b) for an at-risk voter, the information described in Subsections (15)(a)(iv) through (viii),
- 2356 without disclosing the identity of the voter.
- 2357 (16) "Voting history" means the following information in relation to a registered voter for
- 2358 an election held in the preceding eight years:
- 2359 (a) the voter's voter identification number;
- 2360 (b) the voter's full legal name;
- 2361 (c) the voter's status as active or inactive;
- 2362 (d) the voter's precinct; and
- 2363 (e) whether the voter voted in that election.
- 2364 Section 25. Section **20A-2-602** is enacted to read:
- 2365 **20A-2-602 (Effective upon governor's approval). Change of voter registration**
- 2366 **record disclosure status -- Notice -- Redesignation of status.**
- 2367 (1) On or before April 6, 2026, the lieutenant governor shall mail to each registered voter
- 2368 whose voter registration record is designated as withheld:
- 2369 (a) an at-risk designation request form;
- 2370 (b) the following written notice:
- 2371 "Notice of Voter Registration Record Status Change
- 2372 You are receiving this notice because your voter registration record is currently
- 2373 classified as withheld and is not subject to public disclosure. Your voter registration

2374 will no longer be classified as withheld, and will be subject to public disclosure
2375 unless, before May 6, 2026, you submit the enclosed at-risk designation request form,
2376 and the required proof that you qualify as an at-risk voter, to your county clerk. If
2377 you do not take this action before May 6, 2026, or if you do not qualify as an at-risk
2378 voter, you will be designated as a public registered voter.

2379 As a public registered voter, the following information from your voter
2380 registration record is subject to public disclosure:

- 2381 • full legal name;
- 2382 • voter identification number and federal information processing series geographic
2383 code;
- 2384 • age range;
- 2385 • complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
- 2386 • county of residence;
- 2387 • mailing address, including the city;
- 2388 • voting precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives district,
2389 state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district, county
2390 council district, and city council district;
- 2391 • party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;
- 2392 • status as an active or inactive voter;
- 2393 • the last day on which your registration record was updated; and
- 2394 • your voting history.

2395 You may apply for designation as an at-risk voter in accordance with Utah Code
2396 Section 20A-2-606 at any time, but if the application is not received by your county
2397 clerk before May 6, 2026, your information, described above will, beginning on May
2398 25, 2026, be subject to public disclosure, unless and until you request and receive
2399 designation as an at-risk voter.

2400 A person who uses or discloses information from a voter registration record in a
2401 manner that is prohibited by law, including information in a voter registration that is
2402 subject to public disclosure, is subject to criminal prosecution."; and

2403 (c) immediately after the notice described in Subsection (1)(b), a brief, concise statement
2404 of:

- 2405 (i) the qualifications to become an at-risk voter; and
- 2406 (ii) how to apply for designation as an at-risk voter.

2407 (2) On or before April 8, 2026, the lieutenant governor shall mail to each registered voter

2408 whose voter registration record is designated as private:

2409 (a) the following written notice:

2410 "Notice of Voter Registration Record Status Change

2411 You are receiving this notice because your voter registration record is currently
2412 classified as private and is not subject to public disclosure. Your voter registration
2413 will no longer be classified as private, and will be subject to public disclosure unless,
2414 before May 6, 2026, you submit the enclosed at-risk designation request form, and
2415 the required proof that you qualify as an at-risk voter, to your county clerk. If you do
2416 not take this action before May 6, 2026, or if you do not qualify as an at-risk voter,
2417 you will be designated as a public registered voter.

2418 As a public registered voter, the following information from your voter
2419 registration record is subject to public disclosure:

2420 • full legal name;

2421 • voter identification number and federal information processing series geographic
2422 code;

2423 • age range;

2424 • complete residential address, including the unit type and number;

2425 • county of residence;

2426 • mailing address, including the city;

2427 • voting precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives district,
2428 state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district, county
2429 council district, and city council district;

2430 • party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;

2431 • status as an active or inactive voter;

2432 • the last day on which your registration record was updated; and

2433 • your voting history.

2434 You may apply for designation as an at-risk voter in accordance with Utah Code
2435 Section 20A-2-606 at any time, but if the application is not received by your county
2436 clerk before May 6, 2026, your information, described above will, beginning on May
2437 25, 2026, be subject to public disclosure, unless and until you request and receive
2438 designation as an at-risk voter.

2439 A person who uses or discloses information from a voter registration record in a
2440 manner that is prohibited by law, including information in a voter registration that is
2441 subject to public disclosure, is subject to criminal prosecution."; and

- 2442 (b) immediately after the notice described in Subsection (2)(a), a brief, concise statement
2443 of:
- 2444 (i) the qualifications to become an at-risk voter;
2445 (ii) how to apply for designation as an at-risk voter; and
2446 (iii) how to obtain an at-risk voter designation request form.
- 2447 (3) A county clerk who receives a completed at-risk designation request form on or before
2448 May 6, 2026, shall, on or before May 21, 2026:
- 2449 (a) process the form; and
- 2450 (b)(i) if, based on the information provided in the form and the supporting documents
2451 provided with the form, the county clerk determines that the voter has established
2452 that the voter qualifies as an at-risk voter, designate the voter as an at-risk voter; or
2453 (ii) if, based on the information provided in the form and the supporting documents
2454 provided with the form, the county clerk does not make the determination
2455 described in Subsection (3)(b)(i), the county clerk shall, as soon as reasonably
2456 possible, notify the voter, by mail or other means:
- 2457 (A) that the county clerk was not able to make the determination described in
2458 Subsection (3)(b)(i);
- 2459 (B) of the reason that the county clerk was not able to make the determination
2460 described in Subsection (3)(b)(i); and
- 2461 (C) of what, if anything, the voter can do to resolve the reason the county clerk
2462 was not able to make the determination described in Subsection (3)(b)(i).
- 2463 (4) On or before May 24, 2026, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall:
- 2464 (a) designate a current registered voter as an at-risk voter if:
- 2465 (i) before May 12, 2020, the voter's voter registration record was protected from
2466 disclosure due to the election officer determining that the voter was facing a threat
2467 or risk of harm;
- 2468 (ii) on or after May 12, 2020, the voter was designated as a withheld voter; or
2469 (iii) on or before May 24, 2026, the voter was designated as an at-risk voter under
2470 Subsection 20A-2-606; and
- 2471 (b) designate a current registered voter who is not designated as an at-risk voter under
2472 Subsection (4)(a) as a public registered voter.
- 2473 (5) After the lieutenant governor or a county clerk finishes taking the action described in
2474 Subsection (4):
- 2475 (a) a voter designated as an at-risk voter shall maintain the designation, unless and until:

- 2476 (i) the voter is removed from the list of registered voters in accordance with the
2477 requirements of this chapter;
- 2478 (ii) the voter requests removal of the designation; or
- 2479 (iii) the designation is removed in accordance with Subsection 20A-2-606(6); and
- 2480 (b) a voter designated as a public registered voter shall maintain the designation, unless
2481 and until the voter is designated as an at-risk voter in accordance with Section
2482 20A-2-606.
- 2483 (6) Beginning on January 1, 2027, the lieutenant governor shall ensure that the Statewide
2484 Electronic Voter Information Website provides a process where:
- 2485 (a) an individual may enter a voter identification number;
- 2486 (b) the website will respond to the entry described in Subsection (6)(a) with:
- 2487 (i) the current political party affiliation of the voter to which the voter identification
2488 relates; and
- 2489 (ii) the last date on which the voter's voter registration was updated; and
- 2490 (c) the website will not provide any information, other than the information described in
2491 Subsection (6)(b), in response to the entry described in Subsection (6)(a).
- 2492 (7) As soon as possible, but no later than January 1, 2027, the lieutenant governor shall post
2493 the following information on the lieutenant governor's website, and update the
2494 information on a monthly basis:
- 2495 (a) for the entire state:
- 2496 (i) the total number of at-risk voters in the state; and
- 2497 (ii) the total number of at-risk voters in the state who are affiliated with a political
2498 party; and
- 2499 (b) for each state House of Representatives district and each state Senate district:
- 2500 (i) the total number of at-risk voters in the district; and
- 2501 (ii) the total number of at-risk voters in the district who are affiliated with a political
2502 party.
- 2503 Section 26. Section **20A-2-603** is enacted to read:
- 2504 **20A-2-603 (Effective 04/06/26). General request for voter registration records.**
- 2505 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this part, or another express provision of
2506 law, upon receiving a request under this section from a person for voter registration
2507 records, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk:
- 2508 (a) shall disclose to the person the standard voter data from a public registered voter's
2509 voter registration record; and

- 2510 (b) may not disclose to the person:
- 2511 (i) information from a public registered voter's voter registration record that is not
- 2512 standard voter data; or
- 2513 (ii) any information from an at-risk voter's voter registration record.
- 2514 (2) A person that receives information under Subsection (1)(a):
- 2515 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not
- 2516 be accessed by another person, unless the other person is an authorized agent of the
- 2517 person that receives the information under Subsection (1)(a);
- 2518 (b) may only use the information in a manner the person is permitted to use the
- 2519 information under Subsection 20A-2-607(3);
- 2520 (c) may not:
- 2521 (i) use or share the information for a purpose other than a purpose described in
- 2522 Subsection (2)(b); or
- 2523 (ii) grant access to the information to a person other than an authorized agent of the
- 2524 person that receives the information under Subsection (1)(a);
- 2525 (d) notwithstanding Subsection (2)(b), may not grant access to the information or share
- 2526 the information with another person, if the person that receives the information under
- 2527 this section believes that the other person:
- 2528 (i) will use or share the information in a manner other than a manner described in
- 2529 Subsection (2)(b); or
- 2530 (ii) will not comply with Subsection (2)(a), (b), or (c); and
- 2531 (e) may limit access by an authorized agent of the person to only the portion of the
- 2532 information needed for the authorized agent to fulfill a purpose for which the
- 2533 authorized agent is:
- 2534 (i) permitted by law to use the information; and
- 2535 (ii) authorized by the person who receives the information under Subsection (1)(a).
- 2536 (3) Before providing the information described in Subsection (1)(a) to a person under this
- 2537 section:
- 2538 (a) if an individual is requesting the information on behalf of another person, the
- 2539 lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that the individual requesting the
- 2540 information on behalf of the other person is an authorized agent of the other person;
- 2541 and
- 2542 (b) the individual requesting the information under Subsection (3)(a) shall sign a request
- 2543 form that includes:

- 2544 (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the person that is seeking the
 2545 information;
- 2546 (ii) the individual's name, address, and telephone number;
- 2547 (iii) a statement that the individual is requesting the information:
 2548 (A) on the individual's own behalf; or
 2549 (B) as an authorized agent of the other person described in Subsection (3)(a) and
 2550 has presented to the lieutenant governor or the county clerk valid verification
 2551 that the individual is an authorized agent of the other person;
- 2552 (iv) a statement that the individual and, if applicable, the other person described in
 2553 Subsection (3)(a):
 2554 (A) will comply with the requirements described in Subsection (2); and
 2555 (B) will not provide or use the information obtained from the list of registered
 2556 voters in a manner that is prohibited by law;
- 2557 (v) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or
 2558 using the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, is punishable as a
 2559 class A misdemeanor and by a civil fine; and
- 2560 (vi) notice that if a person makes a false statement in the request form, the person is
 2561 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 2562 (c) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information described
 2563 in Subsection (1)(a) to a person requesting the information under this section if the
 2564 lieutenant governor or county clerk has probable cause to believe that the person:
 2565 (i) is not the person whom the person claims to be;
 2566 (ii) is not an agent of the person of whom the person claims to be an agent; or
 2567 (iii) will use or share the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2568 Section 27. Section **20A-2-604** is enacted to read:

2569 **20A-2-604 (Effective 04/06/26). Request for voter registration records by**
 2570 **political party -- Confirmation of political party affiliation.**

- 2571 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon
 2572 receiving a request from a political party for voter registration records, the lieutenant
 2573 governor or a county clerk:
- 2574 (a) for each public registered voter who is not affiliated with the political party:
 2575 (i) shall provide to the political party the voter's standard voter data; and
 2576 (ii) may not provide to the political party any information from the public registered
 2577 voter's voter registration record that is not standard voter data;

- 2578 (b) for each public registered voter who is affiliated with the political party:
2579 (i) shall provide to the political party the voter's standard voter data;
2580 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, shall provide the public registered voter's phone
2581 number, only if the voter consents on the voter's voter registration form to the
2582 election officer disclosing the voter's phone number to the political party;
2583 (iii) beginning January 1, 2027, shall provide the public registered voter's email
2584 address, only if the voter consents on the voter's voter registration form to the
2585 election officer disclosing the voter's email address to the political party; and
2586 (iv) may not provide to the political party any information relating to the voter other
2587 than the information provided in accordance with Subsections (1)(b)(i) through
2588 (iii); and
- 2589 (c) may not provide to the political party any information from an at-risk voter's voter
2590 registration record.
- 2591 (2) If an at-risk voter consents, on the voter's voter registration form, to provide the political
2592 party with which the voter chooses to affiliate with the voter's phone number or email
2593 address, the county clerk or the lieutenant governor:
- 2594 (a) may not provide the phone number or email address to the political party; and
2595 (b) shall notify the at-risk voter that the voter must contact the political party directly to
2596 provide the voter's phone number or email address to the political party.
- 2597 (3) A political party, or an agent of a political party, that receives information under this
2598 section:
- 2599 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not
2600 be accessed by a person other than the political party or an authorized agent of the
2601 political party;
- 2602 (b) may only use the information:
- 2603 (i) to communicate with an individual who is affiliated with the political party in
2604 relation to the business of the political party or for a political purpose;
2605 (ii) to verify that the voter is a member of the political party;
2606 (iii) to conduct demographic or other analysis for a political purpose; or
2607 (iv) for a purpose described in Subsection 20A-2-607(3);
- 2608 (c) may not:
- 2609 (i) use or share the information for a purpose other than a purpose described in
2610 Subsection (3)(b); or
2611 (ii) grant access to the information to a person other than an authorized agent of the

- 2612 political party;
- 2613 (d) notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a) or (b), may not grant access to the information or
- 2614 share the information with a person whom the political party believes:
- 2615 (i) will use or share the information in a manner other than a manner described in
- 2616 Subsection (3)(b); or
- 2617 (ii) will not comply with Subsection (3)(a), (b), or (c); and
- 2618 (e) may limit access by an authorized agent to only the portion of the information
- 2619 needed for the authorized agent to fulfill a purpose for which the authorized agent is:
- 2620 (i) permitted by law to use the information; and
- 2621 (ii) authorized by the state political party to use the information.
- 2622 (4) Before providing the information described in this section to a political party:
- 2623 (a) the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that the individual requesting the
- 2624 information on behalf of the political party is an authorized agent of the political
- 2625 party; and
- 2626 (b) the individual requesting the information under Subsection (4)(a) shall sign a request
- 2627 form that includes:
- 2628 (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the political party that is seeking the
- 2629 information;
- 2630 (ii) the individual's name, address, and telephone number;
- 2631 (iii) a statement that the individual is an authorized agent of the political party and
- 2632 has presented to the lieutenant governor or the county clerk valid verification that
- 2633 the individual is an authorized agent of the political party;
- 2634 (iv) a statement that the political party and the individual will comply with the
- 2635 requirements described in Subsection (3);
- 2636 (v) a statement that the political party, or an agent of the political party, will not
- 2637 provide or use the information obtained from the list of registered voters in a
- 2638 manner that is prohibited by law;
- 2639 (vi) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or
- 2640 using the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, is punishable as a
- 2641 class A misdemeanor and by a civil fine; and
- 2642 (vii) notice that if a person makes a false statement in the request form, the person is
- 2643 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 2644 (5) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information described in
- 2645 Subsection (1)(a) or (b) to a person requesting the information under this section if the

2646 lieutenant governor or county clerk has probable cause to believe that the person:

2647 (a) is not a political party or an agent of the political party; or

2648 (b) will use or share the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2649 Section 28. Section **20A-2-605** is enacted to read:

2650 **20A-2-605 (Effective 04/06/26). Request for voter registration records by a**
2651 **government official.**

2652 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon
2653 request by a government official acting in the government official's capacity as a
2654 government official, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk:

2655 (a) shall disclose to the government official only the information in a voter registration
2656 record necessary to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty imposed
2657 by law on the government official; and

2658 (b) may not disclose to the government official the information in a voter registration
2659 record that is not necessary to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty
2660 imposed by law on the government official.

2661 (2) A government official who receives information under Subsection (1)(a):

2662 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not
2663 be accessed by a person other than the government official or the government entity
2664 that the government official represents;

2665 (b) may only use the information to the extent necessary to fulfill a duty of the
2666 government official; and

2667 (c) may not disclose the information to a person other than a person needing the
2668 information to fulfill a duty of the government official or the government entity that
2669 the government official represents.

2670 (3) Before providing the information described in Subsection (1)(a) to a government
2671 official:

2672 (a) the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that:

2673 (i) the person requesting the information is a government official; and

2674 (ii) it is necessary to provide the information requested to permit the government
2675 official to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on the government official; and

2676 (b) the government official requesting the information shall sign a request form that
2677 includes:

2678 (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the government official;

2679 (ii) the government official's position or title;

- 2680 (iii) a description of the information requested;
- 2681 (iv) a description of the official duty imposed by law on the government official that
- 2682 requires the requested information;
- 2683 (v) a statement that the government official will ensure, using industry standard
- 2684 security measures, that the information may not be accessed by a person other
- 2685 than the government official or the government entity that the government official
- 2686 represents;
- 2687 (vi) a statement that the government official will only use the information to the
- 2688 extent necessary to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on the government
- 2689 official;
- 2690 (vii) an assertion that the government official will not provide or use the information
- 2691 obtained from the voter registration records in a manner that is prohibited by law;
- 2692 (viii) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or
- 2693 using the information from the voter registration records in a manner that is
- 2694 prohibited by law, is punishable as a class A misdemeanor and a civil fine; and
- 2695 (ix) notice that if the person signing the request form makes a false statement in the
- 2696 request form, the person is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 2697 (4) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information under this
- 2698 section if the lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes that the person:
- 2699 (a) is not a government official;
- 2700 (b) does not need the information requested to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on
- 2701 the government official; or
- 2702 (c) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2703 Section 29. Section **20A-2-606** is enacted to read:

2704 **20A-2-606 (Effective 04/06/26). At-risk registered voter -- Application --**

2705 **Designation -- Change of status.**

- 2706 (1) Except to the extent expressly authorized in this part or otherwise expressly provided by
- 2707 law, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose an at-risk voter's voter
- 2708 registration record, or any information from an at-risk voter's voter registration record.
- 2709 (2)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute an at-risk designation request
- 2710 form to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration
- 2711 form.
- 2712 (b) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor may make
- 2713 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,

- 2714 establishing requirements for providing the proof described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii)
2715 and (b)(ii).
- 2716 (3) The following may not encourage an individual to submit, or discourage an individual
2717 from submitting, an at-risk designation request form:
- 2718 (a) an election officer;
2719 (b) an agency described in Subsection (2)(a); or
2720 (c) an employee of a person described in Subsection (3)(a) or (b).
- 2721 (4) A voter may apply for designation as an at-risk voter by submitting, either with the
2722 voter's voter registration form, or separately to the voter's county clerk:
- 2723 (a)(i) an at-risk designation request form indicating that the voter is, or resides with,
2724 an individual who is a victim of, or who is threatened with, domestic violence or
2725 dating violence; and
- 2726 (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (2)(b), proof of the
2727 indication described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) in the form of a sworn affidavit where
2728 the voter swears to the following statement: "I am applying for designation as an
2729 at-risk voter because I am, or I reside with, an individual who is a victim of, or
2730 who is threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence."; or
- 2731 (b)(i) an at-risk designation request form indicating that the voter, or an individual
2732 who resides with the voter, is a law enforcement officer, a public figure, a member
2733 of the armed forces, or protected by a protective order or protection order; and
- 2734 (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (2)(b), proof of the
2735 indication described in Subsection (4)(b)(i).
- 2736 (5) A county clerk shall designate a voter as an at-risk voter if the voter complies with
2737 Subsection (4).
- 2738 (6) A county clerk shall, beginning in 2030, and every five years after 2030, before July 15:
- 2739 (a) mail to each voter who, for a period of one year or longer, has been designated as an
2740 at-risk voter:
- 2741 (i) notice that the voter is designated as an at-risk voter and the grounds for the
2742 designation;
- 2743 (ii) a list of the grounds for designating a voter as an at-risk voter;
2744 (iii) an inquiry regarding whether the voter still qualifies as an at-risk voter; and
2745 (iv) a self-addressed envelope, with postage prepaid, for the voter to mail the voter's
2746 response to the inquiry described in Subsection (6)(a)(iii); and
- 2747 (b) remove the designation of a voter as an at-risk voter if the voter responds that the

2748 voter no longer qualifies as an at-risk voter.

2749 Section 30. Section **20A-2-607** is enacted to read:

2750 **20A-2-607 (Effective upon governor's approval). Applicability and enforcement**

2751 **-- Transition.**

2752 (1) This part does not govern or restrict the release of a voter registration record:

2753 (a) to an election officer or an employee of an election officer;

2754 (b) for a government purpose relating to maintaining the voter registration list or the
2755 administration of an election;

2756 (c) to the extent required by law, to the federal government to comply with, or verify
2757 compliance with, the requirements of federal election law;

2758 (d) in accordance with an order of a court with jurisdiction; or

2759 (e) to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency for a legitimate law enforcement
2760 purpose related to election law.

2761 (2) Beginning on March 9, 2026, and ending on May 25, 2026, a person that requests a
2762 copy of the voter registration list:

2763 (a) will receive the portion of the list, as the list existed on March 8, 2026, that the
2764 person was eligible to receive on March 8, 2026; and

2765 (b) will not receive an updated version of the list, or of any information in an updated
2766 version of the list, until May 25, 2026.

2767 (3) A person may only obtain or use information from the list of registered voters for:

2768 (a) a political purpose;

2769 (b) another purpose for which the person is, under this part, expressly permitted to
2770 obtain or use the information; or

2771 (c) another purpose for which the person is permitted to obtain or use the information:

2772 (i) under a provision of state or federal law; or

2773 (ii) by order of a court with jurisdiction.

2774 (4) It is unlawful for a person to:

2775 (a) obtain information from the list of registered voters under false pretenses;

2776 (b) obtain or use information from the list of registered voters for a purpose other than:
2777 (i) a political purpose;

2778 (ii) another purpose for which the person is, under this part, expressly permitted to
2779 obtain or use the information; or

2780 (iii) another purpose for which the person is permitted to obtain or use the
2781 information:

- 2782 (A) under a provision of state or federal law; or
- 2783 (B) by order of a court with jurisdiction;
- 2784 (c) knowingly post on the internet or otherwise disclose to the public, for a fee or free of
- 2785 charge, the list of registered voters or information obtained from the list of registered
- 2786 voters; or
- 2787 (d) knowingly disclose information from the list of registered voters in a manner that is
- 2788 not permitted by law.

2789 (5) A violation of Subsection (4) is a class A misdemeanor.

2790 Section 31. Section **20A-2-608**, which is renumbered from Section 20A-5-410 is renumbered
 2791 and amended to read:

2792 **[20A-5-410] 20A-2-608 (Effective 04/06/26). Election officer to keep voting**
 2793 **history information and status -- Restrictions.**

2794 [(1) ~~As used in this section, "voting history record" means the following information~~
 2795 ~~relating to a registered voter:]~~

2796 [(a) ~~the information in the voter's voter registration record, other than the information~~
 2797 ~~classified as private under Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j);]~~

2798 [(b) ~~the voter's privacy status;]~~

2799 [(c) ~~the voter's status as active or inactive;]~~

2800 [(d) ~~the voter's voter identification number;]~~

2801 [(e) ~~the voter's federal information processing system code;]~~

2802 [(f) ~~the voter's precinct;]~~

2803 [(g) ~~each political district in which the voter is a resident;]~~

2804 [(h) ~~a list of elections in which the voter voted;]~~

2805 [(i) ~~whether the voter voted in person on election day;]~~

2806 [(j) ~~whether the voter voted in person before election day;]~~

2807 [(k) ~~whether the voter returned a mailed ballot;]~~

2808 [(l) ~~whether the voter's ballot was mailed to an alternate address; and]~~

2809 [(m) ~~the date on which the voter voted or on which the voter returned a mailed ballot.]~~

2810 [(2)(a) ~~Each election officer shall maintain, in the election officer's office, a voting~~
 2811 ~~history record of those voters registered to vote in the election officer's jurisdiction.]~~

2812 [(b) ~~The voting history record is a public record under Title 63G, Chapter 2,~~
 2813 ~~Government Records Access and Management Act, except:]~~

2814 [(i) ~~as it relates to a voter whose voter registration record is classified as private under~~
 2815 ~~Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l); or]~~

- 2816 ~~[(ii) a record or information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(n).]~~
- 2817 (1) A county clerk shall maintain:
- 2818 (a) for each registered voter:
- 2819 (i) the standard voter information for that voter; and
- 2820 (ii) whether the voter is a public registered voter or an at-risk voter; and
- 2821 (b) only during the time period beginning on the day on which the bulk of ballots are
- 2822 mailed for an election and ending at the close of operating hours on the day before
- 2823 the election, a voted report and a mailed ballot report for the election.
- 2824 (2)(a) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(b), the county clerk shall retain a copy of
- 2825 each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file, which may
- 2826 be electronic or some other recognized system.
- 2827 (b) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the Division of
- 2828 Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.
- 2829 (c) A county clerk shall retain a list of currently registered voters.
- 2830 (d) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.
- 2831 (e) If there are any discrepancies between the lists described in Subsections (2)(c) and (d),
- 2832 the county clerk's list is the official list.
- 2833 (3) Subsection (1) or (2) does not authorize the disclosure of the information described in
- 2834 Subsection (1) or (2) beyond the extent expressly provided in this part.
- 2835 ~~[(3)(a) When an election officer reports voting history for an election, the election~~
- 2836 ~~officer shall, for each voter whose voter registration is classified as private under~~
- 2837 ~~Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(h), report the following, for that election only, without~~
- 2838 ~~disclosing the identity of the voter:]~~
- 2839 ~~[(i) for voting by mail, the information described in Subsection (4)(a);]~~
- 2840 ~~[(ii) for early voting, the date the individual voted; and]~~
- 2841 ~~[(iii) for voting on election day, the date the individual voted.]~~
- 2842 ~~[(b) In relation to the information of a voter whose voter registration is classified as~~
- 2843 ~~private under Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(h), a report described in Subsection (3)(a)~~
- 2844 ~~may not disclose, by itself or in conjunction with any other public information, the~~
- 2845 ~~identity or any other personal identifying information of the voter.]~~
- 2846 [(4) Subject to Subsection (5), the election officer shall ensure that the voting history record
- 2847 kept by the election officer for each voting precinct contains:]
- 2848 [(a) for voting by mail:]
- 2849 [(i) the date that the manual ballot was mailed to the voter; and]

2850 ~~[(ii) the date that the voted manual ballot was received by the election officer;]~~
 2851 ~~[(b) for early voting;]~~
 2852 ~~[(i) the name and address of each individual who participated in early voting; and]~~
 2853 ~~[(ii) the date the individual voted; and]~~
 2854 ~~[(e) for voting on election day, the name and address of each individual who voted on]~~
 2855 ~~election day.]~~

2856 ~~[(5) Subsection (4) does not authorize the disclosure of the information described in]~~
 2857 ~~Subsection (4) beyond the extent expressly provided in Subsections (2) and (3).]~~

2858 ~~(4) A person may, on a subscription basis, obtain the voted report and the mailed ballot~~
 2859 ~~report during the time period described in Subsection (1)(b).~~

2860 ~~[(6)] ~~(5)(a)~~ Notwithstanding the time limits for response to a request for records under~~
 2861 ~~Section 63G-2-204 or the time limits for a request for records established in any~~
 2862 ~~ordinance, the election officer shall ensure that the information required to be~~
 2863 ~~disclosed under this [section] part is recorded and made available[to the public] , upon~~
 2864 ~~request and subject to the provisions of this part, no later than one business day after~~
 2865 ~~the day on which the election officer receives the information.~~

2866 ~~(b) Notwithstanding the fee requirements of Section 63G-2-203 or the fee requirements~~
 2867 ~~established in any ordinance, the election officer shall [make copies of the voting~~
 2868 ~~history record available to the public, in accordance with this section, for the actual~~
 2869 ~~cost of production or copying] provide the information disclosed under this section,~~
 2870 ~~Section 20A-6-603, or Section 20A-6-604, in accordance with the fees established~~
 2871 ~~under Subsection 63G-2-203(10).~~

2872 Section 32. Section ~~20A-3a-401~~ is amended to read:

2873 **20A-3a-401 (Effective 04/06/26). Custody of voted ballots mailed or deposited in**
 2874 **a ballot drop box -- Disposition -- Notice -- Disclosures relating to unresolved ballots.**

2875 (1) This section governs ballots returned by mail, via a ballot drop box, or by other legal
 2876 means.

2877 (2) Poll workers shall process return envelopes containing manual ballots that are in the
 2878 custody of the poll workers in accordance with this section.

2879 (3) Poll workers shall examine a return envelope to make the determinations described in
 2880 Subsection (4).

2881 (4) The poll workers shall take the action described in Subsection (5)(a) if the poll workers
 2882 determine:

2883 (a) for an election held before January 1, 2029:

- 2884 (i) that the return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver
 2885 license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security number;
 2886 or
 2887 (ii) if the return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection (4)(a)(i),
 2888 that:
 2889 (A) in accordance with the rules made under Subsection (13), the signature on the
 2890 affidavit of the return envelope is reasonably consistent with the individual's
 2891 signature in the voter registration records; or
 2892 (B) for an individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v), the
 2893 signature is verified by alternative means;
- 2894 (b) for an election held on or after January 1, 2029:
 2895 (i) that the return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver
 2896 license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security number;
 2897 (ii) if the return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection (4)(b)(i),
 2898 that the voter included in the return envelope a copy of the identification described
 2899 in Subsection 20A-3a-204(2)(c)(ii); or
 2900 (iii) for a voter described in Subsection 20A-3a-301(7), that the voter complied with
 2901 Subsection 20A-3a-301(7);
- 2902 (c) that the affidavit is sufficient;
- 2903 (d) that the voter is registered to vote in the correct precinct;
- 2904 (e) that the voter's right to vote the ballot has not been challenged;
- 2905 (f) that the voter has not already voted in the election; and
- 2906 (g) for a voter who has not yet provided valid voter identification with the voter's voter
 2907 registration, whether the voter has provided valid voter identification with the return
 2908 envelope.
- 2909 (5)(a) If the poll workers make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the poll
 2910 workers shall:
 2911 (i) remove the manual ballot from the return envelope in a manner that does not
 2912 destroy the affidavit on the return envelope;
 2913 (ii) ensure that the ballot is not examined in connection with the return envelope; and
 2914 (iii) place the ballot with the other ballots to be counted.
- 2915 (b) If the poll workers do not make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the
 2916 poll workers shall:
 2917 (i) disallow the vote;

- 2918 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (6), without opening the return envelope, record
2919 the ballot as "rejected" and state the reason for the rejection; and
- 2920 (iii) except as provided in Subsection (6), place the return envelope, unopened, with
2921 the other rejected return envelopes.
- 2922 (6) A poll worker may open a return envelope, if necessary, to determine compliance with
2923 Subsection (4)(b)(ii), (4)(b)(iii), or (4)(g).
- 2924 (7)(a) If the poll workers reject an individual's ballot because the poll workers determine
2925 that the return envelope does not comply with Subsection (4), the election officer
2926 shall:
- 2927 (i) contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (8); and
2928 (ii) inform the individual:
- 2929 (A) that the identification information provided on the return envelope is in
2930 question;
- 2931 (B) how the individual may resolve the issue; and
2932 (C) that, in order for the ballot to be counted, the individual is required to deliver
2933 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county
2934 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).
- 2935 (b) If, under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A), the poll workers reject an individual's ballot
2936 because the poll workers determine, in accordance with rules made under Subsection
2937 (13), that the signature on the return envelope is not reasonably consistent with the
2938 individual's signature in the voter registration records, the election officer shall:
- 2939 (i) contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (8); and
2940 (ii) inform the individual:
- 2941 (A) that the individual's signature is in question;
2942 (B) how the individual may resolve the issue; and
2943 (C) that, in order for the ballot to be counted, the individual is required to deliver
2944 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county
2945 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).
- 2946 (c) The election officer shall ensure that the notice described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b)
2947 includes:
- 2948 (i) when communicating the notice by mail, a printed copy of the affidavit described
2949 in Subsection (7)(d) and a courtesy reply envelope;
- 2950 (ii) when communicating the notice electronically, a link to a copy of the affidavit
2951 described in Subsection (7)(d) or information on how to obtain a copy of the

- 2952 affidavit; or
- 2953 (iii) when communicating the notice by phone, either during a direct conversation
2954 with the voter or in a voicemail, arrangements for the voter to receive a copy of
2955 the affidavit described in Subsection (7)(d), either in person from the clerk's
2956 office, by mail, or electronically.
- 2957 (d) An affidavit described in Subsection (7)(a)(ii)(C) or (7)(b)(ii)(C) shall include:
- 2958 (i) an attestation that the individual voted the ballot;
- 2959 (ii) a space for the individual to enter the individual's name, date of birth, and driver
2960 license number or the last four digits of the individual's social security number;
- 2961 (iii) a space for the individual to sign the affidavit;
- 2962 (iv) a statement that, by signing the affidavit, the individual authorizes the lieutenant
2963 governor's and county clerk's use of the information in the affidavit and the
2964 individual's signature on the affidavit for voter identification purposes; and
- 2965 (v) a check box accompanied by language in substantially the following form: "I am
2966 a voter with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that
2967 impacts my ability to sign my name consistently. I can provide appropriate
2968 documentation upon request. To discuss accommodations, I can be contacted at
2969 _____".
- 2970 (e) In order for an individual described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b) to have the
2971 individual's ballot counted, the individual shall deliver the affidavit described in
2972 Subsection (7)(d) to the election officer.
- 2973 (f) An election officer who receives a signed affidavit under Subsection (7)(e) shall
2974 immediately:
- 2975 (i) scan the signature on the affidavit electronically and keep the signature on file in
2976 the statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502;
- 2977 (ii) if the election officer receives the affidavit no later than noon on the last business
2978 day before the day on which the canvass begins, count the individual's ballot; and
- 2979 (iii) if the check box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v) is checked, comply with the
2980 rules described in Subsection (13)(c).
- 2981 (8)(a) The election officer shall, within two business days after the day on which an
2982 individual's ballot is rejected, notify the individual of the rejection and the reason for
2983 the rejection, by phone, mail, email, or, if consent is obtained, text message, unless:
- 2984 (i) the ballot is cured within one business day after the day on which the ballot is
2985 rejected; or

- 2986 (ii) the ballot is rejected because the ballot is received late or for another reason that
2987 cannot be cured.
- 2988 (b) If an individual's ballot is rejected for a reason described in Subsection (8)(a)(ii), the
2989 election officer shall notify the individual of the rejection and the reason for the
2990 rejection by phone, mail, email, or, if consent is obtained, text message, within the
2991 later of:
- 2992 (i) 30 calendar days after the day of the rejection; or
2993 (ii) 30 calendar days after the day of the election.
- 2994 (c) The election officer may, when notifying an individual by phone under this
2995 Subsection (8), use auto-dial technology.
- 2996 (9) An election officer may not count the ballot of an individual whom the election officer
2997 contacts under Subsection (7) or (8) unless, no later than noon on the last business day
2998 before the day on which the canvass begins, the election officer:
- 2999 (a) receives a signed affidavit from the individual under Subsection (7); or
3000 (b)(i) contacts the individual;
- 3001 (ii) if the election officer has reason to believe that an individual, other than the voter
3002 to whom the ballot was sent, signed the ballot affidavit, informs the individual that
3003 it is unlawful to sign a ballot affidavit for another person, even if the person gives
3004 permission;
- 3005 (iii) verifies the identity of the individual by:
- 3006 (A) requiring the individual to provide at least two types of personal identifying
3007 information for the individual; and
3008 (B) comparing the information provided under Subsection (9)(b)(iii)(A) to records
3009 relating to the individual that are in the possession or control of an election
3010 officer; and
- 3011 (iv) documents the verification described in Subsection (9)(b)(iii), by recording:
- 3012 (A) the name and voter identification number of the individual contacted;
3013 (B) the name of the individual who conducts the verification;
3014 (C) the date and manner of the communication;
3015 (D) the type of personal identifying information provided by the individual;
3016 (E) a description of the records against which the personal identifying information
3017 provided by the individual is compared and verified; and
3018 (F) other information required by the lieutenant governor.
- 3019 (10)(a) The election officer shall retain and preserve:

- 3020 (i) the return envelopes in accordance with Subsection 20A-4-202(2); and
3021 (ii) the documents described in Subsection (9)(b)(iv) in accordance with Subsection
3022 20A-4-202(3).
- 3023 (b) If the election officer complies with Subsection (10)(a)(ii) by including the
3024 documentation in the voter's voter registration record, the election officer shall make,
3025 retain, and preserve a record of the name and voter identification number of each
3026 voter contacted under Subsection (9)(b).
- 3027 (11)(a) The election officer shall record the following in the database used in the
3028 verification process:
- 3029 (i) any initial rejection of a ballot under Subsection (5)(b), within one business day
3030 after the day on which the election officer rejects the ballot; and
3031 (ii) any resolution of a rejection of a ballot under Subsection (9), within one business
3032 day after the day on which the ballot rejection is resolved.
- 3033 (b) An election officer shall include, in the canvass report, a final report of the
3034 disposition of all rejected and resolved ballots, including, for ballots rejected, the
3035 following:
- 3036 (i) the number of ballots rejected because the voter did not sign the voter's ballot; and
3037 (ii) the number of ballots rejected because the voter's signatures on the ballot, and in
3038 records on file, do not correspond.
- 3039 (12) Willful failure to comply with this section constitutes willful neglect of duty under
3040 Section 20A-5-701.
- 3041 (13) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
3042 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to
3043 establish:
- 3044 (a) criteria and processes for use by poll workers in determining if a signature
3045 corresponds with the signature on file for the voter under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A);
3046 (b) training and certification requirements for election officers and employees of election
3047 officers regarding the criteria and processes described in Subsection (13)(a); and
3048 (c) in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.
3049 Secs. 12131 through 12165, an alternative means of verifying the identity of an
3050 individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v).
- 3051 (14)(a) Upon request, and subject to Subsections (14)(b) and (c), an election officer may
3052 disclose the name and address of a voter whose ballot has been rejected and not yet
3053 resolved with:

- 3054 (i) a candidate in the election;
- 3055 (ii) an individual who represents the candidate's campaign;
- 3056 (iii) the sponsors of an initiative or referendum appearing on the ballot; or
- 3057 (iv) for a ballot proposition appearing on the ballot, an individual who represents a
- 3058 political issues committee, as defined in Section 20A-11-101, if the political
- 3059 issues committee supports or opposes the ballot proposition.

3060 (b) If an election officer discloses the information described in Subsection (14)(a), the

3061 election officer shall:

- 3062 (i) make the disclosure within two business days after the day on which the request is
- 3063 made;
- 3064 (ii) respond to each request in the order the requests were made; and
- 3065 (iii) make each disclosure in a manner, and within a period of time, that does not
- 3066 reflect favoritism to one requestor over another.

3067 (c) A disclosure described in this Subsection (14) may not include [~~the name or address~~

3068 ~~of a protected individual, as defined in Subsection 20A-2-104(1)] any information~~

3069 relating to an at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601.

3070 Section 33. Section **20A-6-105** is amended to read:

3071 **20A-6-105 (Effective 04/06/26). Provisional ballot envelopes.**

3072 (1) Each election officer shall ensure that provisional ballot envelopes are printed in

3073 substantially the following form:

3074 (a) the envelope shall include the following[~~statement~~]:

3075 "AFFIRMATION

3076 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

3077 Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? Yes No

3078 If you checked "no" in response to either of the two above questions, do not complete

3079 this form.

3080 Name of Voter _____

3081 First Middle Last

3082 Driver License or Identification Card Number _____

3083 State of Issuance of Driver License or Identification Card Number _____

3084 Date of Birth _____

3085 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

3086 _____

3087 City County State Zip Code

3088 Telephone Number (optional) _____

3089 Email Address (optional) _____";

3090 (b) beginning on January 1, 2027, immediately following the portion of the envelope
3091 described in Subsection (1)(a), the envelope shall include the following:

3092 "Do you consent to the election officer providing the following information to the
3093 political party with which you affiliate? (optional):

3094 • The email address you provided above? Yes No

3095 • The phone number you provided above? Yes No";

3096 (c) following the statement required under Subsections (1)(a) and (b), the envelope shall
3097 include the following:

3098 "Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

3099 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if known)

3100 _____

3101 City County State Zip Code

3102 Voting Precinct (if known) _____

3103 I, (please print your full name) _____ do solemnly swear or
3104 affirm:

3105 That I am eligible to vote in this election; that I have not voted in this election in any
3106 other precinct; that I am eligible to vote in this precinct; and that I request that I be permitted
3107 to vote in this precinct; and

3108 Subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information contained in this form
3109 is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Utah, residing at the above
3110 address; and that I am at least 18 years old and have resided in Utah for the 30 calendar days
3111 immediately before this election.

3112 Signed

3113 _____

3114 Dated

3115 _____

3116 In accordance with Section 20A-3a-506, wilfully providing false information above is a
3117 class B misdemeanor under Utah law and is punishable by imprisonment and by fine.

3118 PRIVACY INFORMATION

3119 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as
3120 your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state
3121 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized

3122 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an
 3123 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
 3124 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

3125 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

3126 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration
 3127 record be withheld from public disclosure if you are, or reside with:

- 3128 • an individual who is a victim of, or is threatened with, domestic violence or dating
 3129 violence;
- 3130 • a law enforcement officer;
- 3131 • a member of the armed forces;
- 3132 • a public figure; or
- 3133 • an individual who is protected by a court order.

3134 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by
 3135 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.

3136 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at
 3137 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor].

3138 [Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as
 3139 your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and
 3140 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the
 3141 requirements of law.

3142 Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email
 3143 address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your
 3144 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,
 3145 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

3146 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld
 3147 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
 3148 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

3149 _____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld
 3150 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
 3151 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

3152 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

3153 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying
 3154 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
 3155 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a

3156 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
3157 paragraphs:

3158 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
3159 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
3160 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
3161 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
3162 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
3163 violence:

3164 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
3165 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
3166 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
3167 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
3168 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
3169 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]

3170 CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT

3171 Name:

3172 Name at birth, if different:

3173 Place of birth:

3174 Date of birth:

3175 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

3176 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a
3177 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and
3178 correct.

3179 _____
3180 Signature of Applicant

3181 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or
3182 allowing yourself to be registered to vote if you know you are not entitled to register to vote is
3183 up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500."; and

3184 [(b)] (d) the following statement shall appear after the statement described in Subsection [(1)(a)]
3185 (1)(c):

3186 "BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

3187 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
3188 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No [
3189 "]; and]

3190 [(e) no later than November 5, 2025, after the statement described in Subsection (1)(b), the
 3191 following:

3192 "]Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

3193 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

3194 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

3195 (2) The provisional ballot envelope shall include:

3196 (a) a unique number;

3197 (b) a detachable part that includes the unique number;

3198 (c) a telephone number, internet address, or other indicator of a means, in accordance
 3199 with Section 20A-6-105.5, where the voter can find out if the provisional ballot was
 3200 counted; and

3201 (d) an insert containing written instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive ballot
 3202 status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5.

3203 Section 34. Section **20A-7-103** is amended to read:

3204 **20A-7-103 (Effective upon governor's approval) (Contingently Superseded 01/01/27).**

3205 **Constitutional amendments and other questions submitted by the Legislature --**

3206 **Publication -- Ballot title -- Procedures for submission to popular vote.**

3207 (1) The procedures contained in this section govern when the Legislature submits a
 3208 proposed constitutional amendment or other question to the voters.

3209 (2) The lieutenant governor shall, not more than 60 calendar days or less than 14 calendar
 3210 days before the date of the election, publish the full text of the amendment, question, or
 3211 statute for the state, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, through the date of
 3212 the election.

3213 (3)(a) The [~~presiding officers~~] legislative general counsel shall:

3214 [(a)] (i) entitle each proposed constitutional amendment "Constitutional Amendment
 3215 ____" and assign a letter to the constitutional amendment in accordance with the
 3216 requirements of Section 20A-6-107;

3217 [(b)] (ii) entitle each proposed question "Proposition Number ____" with the number
 3218 assigned to the proposition under Section 20A-6-107 placed in the blank;

3219 [(c)] (iii) draft and designate a ballot title for each proposed amendment or question
 3220 submitted by the Legislature that:

3221 [(i)] (A) summarizes the subject matter of the amendment or question; and

3222 [(ii)] (B) for a proposed constitutional amendment, summarizes any legislation that
 3223 is enacted and will become effective upon the voters' adoption of the proposed

- 3224 constitutional amendment; and
- 3225 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) deliver each letter or number and ballot title to the lieutenant governor.
- 3226 (b) Consistent with Section 36-12-12, the legislative general counsel performs the duties
- 3227 in this section as counsel for the presiding officers.
- 3228 (4) The lieutenant governor shall certify the letter or number and ballot title of each
- 3229 amendment or question to the county clerk of each county no later than 65 calendar days
- 3230 before the date of the election.
- 3231 (5) The county clerk of each county shall:
- 3232 (a) ensure that the letter or number and the ballot title of each amendment and question
- 3233 prepared in accordance with this section are included in the sample ballots and
- 3234 official ballots; and
- 3235 (b) publish the sample ballots and official ballots as provided by law.
- 3236 Section 35. Section **20A-7-103** is amended to read:
- 3237 **20A-7-103 (Contingently Effective 01/01/27). Constitutional amendments and**
- 3238 **other questions submitted by the Legislature -- Publication -- Ballot title -- Procedures**
- 3239 **for submission to popular vote.**
- 3240 (1) The procedures contained in this section govern when the Legislature submits a
- 3241 proposed constitutional amendment or other question to the voters.
- 3242 (2) The lieutenant governor shall:
- 3243 (a) for a proposed constitutional amendment, in accordance with Utah Constitution,
- 3244 Article XXIII, Section 1, publish the entire text of the proposed constitutional
- 3245 amendment for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, as
- 3246 a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102; or
- 3247 (b) for a question other than a proposed constitutional amendment, publish the question
- 3248 for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, as a class A
- 3249 notice under Section 63G-30-102.
- 3250 (3)(a) The ~~[presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall:
- 3251 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) entitle each proposed constitutional amendment "Constitutional Amendment
- 3252 ___" and assign a letter to the constitutional amendment in accordance with the
- 3253 requirements of Section 20A-6-107;
- 3254 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) entitle each proposed question "Proposition Number ___" with the number
- 3255 assigned to the proposition under Section 20A-6-107 placed in the blank;
- 3256 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) draft and designate a ballot title for each proposed amendment or question
- 3257 submitted by the Legislature that:

3258 [(†)] (A) summarizes the subject matter of the amendment or question; and
 3259 [(†)] (B) for a proposed constitutional amendment, summarizes any legislation that
 3260 is enacted and will become effective upon the voters' adoption of the proposed
 3261 constitutional amendment; and

3262 [(‡)] (iv) deliver each letter or number and ballot title to the lieutenant governor.

3263 (b) Consistent with Section 36-12-12, the legislative general counsel performs the duties
 3264 in this section as counsel for the presiding officers.

3265 (4) The lieutenant governor shall certify the letter or number and ballot title of each
 3266 amendment or question to the county clerk of each county no later than 65 calendar days
 3267 before the date of the election.

3268 (5) The county clerk of each county shall:

3269 (a) ensure that the letter or number and the ballot title of each amendment and question
 3270 prepared in accordance with this section are included in the sample ballots and
 3271 official ballots; and

3272 (b) publish the sample ballots and official ballots as provided by law.

3273 Section 36. Section **20A-7-105** is amended to read:

3274 **20A-7-105 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual petition processes -- Obtaining**
 3275 **signatures -- Verification -- Submitting the petition -- Certification of signatures --**
 3276 **Transfer to lieutenant governor -- Removal of signature.**

3277 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process and the manual referendum
 3278 process.

3279 (2) As used in this section:

3280 (a) "Local petition" means:

3281 (i) a manual local initiative petition described in Part 5, Local Initiatives -
 3282 Procedures; or

3283 (ii) a manual local referendum petition described in Part 6, Local Referenda -
 3284 Procedures.

3285 (b) "Packet" means an initiative packet or referendum packet.

3286 (c) "Petition" means a local petition or statewide petition.

3287 (d) "Statewide petition" means:

3288 (i) a manual statewide initiative petition described in Part 2, Statewide Initiatives; or

3289 (ii) a manual statewide referendum petition described in Part 3, Statewide Referenda.

3290 (3)(a) A Utah voter may sign a statewide petition if the voter is a legal voter.

3291 (b) A Utah voter may sign a local petition if the voter:

- 3292 (i) is a legal voter; and
 3293 (ii) resides in the local jurisdiction.
- 3294 (4)(a) The sponsors shall ensure that the individual in whose presence each signature
 3295 sheet was signed:
- 3296 (i) is at least 18 years old;
 3297 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification printed on the last
 3298 page of each packet; and
 3299 (iii) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand:
 3300 (A) for an initiative petition, the law proposed by the initiative; or
 3301 (B) for a referendum petition, the law that the referendum seeks to overturn.
- 3302 (b) An individual may not sign the verification printed on the last page of a packet if the
 3303 individual signed a signature sheet in the packet.
- 3304 (5)(a) The sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall submit a signed and verified
 3305 packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5
 3306 p.m. no later than the earlier of:
- 3307 (i) for a statewide initiative:
 3308 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
 3309 the first individual signs the initiative packet;
 3310 (B) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on
 3311 which the application for the initiative petition is filed; or
 3312 (C) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election
 3313 immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-202;
- 3314 (ii) for a statewide referendum:
 3315 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
 3316 the first individual signs the referendum packet; or
 3317 (B) the first business day that is at least 40 calendar days after the day on which
 3318 the legislative session at which the law passed ends;
- 3319 (iii) for a local initiative:
 3320 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
 3321 the first individual signs the initiative packet;
 3322 (B) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on
 3323 which the application is filed;
 3324 (C) the April 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately
 3325 after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502, if the local initiative is a

- 3326 county initiative; or
- 3327 (D) the April 15 immediately before the next municipal general election
- 3328 immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502, if the local
- 3329 initiative is a municipal initiative; or
- 3330 (iv) for a local referendum:
- 3331 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
- 3332 the first individual signs the referendum packet; or
- 3333 (B) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which
- 3334 the sponsors receive the items described in Subsection 20A-7-604(3) from the
- 3335 local clerk.
- 3336 (b) A person may not submit a packet after the applicable deadline described in
- 3337 Subsection (5)(a).
- 3338 (c) Before delivering an initiative packet to the county clerk under this Subsection (5),
- 3339 the sponsors shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid
- 3340 email address on the signature sheet that includes the following:
- 3341 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
- 3342 Your Petition Signature"; and
- 3343 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:
- 3344 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:
- 3345 [insert title of initiative]
- 3346 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, the fiscal impact statement, and
- 3347 information on the deadline for removing your signature from the petition, please visit the
- 3348 following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the individual directly to the page
- 3349 on the lieutenant governor's or county clerk's website that includes the information referred to
- 3350 in the email]."
- 3351 (d) For a statewide initiative, the sponsors shall, no later than 5 p.m. on the day on which
- 3352 the sponsors submit the last initiative packet to the county clerk, submit to the
- 3353 lieutenant governor:
- 3354 (i) a list containing:
- 3355 (A) the name and email address of each individual the sponsors sent, or caused to
- 3356 be sent, the email described in Subsection (5)(c); and
- 3357 (B) the date the email was sent;
- 3358 (ii) a copy of the email described in Subsection (5)(c); and
- 3359 (iii) the following written verification, completed and signed by each of the sponsors:

3360 "Verification of initiative sponsor State of Utah, County of _____ I, _____,
3361 of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3362 I am a sponsor of the initiative petition entitled _____; and

3363 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email
3364 address on a signature sheet submitted to the county clerk in relation to the initiative petition,
3365 the email described in Utah Code Subsection 20A-7-105(5)(c).

3366

(Name) (Residence Address) (Date).":[-]

3367

3368 (e) For a local initiative, the sponsors shall, no later than 5 p.m. on the day on which the
3369 sponsors submit the last initiative packet to the local clerk, submit to the local clerk
3370 the items described in Subsection (5)(d).

3371 (f) Signatures gathered for an initiative petition are not valid if the sponsors do not
3372 comply with Subsection (5)(c), (d), or (e).

3373 (6)(a) Within 21 calendar days after the day on which the county clerk receives the
3374 packet, the county clerk shall:

3375 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002, or 20A-7-106 if applicable,
3376 to determine whether each signer is a legal voter and, as applicable, the
3377 jurisdiction where the signer is registered to vote;

3378 (ii) for a statewide initiative or a statewide referendum:

3379 (A) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a legal voter;

3380 (B) post the [~~name,~~]voter identification number[-] and the date of signature of
3381 each legal voter certified under Subsection (6)(a)(ii)(A) on the lieutenant
3382 governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant
3383 governor; and

3384 (C) deliver the verified packet to the lieutenant governor;

3385 (iii) for a local initiative or a local referendum:

3386 (A) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a legal voter who is
3387 registered in the jurisdiction to which the initiative or referendum relates;

3388 (B) post the [~~name,~~]voter identification number[-] and the date of signature of
3389 each legal voter certified under Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(A) on the lieutenant
3390 governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant
3391 governor; and

3392 (C) deliver the verified packet to the local clerk.

3393 (b) For a local initiative or local referendum, the local clerk shall post a link in a

- 3394 conspicuous location on the local government's website to the posting described in
3395 Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(B):
- 3396 (i) for a local initiative, during the period of time described in Subsection
3397 20A-7-507(3)(a); or
- 3398 (ii) for a local referendum, during the period of time described in Subsection
3399 20A-7-607(2)(a)(i).
- 3400 (7) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (6):
- 3401 (a) on a packet that is not verified in accordance with Subsection (4); or
- 3402 (b) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.
- 3403 (8)(a) A voter who signs a statewide initiative petition may have the voter's signature
3404 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to
3405 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later
3406 than 5 p.m. the earlier of:
- 3407 (i) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk before December 1:
- 3408 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
3409 the voter signs the signature removal statement; or
- 3410 (B) the first business day that is at least 90 calendar days after the day on which
3411 the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-207(2);
3412 or
- 3413 (ii) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk on or after December 1:
- 3414 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
3415 the voter signs the signature removal statement; or
- 3416 (B) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which
3417 the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-207(2).
- 3418 (b) A voter who signs a statewide referendum petition may have the voter's signature
3419 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to
3420 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later
3421 than 5 p.m. the earlier of:
- 3422 (i) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which the
3423 voter signs the statement requesting removal; or
- 3424 (ii) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which the
3425 lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-307(2).
- 3426 (c) A voter who signs a local initiative petition may have the voter's signature removed
3427 from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to the

3428 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later than
3429 5 p.m. the earlier of:

3430 (i) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which the
3431 voter signs the signature removal statement;

3432 (ii) the first business day that is at least 90 calendar days after the day on which the
3433 local clerk posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-507(2);

3434 (iii) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on
3435 which the application is filed; or

3436 (iv)(A) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular
3437 general election immediately after the application is filed under Section
3438 20A-7-502; or

3439 (B) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal
3440 general election immediately after the application is filed under Section
3441 20A-7-502.

3442 (d) A voter who signs a local referendum petition may have the voter's signature
3443 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to
3444 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later
3445 than 5 p.m. the earlier of:

3446 (i) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which the
3447 voter signs the statement requesting removal; or

3448 (ii) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which the
3449 local clerk posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-607(2)(a).

3450 (e) In order for the signature to be removed, the county clerk must receive the statement
3451 described in this Subsection (8) before 5 p.m. no later than the applicable deadline
3452 described in this Subsection (8).

3453 (f) A county clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature from a
3454 petition, in accordance with Subsection 20A-1-1003(3).

3455 (9)(a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under
3456 Subsection (8) and determines that the signature should be removed from the petition
3457 under Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the county clerk shall:

3458 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are
3459 not included in the posting described in Subsection (6)(a)(ii)(B) or (iii)(B); and

3460 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the signature packets and signature packet
3461 totals.

- 3462 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (9)(a) before the later of:
- 3463 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (6)(a); or
- 3464 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
- 3465 requesting signature removal under Subsection (8).

3466 (10) A person may not retrieve a packet from a county clerk, or make any alterations or

3467 corrections to a packet, after the packet is submitted to the county clerk.

3468 Section 37. Section **20A-7-203** is amended to read:

3469 **20A-7-203 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative**

3470 **petition and signature sheets.**

3471 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

3472 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3473 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable ____, Lieutenant Governor:

3474 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed

3475 law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or rejection at the

3476 regular general election/session to be held/ beginning on _____(month\day\year);

3477 Each signer says:

3478 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying

3479 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the

3480 initials "AV" as my signature;

3481 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the

3482 initiative petition;

3483 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3484 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3485 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.

3486 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3487 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be

3488 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter

3489 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3490 NOTICE TO SIGNERS:

3491 Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public

3492 hearings.)".

3493 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least

3494 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

3495 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax

3496 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
3497 increase in the current tax rate."[:]

3498 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
3499 proposed law to each initiative petition.

3500 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

3501 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3502 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the
3503 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3504 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,
3505 bold type;

3506 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch
3507 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3508 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3509 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
3510 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3511 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

3512 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

3513 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3514 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3515 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
3516 type;

3517 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3518 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3519 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

3520 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3521 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3522 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3523 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

3524 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

3525 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3526 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;

3527 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

3528 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;

3529 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

- 3530 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 3531 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3532 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3533 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 3534 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 3535 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 3536 and contain the following statement, "By signing this initiative petition, you are
- 3537 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
- 3538 petition." in 12-point type;
- 3539 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 3540 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 3541 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 3542 (i) the words "Fiscal Impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
- 3543 12-point, bold type;
- 3544 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (5), the initial fiscal impact statement issued by
- 3545 the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with Subsection
- 3546 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in accordance with Subsection
- 3547 20A-7-204.1(5), in not less than 12-point type;
- 3548 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:
- 3549 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
- 3550 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
- 3551 increase in the current tax rate."; and
- 3552 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not
- 3553 less than eight-point type:
- 3554 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
- 3555 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
- 3556 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
- 3557 that the individual is not a registered voter.
- 3558 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
- 3559 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
- 3560 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
- 3561 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."
- 3562 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
- 3563 statement:

3564 Verification of signature collector

3565 State of Utah, County of ____

3566 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3567 I am at least 18 years old;

3568 All the names that appear in this initiative packet were signed by individuals who
3569 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed
3570 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying
3571 disability, I have signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the
3572 individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's
3573 signature;

3574 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative
3575 packet by the initials "AV":

3576 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative
3577 petition on the individual's behalf;

3578 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
3579 capacity to give direction or consent;

3580 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
3581 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

3582 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
3583 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

3584 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
3585 sheet;

3586 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by
3587 the initiative;

3588 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
3589 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is
3590 registered to vote in Utah;

3591 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

3592 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this initiative
3593 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3594 _____
3595 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

3596 (5) If the initial fiscal impact statement described in Subsection (3)(f)(ii), as updated in
3597 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), exceeds 200 words, the Office of the

3598 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall prepare a shorter summary statement, for the purpose of
3599 inclusion on an initiative signature sheet, that does not exceed 200 words.

3600 (6) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions
3601 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3602 Section 38. Section **20A-7-215** is amended to read:

3603 **20A-7-215 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative**
3604 **petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3605 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

3606 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3607 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, Lieutenant
3608 Governor:

3609 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following
3610 proposed law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or
3611 rejection at the regular general election/session to be held/beginning on
3612 _____(month\day\year)."

3613 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
3614 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3615 understand the information presented on this screen."

3616 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
3617 statement:

3618 "Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public
3619 hearings.)".

3620 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
3621 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3622 and understand the information presented on this screen."

3623 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of
3624 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-202(2)(e)(i), followed by the entire text
3625 of the proposed law.

3626 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
3627 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3628 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."

3629 (5) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the
3630 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to
3631 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement: "By clicking here, I

3632 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":

3633 (a) a description of all proposed sources of funding for the costs associated with the

3634 proposed law, including the proposed percentage of total funding from each source;

3635 (b)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative

3636 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage

3637 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent

3638 increase in the current tax rate."; or

3639 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This

3640 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";

3641 (c) the initial fiscal impact statement issued by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal

3642 Analyst in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in

3643 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5)(b);

3644 (d) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition

3645 may be paid for gathering signatures; and

3646 (e) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

3647 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

3648 I am personally signing this initiative petition;

3649 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3650 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is

3651 accurate.

3652 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name

3653 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than

3654 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows

3655 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3656 [WARNING

3657 ~~Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter~~

3658 ~~identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be~~

3659 ~~made public.]~~

3660 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3661 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be

3662 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter

3663 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3664 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

3665 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection

- 3666 (5)(e), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your
3667 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."
- 3668 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
3669 (5)(e), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
3670 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the initiative petition through the
3671 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.
- 3672 Section 39. Section **20A-7-217** is amended to read:
- 3673 **20A-7-217 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Collecting**
3674 **signatures -- Email notification -- Removal of signatures.**
- 3675 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.
- 3676 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., the earlier of:
- 3677 (a) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on which
3678 the initiative application is filed; or
- 3679 (b) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately
3680 after the initiative application is filed under Section 20A-7-202.
- 3681 (3) The lieutenant governor shall send to each individual who provides a valid email
3682 address during the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:
- 3683 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
3684 Your Petition Signature"; and
- 3685 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:
3686 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:
3687 [insert title of initiative]
- 3688 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the text of the law proposed by the initiative,
3689 the fiscal impact statement, and information on the deadline for removing your signature from
3690 the initiative petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that
3691 takes the individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the
3692 information referred to in the email]."
- 3693 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days
3694 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs an initiative petition is
3695 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [name,]voter identification number[,] and
3696 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a
3697 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor.
- 3698 (5)(a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under
3699 Subsection 20A-7-216(4), the county clerk shall:

3700 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are
3701 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

3702 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the initiative petition and the initiative petition
3703 signature totals.

3704 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

3705 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

3706 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
3707 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-216(4).

3708 Section 40. Section **20A-7-303** is amended to read:

3709 **20A-7-303 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual referendum process -- Form of**
3710 **referendum petition and signature sheets.**

3711 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

3712 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3713 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, Lieutenant Governor:

3714 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill No.

3715 ____, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth here

3716 the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state of

3717 Utah during the ____ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or rejection

3718 at a regular general election or a statewide special election;

3719 Each signer says:

3720 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a

3721 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer

3722 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

3723 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the

3724 referendum petition;

3725 I have personally read the entire statement included with this referendum packet;

3726 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3727 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.[":]

3728 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3729 **If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be**

3730 **publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter**

3731 **registration record that has been classified as a private record.**"

3732 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the

3733 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

- 3734 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:
- 3735 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 3736 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the
- 3737 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
- 3738 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
- 3739 14-point, bold type;
- 3740 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
- 3741 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
- 3742 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
- 3743 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
- 3744 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
- 3745 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
- 3746 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3747 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3748 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3749 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
- 3750 type;
- 3751 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3752 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3753 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 3754 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3755 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3756 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3757 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 3758 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3759 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3760 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 3761 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3762 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 3763 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3764 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 3765 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3766 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3767 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;

3768 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
 3769 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
 3770 and contain the following words "By signing this referendum petition, you are
 3771 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition
 3772 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

3773 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
 3774 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

3775 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by
 3776 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

3777 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
 3778 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 3779 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
 3780 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3781 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
 3782 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
 3783 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
 3784 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3785 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed
 3786 statement:

3787 Verification of signature collector

3788 State of Utah, County of ____

3789 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3790 I am at least 18 years old;

3791 All the names that appear in this referendum packet were signed by individuals who
 3792 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed
 3793 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying
 3794 disability, I have signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of
 3795 the individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's
 3796 signature;

3797 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum
 3798 packet by the initials "AV":

3799 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum
 3800 petition on the individual's behalf;

3801 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental

3802 capacity to give direction or consent;

3803 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
 3804 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's
 3805 behalf;

3806 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
 3807 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

3808 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
 3809 sheet;

3810 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
 3811 seeks to overturn;

3812 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
 3813 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each
 3814 signer is registered to vote in Utah;

3815 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

3816 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum
 3817 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3818 _____
 3819 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date).

3820 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
 3821 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3822 Section 41. Section **20A-7-313** is amended to read:

3823 **20A-7-313 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Form of**
 3824 **referendum petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3825 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

3826 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3827 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable ____, Lieutenant
 3828 Governor:

3829 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill
 3830 No. ____, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth
 3831 here the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state
 3832 of Utah during the ____ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or
 3833 rejection at a regular general election or a statewide special election."

3834 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
 3835 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and

3836 understand the information presented on this screen."

3837 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text
3838 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

3839 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
3840 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3841 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum
3842 petition."

3843 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement
3844 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be
3845 paid for gathering signatures.

3846 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
3847 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3848 understand the information presented on this screen."

3849 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,
3850 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

3851 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

3852 I am personally signing this referendum petition;

3853 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3854 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
3855 accurate.

3856 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
3857 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3858 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
3859 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3860 [WARNING

3861 ~~Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter~~
3862 ~~identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this referendum petition will~~
3863 ~~be made public.]~~

3864 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3865 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be
3866 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3867 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3868 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

3869 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),

3870 the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.

3871 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3872 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),

3873 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the

3874 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the

3875 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3876 Section 42. Section **20A-7-315** is amended to read:

3877 **20A-7-315 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Collecting**

3878 **signatures -- Removal of signatures.**

3879 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

3880 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., 40 calendar days after the
3881 day on which the legislative session at which the law passed ends.

3882 (3) The lieutenant governor shall send to each individual who provides a valid email
3883 address during the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

3884 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
3885 Your Petition Signature"; and

3886 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

3887 "You signed a petition for the following referendum:

3888 [insert title of referendum]

3889 To access a copy of the referendum petition, the law that is the subject of the referendum
3890 petition, and information on the deadline for removing your signature from the referendum
3891 petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the
3892 individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the
3893 information referred to in the email]."

3894 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days
3895 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs a referendum petition is
3896 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [name,] voter identification number[,], and
3897 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a
3898 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor.

3899 (5)(a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under
3900 Subsection 20A-7-314(4), the county clerk shall:

3901 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are
3902 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

3903 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the referendum petition and the signature totals.

- 3904 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:
 3905 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or
 3906 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
 3907 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-314(4).

3908 Section 43. Section **20A-7-503** is amended to read:

3909 **20A-7-503 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative**
 3910 **petition and signature sheet.**

3911 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

3912 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3913 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable _____, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town
 3914 Clerk:

3915 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed
 3916 law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next meeting; and
 3917 the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the proposed law or
 3918 takes no action on it.

3919 Each signer says:

3920 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying
 3921 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the
 3922 initials "AV" as my signature;

3923 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
 3924 petition;

3925 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3926 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3927 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

3928 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3929 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be
 3930 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
 3931 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

3932 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least
 3933 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

3934 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
 3935 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
 3936 increase in the current tax rate."

3937 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the

- 3938 proposed law to each initiative petition.
- 3939 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:
- 3940 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 3941 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the
- 3942 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
- 3943 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,
- 3944 bold type;
- 3945 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch
- 3946 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
- 3947 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
- 3948 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
- 3949 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
- 3950 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
- 3951 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3952 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3953 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3954 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
- 3955 type;
- 3956 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3957 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3958 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 3959 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3960 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3961 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3962 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 3963 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3964 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3965 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 3966 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3967 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 3968 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3969 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 3970 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3971 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

- 3972 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 3973 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 3974 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 3975 and contain the following words "By signing this initiative petition, you are
- 3976 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
- 3977 petition." in 12-point type;
- 3978 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 3979 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 3980 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 3981 (i) the words "Fiscal and legal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at
- 3982 least 12-point, bold type;
- 3983 (ii) the summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by
- 3984 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost
- 3985 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition
- 3986 in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3), in not less than 12-point, bold
- 3987 type;
- 3988 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:
- 3989 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
- 3990 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
- 3991 increase in the current tax rate."; and
- 3992 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not
- 3993 less than eight-point type:
- 3994 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
- 3995 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
- 3996 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
- 3997 that the individual is not a registered voter.
- 3998 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
- 3999 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
- 4000 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
- 4001 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."
- 4002 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
- 4003 statement:
- 4004 "Verification of signature collector
- 4005 State of Utah, County of _____

4006 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

4007 I am at least 18 years old;

4008 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
4009 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
4010 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have
4011 signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and in
4012 the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

4013 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative
4014 packet by the initials "AV":

4015 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative
4016 petition on the individual's behalf;

4017 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
4018 capacity to give direction or consent;

4019 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
4020 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

4021 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
4022 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

4023 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
4024 sheet;

4025 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by
4026 the initiative; and

4027 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
4028 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is
4029 registered to vote in Utah.

4030 _____
4031 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

4032 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

4033 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to
4034 encourage that individual to sign it.

4035 _____
4036 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

4037 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions
4038 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

4039 Section 44. Section **20A-7-514** is amended to read:

4040 **20A-7-514 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative**
4041 **petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

- 4042 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.
- 4043 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:
4044 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, County Clerk/City
4045 Recorder/Town Clerk:
4046 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following
4047 proposed law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next
4048 meeting; and the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the
4049 proposed law or takes no action on it."
- 4050 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
4051 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
4052 understand the information presented on this screen."
- 4053 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of
4054 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-502(2)(d)(i), followed by the entire text
4055 of the proposed law.
- 4056 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
4057 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
4058 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."
- 4059 (4) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the
4060 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to
4061 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement, "By clicking here, I
4062 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":
- 4063 (a)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative
4064 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage
4065 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
4066 increase in the current tax rate."; or
4067 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This
4068 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";
- 4069 (b) the summary statement from the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by
4070 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost
4071 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition in
4072 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3);
- 4073 (c) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition

4074 may be paid for gathering signatures; and
 4075 (d) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":
 4076 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;
 4077 I am personally signing this petition;
 4078 I am registered to vote in Utah; and
 4079 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
 4080 accurate.

4081 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
 4082 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 4083 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
 4084 that the individual is not a registered voter.

4085 [WARNING

4086 ~~Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter~~
 4087 ~~identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be~~
 4088 ~~made public.]~~

4089 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4090 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be
 4091 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
 4092 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

4093 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

4094 (5)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
 4095 (4)(d), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your
 4096 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

4097 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
 4098 (4)(d), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
 4099 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the petition through the signature
 4100 process described in Section 20A-21-201.

4101 Section 45. Section **20A-7-516** is amended to read:

4102 **20A-7-516 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Collecting**
 4103 **signatures -- Email notification -- Removal of signatures.**

4104 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

4105 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., the earlier of:

4106 (a) 316 calendar days after the day on which the initiative application is filed; or

4107 (b)(i) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general

4108 election immediately after the initiative application is filed under Section
4109 20A-7-502; or

4110 (ii) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal general
4111 election immediately after the initiative application is filed under Section
4112 20A-7-502.

4113 (3) The local clerk shall send to each individual who provides a valid email address during
4114 the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

4115 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
4116 Your Petition Signature"; and

4117 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

4118 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

4119 [insert title of initiative]

4120 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the text of the law proposed by the initiative,
4121 the initial fiscal impact and legal statement, and information on the deadline for removing your
4122 signature from the initiative petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource
4123 locator that takes the individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that
4124 includes the information referred to in the email]."

4125 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days
4126 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs an initiative petition is
4127 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [~~name,~~]voter identification number[~~,~~] and
4128 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a
4129 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor.

4130 (5)(a) If the local clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under
4131 Subsection 20A-7-515(4), the local clerk shall:

4132 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are
4133 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

4134 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the initiative petition and the initiative petition
4135 signature totals.

4136 (b) The local clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

4137 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

4138 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
4139 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-515(4).

4140 Section 46. Section **20A-7-603** is amended to read:

4141 **20A-7-603 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual referendum process -- Form of**

4142 **referendum petition and signature sheet.**

4143 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

4144 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

4145 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable _____, County Clerk/City

4146 Recorder/Town Clerk:

4147 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that (description of local law or

4148 portion of local law being challenged), passed by the _____ be referred to the voters for their

4149 approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on

4150 _____(month\day\year);

4151 Each signer says:

4152 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a

4153 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer

4154 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

4155 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the

4156 petition;

4157 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

4158 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

4159 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

4160 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS4161 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be4162 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter4163 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

4164 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the

4165 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

4166 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

4167 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;4168 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the

4169 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

4170 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least

4171 14-point type;

4172 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch

4173 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

4174 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

4175 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For

- 4176 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
- 4177 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
- 4178 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4179 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 4180 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4181 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
- 4182 type;
- 4183 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4184 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4185 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 4186 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4187 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 4188 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4189 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 4190 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4191 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4192 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 4193 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4194 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 4195 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4196 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 4197 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4198 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4199 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 4200 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 4201 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 4202 and contain the following words, "By signing this referendum petition, you are
- 4203 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition
- 4204 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;
- 4205 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 4206 the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 4207 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by
- 4208 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:
- 4209 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name

4210 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
4211 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
4212 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

4213 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
4214 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
4215 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
4216 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

4217 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed
4218 statement:

4219 "Verification of signature collector

4220 State of Utah, County of ____

4221 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

4222 I am at least 18 years old;

4223 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
4224 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
4225 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have
4226 signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and
4227 in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

4228 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum
4229 packet by the initials "AV":

4230 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum
4231 petition on the individual's behalf;

4232 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
4233 capacity to give direction or consent;

4234 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
4235 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's
4236 behalf;

4237 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
4238 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

4239 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
4240 sheet;

4241 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
4242 seeks to overturn; and

4243 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written

4244 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each
 4245 signer is registered to vote in Utah.

4246

4247 _____
 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

4248 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

4249 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum
 4250 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

4251

4252 _____
 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

4253 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
 4254 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

4255 Section 47. Section **20A-7-614** is amended to read:

4256 **20A-7-614 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Form of**
 4257 **referendum petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

4258 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

4259 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

4260 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable ____, County
 4261 Clerk/City Recorder/Town Clerk:

4262 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that (description of local
 4263 law or portion of local law being challenged), passed by the ____ be referred to the voters for
 4264 their approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on
 4265 _____(month\day\year)."

4266 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
 4267 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
 4268 understand the information presented on this screen."

4269 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text
 4270 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

4271 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
 4272 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
 4273 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum
 4274 petition."

4275 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement
 4276 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be
 4277 paid for gathering signatures.

4278 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
4279 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
4280 and understand the information presented on this screen."

4281 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,
4282 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

4283 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

4284 I am personally signing this referendum petition;

4285 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

4286 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
4287 accurate.

4288 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
4289 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
4290 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
4291 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

4292 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4293 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be
4294 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
4295 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

4296 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

4297 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),
4298 the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.
4299 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

4300 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),
4301 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
4302 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the
4303 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

4304 Section 48. Section **20A-7-616** is amended to read:

4305 **20A-7-616 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Collecting**
4306 **signatures -- Removal of signatures.**

4307 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

4308 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m. 45 calendar days after the
4309 day on which the first three sponsors receive notice, under Section 20A-7-602.7 or
4310 20A-7-602.8, that the referendum is legally referable to voters.

4311 (3) The local clerk shall send to each individual who provides a valid email address during

4312 the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

4313 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
4314 Your Petition Signature"; and

4315 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

4316 "You signed a petition for the following referendum:

4317 [insert title of referendum]

4318 To access a copy of the referendum petition, the law that is the subject of the referendum
4319 petition, and information on the deadline for removing your signature from the referendum
4320 petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the
4321 individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the
4322 information referred to in the email]."

4323 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days
4324 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs a referendum petition is
4325 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [name,] voter identification number[,] and
4326 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a
4327 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 45 calendar days.

4328 (5)(a) If the local clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under
4329 Subsection 20A-7-615(4), the local clerk shall:

4330 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are
4331 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

4332 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the referendum petition and the signature totals.

4333 (b) The local clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

4334 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

4335 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement
4336 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-615(4).

4337 Section 49. Section **20A-7-702** is amended to read:

4338 **20A-7-702 (Effective upon governor's approval). Voter information pamphlet --**
4339 **Form -- Contents.**

4340 The voter information pamphlet shall contain the following items in this order:

4341 (1) a cover title page;

4342 (2) an introduction to the pamphlet by the lieutenant governor;

4343 (3) a table of contents;

4344 (4) a list of all candidates for constitutional offices;

4345 (5) a list of candidates for each legislative district;

- 4346 (6) a 100-word statement of qualifications for each candidate for the office of governor,
4347 lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, or state treasurer, if submitted by the
4348 candidate to the lieutenant governor's office before 5 p.m. on the first business day in
4349 August before the date of the election;
- 4350 (7) information pertaining to all measures to be submitted to the voters, beginning a new
4351 page for each measure and containing, in the following order for each measure:
- 4352 (a) a copy of the number and ballot title of the measure;
- 4353 (b) the final vote cast by the Legislature on the measure if it is a measure submitted by
4354 the Legislature or by referendum;
- 4355 (c)(i) for a measure other than a measure described in Section 20A-7-103, the
4356 impartial analysis of the measure prepared by the Office of Legislative Research
4357 and General Counsel; or
- 4358 (ii) for a measure described in Section 20A-7-103, the analysis of the measure
4359 prepared by the ~~[presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel;
- 4360 (d) the arguments in favor of the measure, the rebuttal to the arguments in favor of the
4361 measure, the arguments against the measure, and the rebuttal to the arguments against
4362 the measure, with the name and title of the authors at the end of each argument or
4363 rebuttal;
- 4364 (e) for each constitutional amendment, a complete copy of the text of the constitutional
4365 amendment, with all new language underlined, and all deleted language placed within
4366 brackets;
- 4367 (f) for each initiative qualified for the ballot:
- 4368 (i) a copy of the initiative as certified by the lieutenant governor and a copy of the
4369 initial fiscal impact statement prepared according to Section 20A-7-202.5; and
- 4370 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in bold type:
4371 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
4372 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
4373 increase in the current tax rate."; and
- 4374 (g) for each referendum qualified for the ballot, a complete copy of the text of the law
4375 being submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection, with all new language
4376 underlined and all deleted language placed within brackets, as applicable;
- 4377 (8) a description provided by the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission of the
4378 selection and retention process for judges, including, in the following order:
- 4379 (a) a description of the judicial selection process;

- 4380 (b) a description of the judicial performance evaluation process;
- 4381 (c) a description of the judicial retention election process;
- 4382 (d) a list of the criteria of the judicial performance evaluation and the certification
- 4383 standards;
- 4384 (e) the names of the judges standing for retention election; and
- 4385 (f) for each judge:
- 4386 (i) a list of the counties in which the judge is subject to retention election;
- 4387 (ii) a short biography of professional qualifications and a recent photograph;
- 4388 (iii) a narrative concerning the judge's performance;
- 4389 (iv) for each certification standard under Section 78A-12-205, a statement identifying
- 4390 whether, under Section 78A-12-205, the judge met the standard and, if not, the
- 4391 manner in which the judge failed to meet the standard;
- 4392 (v) a statement that the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission:
- 4393 (A) has determined that the judge meets or exceeds minimum performance
- 4394 standards;
- 4395 (B) has determined that the judge does not meet or exceed minimum performance
- 4396 standards; or
- 4397 (C) has not made a determination regarding whether the judge meets or exceeds
- 4398 minimum performance standards;
- 4399 (vi) any statement, described in Subsection 78A-12-206(3)(b), provided by a judge
- 4400 whom the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission determines does not meet
- 4401 or exceed minimum performance standards;
- 4402 (vii) in a bar graph, the average of responses to each survey category, displayed with
- 4403 an identification of the minimum acceptable score as set by Section 78A-12-205
- 4404 and the average score of all judges of the same court level; and
- 4405 (viii) a website address that contains the Judicial Performance Evaluation
- 4406 Commission's report on the judge's performance evaluation;
- 4407 (9) for each judge, a statement provided by the Utah Supreme Court identifying the
- 4408 cumulative number of informal reprimands, when consented to by the judge in
- 4409 accordance with Title 78A, Chapter 11, Judicial Conduct Commission, formal
- 4410 reprimands, and all orders of censure and suspension issued by the Utah Supreme Court
- 4411 under Utah Constitution, Article VIII, Section 13, during the judge's current term and the
- 4412 immediately preceding term, and a detailed summary of the supporting reasons for each
- 4413 violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct that the judge has received;

- 4414 (10) an explanation of ballot marking procedures prepared by the lieutenant governor,
- 4415 indicating the ballot marking procedure used by each county and explaining how to
- 4416 mark the ballot for each procedure;
- 4417 (11) voter registration information, including information on how to obtain a ballot;
- 4418 (12) a list of all county clerks' offices and phone numbers;
- 4419 (13) the address of the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website, with a statement
- 4420 indicating that the election officer will post on the website any changes to the location of
- 4421 a polling place and the location of any additional polling place;
- 4422 (14) a phone number that a voter may call to obtain information regarding the location of a
- 4423 polling place; and
- 4424 (15) on the back cover page, a printed copy of the following statement signed by the lieutenant
- 4425 governor:

4426 "I, _____ (print name), Lieutenant Governor of Utah, certify that the

4427 measures contained in this pamphlet will be submitted to the voters of Utah at the election to

4428 be held throughout the state on ____ (date of election), and that this pamphlet is complete and

4429 correct according to law.

4430 SEAL

4431 Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Salt Lake City, Utah this ____ day

4432 of ____ (month), ____ (year)

4433

(signed) _____

4434

Lieutenant Governor".

4435 Section 50. Section **20A-7-703.1** is amended to read:

4436 **20A-7-703.1 (Effective upon governor's approval). Analysis of measure**

4437 **submitted to voters by Legislature -- Determination of fiscal effects.**

4438 [~~(1) The presiding officers shall:~~]

4439 [~~(a) prepare an analysis of each measure, described in Section 20A-7-103, that is~~

4440 ~~submitted to the voters by the Legislature; and]~~

4441 [~~(b) submit the analysis to the lieutenant governor no later than 90 calendar days before~~

4442 ~~the date of the election in which the measure will appear on the ballot.]~~

4443 (1) As provided in this section, the legislative general counsel shall prepare an analysis of

4444 each measure described in Section 20A-7-103 that the Legislature submits to the voters.

4445 (2) The [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall ensure that the analysis:

- 4446 (a) is not more than 1,000 words long;
- 4447 (b) is prepared in clear and concise language that will easily be understood by the
- 4448 average voter;
- 4449 (c) to the extent possible, avoids the use of technical terms;
- 4450 (d) shows the effect of the measure on existing law;
- 4451 (e) describes the measure;
- 4452 (f) identifies the measure's fiscal effects over the time period or time periods determined
- 4453 by the ~~[presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel to be most useful in
- 4454 understanding the estimated fiscal impact of the measure; and
- 4455 (g) identifies the amount of any increase or decrease in revenue or cost to state or local
- 4456 government.
- 4457 (3) The ~~[presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall analyze the measure as the
- 4458 measure is proposed to be adopted, without considering any implementing legislation,
- 4459 unless the implementing legislation has been enacted and will become effective upon the
- 4460 adoption of the measure by the voters.
- 4461 (4)(a) In determining the fiscal effects of a measure, the ~~[presiding officers]~~ legislative
- 4462 general counsel shall confer with the legislative fiscal analyst.
- 4463 (b) The ~~[presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall consider any measure that
- 4464 requires implementing legislation in order to take effect to have no financial effect,
- 4465 unless implementing legislation has been enacted that will become effective upon
- 4466 adoption of the measure by the voters.
- 4467 (5) If the ~~[presiding officers request]~~ legislative general counsel requests the assistance of
- 4468 any state department, agency, or official in preparing the analysis described in this
- 4469 section, that department, agency, or official shall assist the ~~[presiding officers]~~ legislative
- 4470 general counsel.
- 4471 (6) The legislative general counsel shall submit the analysis to the lieutenant governor no
- 4472 later than 90 calendar days before the date of the election in which the measure will
- 4473 appear on the ballot.
- 4474 (7) Consistent with Section 36-12-12, the legislative general counsel performs the duties in
- 4475 this section as counsel for the presiding officers.
- 4476 Section 51. Section **20A-8-103** is amended to read:
- 4477 **20A-8-103 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition procedures -- Criminal penalty --**
- 4478 **Removal of signature.**
- 4479 (1) As used in this section, the proposed name or emblem of a registered political party is

4480 "distinguishable" if a reasonable person of average intelligence will be able to perceive a
 4481 difference between the proposed name or emblem and any name or emblem currently
 4482 being used by another registered political party.

4483 (2) To become a registered political party, an organization of registered voters that is not a
 4484 continuing political party shall:

4485 (a) circulate a petition seeking registered political party status beginning no earlier than
 4486 the date of the statewide canvass held after the last regular general election and
 4487 ending before 5 p.m. no later than November 30 of the year before the year in which
 4488 the next regular general election will be held;

4489 (b) file a petition with the lieutenant governor that is signed, with a holographic
 4490 signature, by at least 2,000 registered voters before 5 p.m. no later than November 30
 4491 of the year in which a regular general election will be held; and

4492 (c) file, with the petition described in Subsection (2)(b), a document certifying:

4493 (i) the identity of one or more registered political parties whose members may vote
 4494 for the organization's candidates;

4495 (ii) whether unaffiliated voters may vote for the organization's candidates; and

4496 (iii) whether, for the next election, the organization intends to nominate the
 4497 organization's candidates in accordance with the provisions of Section 20A-9-406.

4498 (3) The petition shall:

4499 (a) be on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

4500 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~3/4 inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the space
 4501 above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

4502 (c) contain the name of the political party and the words "Political Party Registration
 4503 Petition" printed directly below the horizontal line;

4504 (d) contain the [~~word "Warning" printed~~] following statement directly under the words
 4505 described in Subsection (3)(c)[;] , in at least the same size type as the majority of the
 4506 other statements on the page:

4507 [~~(e) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed in not less~~
 4508 ~~than eight-point, single-leaded type:]~~

4509 "WARNING

4510 ["]It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a political party registration
 4511 petition signature sheet with any name other than the individual's own name or more than once
 4512 for the same party or if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend
 4513 to become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant

4514 governor.[";]

4515 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4516 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be
 4517 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
 4518 registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

4519 [(f)] (e) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [
 4520 (3)(e)] (3)(d):

4521 "POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION PETITION To the Honorable _____,
 4522 Lieutenant Governor:

4523 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, seek registered political party status for _____
 4524 (name);

4525 Each signer says:

4526 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

4527 I am registered to vote in Utah or will register to vote in Utah before the petition is
 4528 submitted to the lieutenant governor;

4529 I am or desire to become a member of the political party; and

4530 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

4531 [(g)] (f) be vertically divided into columns as follows:

4532 (i) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be 5/8 inch wide, be
 4533 headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a light vertical line
 4534 down the middle;

4535 (ii) the next column shall be [2-1/2] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's
 4536 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";

4537 (iii) the next column shall be [2-1/2] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Holographic Signature
 4538 of Registered Voter";

4539 (iv) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age (Optional)";

4540 (v) the final column shall be [4-3/8] 4.375 inches wide, headed "Street Address, City,
 4541 Zip Code"; and

4542 (vi) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age
 4543 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter
 4544 registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
 4545 certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures
 4546 are certified or if the information you provide does not match your voter
 4547 registration records.";

4548 [(h)] (g) have a final page bound to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that
4549 contains the following printed statement:

4550 "Verification
4551 State of Utah, County of ____

4552 I, _____, of _____, hereby state that:

4553 I am at least 18 years old;

4554 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by
4555 individuals who professed to be the individuals whose names appear on the signature sheets,
4556 and each individual signed the individual's name on the signature sheets in my presence; and

4557 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
4558 the individual's street address correctly, and that each individual is registered to vote in Utah or
4559 will register to vote in Utah before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant governor.

4560 _____
4561 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)"; and

4562 [(+) (h) be bound to a cover sheet that:

4563 (i) identifies the political party's name, which may not exceed four words, and the
4564 emblem of the party;

4565 (ii) states the process that the organization will follow to organize and adopt a
4566 constitution and bylaws; and

4567 (iii) is signed by a filing officer, who agrees to receive communications on behalf of
4568 the organization.

4569 (4) The filing officer described in Subsection [~~(3)(i)(iii)] (3)(h)(iii) shall ensure that the
4570 individual in whose presence each signature sheet is signed:~~

4571 (a) is at least 18 years old; and

4572 (b) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more
4573 signature sheets that are bound together.

4574 (5) An individual may not sign the verification if the individual signed a signature sheet
4575 bound to the verification.

4576 (6) The lieutenant governor shall:

4577 (a) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer is
4578 a registered voter;

4579 (b) review the proposed name and emblem to determine if they are "distinguishable"
4580 from the names and emblems of other registered political parties; and

4581 (c) certify the lieutenant governor's findings to the filing officer described in Subsection [

4582 ~~(3)(i)(iii)]~~ (3)(h)(iii) within 30 calendar days after the day on which the organization
4583 files the petition described in Subsection (2)(b).

4584 (7)(a) If the lieutenant governor determines that the petition meets the requirements of
4585 this section, and that the proposed name and emblem are distinguishable, the
4586 lieutenant governor shall authorize the filing officer described in Subsection [
4587 ~~(3)(i)(iii)]~~ (3)(h)(iii) to organize the prospective political party.

4588 (b) If the lieutenant governor finds that the name, emblem, or both are not
4589 distinguishable from the names and emblems of other registered political parties, the
4590 lieutenant governor shall notify the filing officer that the filing officer has seven
4591 calendar days to electronically submit a new name or emblem to the lieutenant
4592 governor.

4593 (8) A registered political party may not change its name or emblem during the regular
4594 general election cycle.

4595 (9)(a) It is unlawful for an individual to:

4596 (i) knowingly sign a political party registration petition:

4597 (A) with any name other than the individual's own name;

4598 (B) more than once for the same political party; or

4599 (C) if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
4600 become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the
4601 lieutenant governor; or

4602 (ii) sign the verification of a political party registration petition signature sheet if the
4603 individual:

4604 (A) has not witnessed the signing by those individuals whose names appear on the
4605 political party registration petition signature sheet; or

4606 (B) knows that an individual whose signature appears on the political party
4607 registration petition signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and
4608 does not intend to become registered to vote in this state.

4609 (b) An individual who violates this Subsection (9) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

4610 (10)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
4611 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
4612 which the petition is filed with the lieutenant governor, submitting to the lieutenant
4613 governor a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

4614 (b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4615 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4616 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection
4617 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a
4618 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4619 Section 52. Section **20A-9-203** is amended to read:

4620 **20A-9-203 (Effective 05/25/26). Declarations of candidacy -- Municipal general**
4621 **elections -- Nomination petition -- Removal of signature.**

4622 (1) An individual may become a candidate for any municipal office if:

4623 (a) the individual is a registered voter; and

4624 (b)(i) the individual has resided within the municipality in which the individual seeks
4625 to hold elective office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date
4626 of the election; or

4627 (ii) the territory in which the individual resides was annexed into the municipality,
4628 the individual has resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12
4629 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.

4630 (2)(a) For purposes of determining whether an individual meets the residency
4631 requirement of Subsection (1)(b)(i) in a municipality that was incorporated less than
4632 12 months before the election, the municipality is considered to have been
4633 incorporated 12 months before the date of the election.

4634 (b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), each candidate for a municipal
4635 council position shall, if elected from a district, be a resident of the council district
4636 from which the candidate is elected.

4637 (c) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article IV, Section 6, a mentally incompetent
4638 individual, an individual convicted of a felony, or an individual convicted of treason
4639 or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the
4640 right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5.

4641 (3)(a) An individual seeking to become a candidate for a municipal office shall,
4642 regardless of the nomination method by which the individual is seeking to become a
4643 candidate:

4644 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), [~~Section 10-2a-214, or Chapter 4, Part 6,~~
4645 ~~Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project,~~] and subject to Subsection
4646 20A-9-404(3)(e), file a declaration of candidacy, in person with the city recorder
4647 or town clerk, during the filing period described in Subsection (3)(d) and the
4648 office hours described in Subsection 10-3-301(3); and

4649 (ii) pay the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.

- 4650 (b) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), an individual may designate an agent to file a
4651 declaration of candidacy with the city recorder or town clerk if:
- 4652 (i) the individual is located outside of the state during the entire filing period;
4653 (ii) the designated agent appears in person before the city recorder or town clerk;
4654 (iii) the individual communicates with the city recorder or town clerk using an
4655 electronic device that allows the individual and city recorder or town clerk to see
4656 and hear each other; and
4657 (iv) the individual provides the city recorder or town clerk with an email address to
4658 which the city recorder or town clerk may send the individual the copies described
4659 in Subsection (4).
- 4660 (c) Any resident of a municipality may nominate a candidate for a municipal office by:
- 4661 (i) ~~[except as provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods~~
4662 ~~Pilot Project,]~~filing a nomination petition with the city recorder or town clerk
4663 during the filing period described in Subsection (3)(d) and the office hours
4664 described in Subsection 10-3-301(3) that includes signatures in support of the
4665 nomination petition of the lesser of at least:
4666 (A) 25 registered voters who reside in the municipality; or
4667 (B) 20% of the registered voters who reside in the municipality; and
4668 (ii) paying the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- 4669 (d) The filing period to file a declaration of candidacy for an elective office that is to be
4670 filled at the next municipal general election:
- 4671 (i) begins at 8 a.m. on the later of:
4672 (A) June 1 of the year in which the next municipal general election is held; or
4673 (B) if June 1 is not a business day, the first business day after June 1; and
4674 (ii) ends at 5 p.m. on the fourth business day after the day on which the filing period
4675 begins.
- 4676 (4)(a) Before the filing officer may accept any declaration of candidacy or nomination
4677 petition, the filing officer shall:
- 4678 (i) read to the prospective candidate or individual filing the petition the constitutional
4679 and statutory qualification requirements for the office that the candidate is seeking;
4680 (ii) require the candidate or individual filing the petition to state whether the
4681 candidate meets the requirements described in Subsection (4)(a)(i); and
4682 (iii) inform the candidate or the individual filing the petition that an individual who
4683 holds a municipal elected office may not, at the same time, hold a county elected

- 4684 office.
- 4685 (b) If the prospective candidate does not meet the qualification requirements for the
4686 office, the filing officer may not accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination
4687 petition.
- 4688 (c) If it appears that the prospective candidate meets the requirements of candidacy, the
4689 filing officer shall:
- 4690 (i) inform the candidate that, subject to Section 20A-6-109, the candidate's name will
4691 appear on the ballot as it is written on the declaration of candidacy;
- 4692 (ii) provide the candidate with a copy of the current campaign financial disclosure
4693 laws for the office the candidate is seeking and inform the candidate that failure to
4694 comply will result in disqualification as a candidate and removal of the candidate's
4695 name from the ballot;
- 4696 (iii) provide the candidate with a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide
4697 Electronic Voter Information Website Program and inform the candidate of the
4698 submission deadline under Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a);
- 4699 (iv) inform the candidate that the candidate must provide the filing officer with an
4700 email address that the candidate actively monitors:
- 4701 (A) to receive a communication from a filing officer or an election officer; and
4702 (B) if the candidate wishes to display a candidate profile on the Statewide
4703 Electronic Voter Information Website, to submit to the website the
4704 biographical and other information described in Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a)(ii);
- 4705 (v) inform the candidate that the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv) is
4706 not a record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and
4707 Management Act;
- 4708 (vi) obtain from the candidate the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv);
- 4709 (vii) provide the candidate with a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices
4710 described under Section 20A-9-206 and inform the candidate that:
- 4711 (A) signing the pledge is voluntary; and
4712 (B) signed pledges shall be filed with the filing officer; and
- 4713 (viii) accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition.
- 4714 (d) If the candidate elects to sign the pledge of fair campaign practices, the filing officer
4715 shall:
- 4716 (i) accept the candidate's pledge; and
4717 (ii) if the candidate has filed for a partisan office, provide a certified copy of the

4718 candidate's pledge to the chair of the county or state political party of which the
4719 candidate is a member.

4720 (5)(a) The declaration of candidacy shall be in substantially the following form:

4721 "I, (print name) _____, being first sworn and under penalty of perjury, say that I reside at
4722 _____ Street, City of _____, County of _____, state of Utah, Zip Code _____, Telephone Number
4723 (if any) _____; that I am a registered voter; and that I am a candidate for the office of _____
4724 (stating the term). I will meet the legal qualifications required of candidates for this office. If
4725 filing via a designated agent, I attest that I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire
4726 candidate filing period. I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law
4727 and I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this
4728 office and removal of my name from the ballot. I request that my name be printed upon the
4729 applicable official ballots. (Signed) _____

4730 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by _____ on this
4731 _____(month\day\year).

4732 (Signed) _____ (Clerk or other officer qualified to administer oath)."

4733 (b) An agent designated under Subsection (3)(b) to file a declaration of candidacy may
4734 not sign the form described in Subsection (5)(a).

4735 (c)(i) A nomination petition shall be in substantially the following form:

4736 "NOMINATION PETITION

4737 The undersigned residents of (name of municipality), being registered voters, nominate
4738 (name of nominee) for the office of (name of office) for the (length of term of office).["]

4739 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4740 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be
4741 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
4742 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

4743 (ii) The remainder of the petition shall contain lines and columns for the signatures of
4744 individuals signing the petition and each individual's address and phone number.

4745 (6) If the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition fails to state whether the
4746 nomination is for the two-year or four-year term, the clerk shall consider the nomination
4747 to be for the four-year term.

4748 (7)(a) The clerk shall verify with the county clerk that all candidates are registered
4749 voters.

4750 (b) With the assistance of the county clerk, and using the procedures described in
4751 Section 20A-1-1002, the municipal clerk shall determine whether the required

- 4752 number of signatures of registered voters appears on a nomination petition.
- 4753 (8) Immediately after expiration of the period for filing a declaration of candidacy, the clerk
4754 shall:
- 4755 (a) publicize a list of the names of the candidates as they will appear on the ballot by
4756 publishing the list for the municipality, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102,
4757 for seven calendar days; and
- 4758 (b) notify the lieutenant governor of the names of the candidates as they will appear on
4759 the ballot.
- 4760 (9) Except as provided in Subsection (10)(c), an individual may not amend a declaration of
4761 candidacy or nomination petition filed under this section after the candidate filing period
4762 ends.
- 4763 (10)(a) A declaration of candidacy or nomination petition that an individual files under
4764 this section is valid unless a person files a written objection with the clerk no later
4765 than 5 p.m. on the first business day that is at least 10 calendar days after the last day
4766 for filing.
- 4767 (b) If a person files an objection, the clerk shall:
- 4768 (i) mail or personally deliver notice of the objection to the affected candidate
4769 immediately; and
- 4770 (ii) decide any objection within 48 hours after the objection is filed.
- 4771 (c) If the clerk sustains the objection, the candidate may, no later than 5 p.m. on the first
4772 business day that is at least three calendar days after the day on which the clerk
4773 sustains the objection, correct the problem for which the objection is sustained by
4774 amending the candidate's declaration of candidacy or nomination petition, or by filing
4775 a new declaration of candidacy.
- 4776 (d)(i) The clerk's decision upon objections to form is final.
- 4777 (ii) The clerk's decision upon substantive matters is reviewable by a district court if
4778 prompt application is made to the district court.
- 4779 (iii) The decision of the district court is final unless the Supreme Court, in the
4780 exercise of its discretion, agrees to review the lower court decision.
- 4781 (11) A candidate who qualifies for the ballot under this section may withdraw as a
4782 candidate by filing a written affidavit with the municipal clerk.
- 4783 (12)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's
4784 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after
4785 the day on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or municipal clerk,

4786 submitting to the municipal clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
4787 removed.

4788 (b) A statement described in Subsection (12)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4789 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4790 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in
4791 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the municipal clerk shall determine whether to remove an
4792 individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid statement
4793 requesting removal of the signature.

4794 Section 53. Section **20A-9-404** is amended to read:

4795 **20A-9-404 (Effective 05/25/26). Municipal primary elections.**

4796 (1)(a) [~~Except as otherwise provided in this section or Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal~~
4797 ~~Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, candidates~~] Candidates for municipal office
4798 in all municipalities shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.

4799 (b) Municipal primary elections shall be held:

4800 (i) consistent with Section 20A-1-201.5, on the second Tuesday following the first
4801 Monday in the August before the regular municipal election; and

4802 (ii) whenever possible, at the same polling places as the regular municipal election.

4803 (c) Subsections (3) through (5) do not apply to an election to elect local school board
4804 members under Section 53G-3-302.

4805 [~~(d) Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, does not apply~~
4806 ~~to an election to elect local school board members under Section 53G-3-302.~~]

4807 (2) [~~Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting~~
4808 ~~Methods Pilot Project, if~~] If the number of candidates for a particular municipal office
4809 does not exceed twice the number of individuals needed to fill that office, a primary
4810 election for that office may not be held and the candidates are considered nominated.

4811 (3)(a) For purposes of this Subsection (3), "convention" means an organized assembly of
4812 voters or delegates.

4813 (b)(i) By ordinance adopted before the May 1 that falls before a regular municipal
4814 election, any third, fourth, or fifth class city or town may exempt itself from a
4815 primary election by providing that the nomination of candidates for municipal
4816 office to be voted upon at a municipal election be nominated by a municipal party
4817 convention or committee.

4818 (ii) The municipal party convention or committee described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)
4819 shall be held on or before May 30 of an odd-numbered year.

- 4820 (iii) Any primary election exemption ordinance adopted under this Subsection (3)
4821 remains in effect until repealed by ordinance.
- 4822 (c)(i) A convention or committee may not nominate more than one candidate for each
4823 of the municipal offices to be voted upon at the municipal election.
- 4824 (ii) A convention or committee may not nominate an individual who has accepted the
4825 nomination of a different convention or committee.
- 4826 (iii) A municipal party may not have more than one group of candidates placed upon
4827 the ballot and may not group the same candidates on different tickets by the same
4828 party under a different name or emblem.
- 4829 (d)(i) On or before May 31 of an odd-numbered year, a convention or committee
4830 shall prepare and submit to the filing officer a certificate of nomination for each
4831 individual nominated.
- 4832 (ii) The certificate of nomination shall:
- 4833 (A) contain the name of the office for which each individual is nominated, the
4834 name, post office address, and, if in a city, the street number of residence and
4835 place of business, if any, of each individual nominated;
- 4836 (B) designate in not more than five words the party that the convention or
4837 committee represents;
- 4838 (C) contain a copy of the resolution passed at the convention that authorized the
4839 committee to make the nomination;
- 4840 (D) contain a statement certifying that the name of the candidate nominated by the
4841 political party will not appear on the ballot as a candidate for any other
4842 political party;
- 4843 (E) be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention or
4844 committee; and
- 4845 (F) contain a statement identifying the residence and post office address of the
4846 presiding officer and secretary and certifying that the presiding officer and
4847 secretary were officers of the convention or committee and that the certificates
4848 are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.
- 4849 (iii) A candidate nominated by a municipal party convention or committee shall file a
4850 declaration with the filing officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-9-203(3)
4851 that includes:
- 4852 (A) the name of the municipal party or convention that nominated the candidate;
4853 and

- 4854 (B) the office for which the convention or committee nominated the candidate.
- 4855 (e) A committee appointed at a convention, if authorized by an enabling resolution, may
- 4856 also make nominations or fill vacancies in nominations made at a convention if the
- 4857 committee makes the nomination before the deadline for a write-in candidate to file a
- 4858 declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-601.
- 4859 (f) The election ballot shall substantially comply with the form prescribed in Chapter 6,
- 4860 Part 4, Ballot Form Requirements for Municipal Elections, but the party name shall
- 4861 be included with the candidate's name.
- 4862 (4)(a) Any third, fourth, or fifth class city or a town may adopt an ordinance before the
- 4863 May 1 that falls before the regular municipal election that:
- 4864 (i) exempts the city or town from the other methods of nominating candidates to
- 4865 municipal office provided in this section; and
- 4866 (ii) provides for a municipal partisan convention method of nominating candidates as
- 4867 provided in this Subsection (4).
- 4868 (b)(i) Any party that was a registered political party at the last regular general
- 4869 election or regular municipal election is a municipal political party under this
- 4870 section.
- 4871 (ii) Any political party may qualify as a municipal political party by presenting a
- 4872 petition to the city recorder that:
- 4873 (A) is signed, with a holographic signature, by registered voters within the
- 4874 municipality equal to at least 20% of the number of votes cast for all
- 4875 candidates for mayor in the last municipal election at which a mayor was
- 4876 elected;
- 4877 (B) is filed with the city recorder or town clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the last
- 4878 business day before the day on which the municipal party holds a convention to
- 4879 nominate a candidate under this Subsection (4);
- 4880 (C) is substantially similar to the form of the signature sheets described in Section
- 4881 20A-7-303;[~~and~~]
- 4882 (D) contains the name of the municipal political party using not more than five
- 4883 words[~~;~~]; and
- 4884 (E) includes the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the
- 4885 same size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:
- 4886 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
- 4887 RECORDS

4888 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you
4889 signed may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
4890 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
4891 record."

4892 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk, the city recorder or town clerk shall use
4893 the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether each signer
4894 is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition.

4895 (c)(i) If the number of candidates for a particular office does not exceed twice the
4896 number of offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, no primary
4897 election for that office shall be held and the candidates are considered to be
4898 nominated.

4899 (ii) If the number of candidates for a particular office exceeds twice the number of
4900 offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, those candidates for
4901 municipal office shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.

4902 (d) The clerk shall ensure that the partisan municipal primary ballot is similar to the
4903 ballot forms required by Section 20A-6-401 and, as applicable, Section 20A-6-401.1.

4904 (e) After marking a municipal primary ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot in the
4905 blank ballot box.

4906 (f) Immediately after the canvass, the election judges shall, without examination, destroy
4907 the tickets deposited in the blank ballot box.

4908 (5)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (4)(b)(ii) may have the voter's
4909 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after
4910 the day on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or town clerk, submitting
4911 to the city recorder or town clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
4912 removed.

4913 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4914 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4915 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in
4916 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the city recorder or town clerk shall determine whether to
4917 remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid
4918 statement requesting removal of the signature.

4919 Section 54. Section **20A-9-405** is amended to read:

4920 **20A-9-405 (Effective 05/25/26). Nomination petitions for regular primary**
4921 **elections.**

- 4922 (1) This section applies to the form and circulation of nomination petitions for regular
 4923 primary elections described in Subsection 20A-9-403(3)(a).
- 4924 (2) A candidate for elective office, and the agents of the candidate, may not circulate
 4925 nomination petitions until the candidate has submitted a declaration of candidacy in
 4926 accordance with Subsection 20A-9-202(1).
- 4927 (3) For the manual candidate qualification process, the nomination petitions shall be in
 4928 substantially the following form:
- 4929 (a) the petition shall be printed on paper [~~8-1/2~~] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 4930 (b) the petition shall be ruled with a horizontal line [~~3/4 inch~~] .75 inches from the top,
 4931 with the space above that line blank for purposes of binding;
- 4932 (c) the petition shall be headed by a caption stating the purpose of the petition and the
 4933 name of the proposed candidate;
- 4934 (d) the petition shall feature the [~~word "Warning" followed by the~~] following statement
 4935 in no less than eight-point, single leaded type:[~~"~~]
 4936 "WARNING
 4937 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition
 4938 with any name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same
 4939 candidate, or if the person is not registered to vote in this state.[~~"~~];
 4940 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 4941 RECORDS
 4942 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
 4943 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
 4944 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record.";
- 4945 (e) the petition shall feature 10 lines spaced [~~one-half inch~~] .5 inches apart and
 4946 consecutively numbered one through 10;
- 4947 (f) the signature portion of the petition shall be divided into columns headed by the
 4948 following titles:
- 4949 (i) Registered Voter's Printed Name;
- 4950 (ii) Signature of Registered Voter;
- 4951 (iii) Party Affiliation of Registered Voter;
- 4952 (iv) Birth Date or Age (Optional);
- 4953 (v) Street Address, City, Zip Code; and
- 4954 (vi) Date of Signature; and
- 4955 (g) a photograph of the candidate may appear on the nomination petition.

- 4956 (4) For the electronic candidate qualification process, the lieutenant governor shall design
4957 an electronic form, using progressive screens, that includes:
- 4958 (a) the following [~~warning~~] statement:
- 4959 "~~Warning:-]~~ WARNING
- 4960 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition with any
4961 name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same candidate, or if the
4962 person is not registered to vote in this state.~~["; and]~~
- 4963 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
- 4964 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be
4965 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
4966 registration record that has been classified as a private record."; and
- 4967 (b) the following information for each individual who signs the petition:
- 4968 (i) name;
- 4969 (ii) party affiliation;
- 4970 (iii) date of birth or age, (optional);
- 4971 (iv) street address, city, zip code;
- 4972 (v) date of signature;
- 4973 (vi) other information required under Section 20A-21-201; and
- 4974 (vii) other information required by the lieutenant governor.
- 4975 (5) For the manual candidate qualification process, if one or more nomination petitions are
4976 bound together, a page shall be bound to the nomination petition(s) that features the following
4977 printed verification statement to be signed and dated by the petition circulator:
- 4978 "Verification
- 4979 State of Utah, County of ____
- 4980 I, ____, of ____, hereby state that:
- 4981 I am at least 18 years old;
- 4982 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were, to the best of
4983 my knowledge, signed by the persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on
4984 the signature sheets, and each of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my
4985 presence;
- 4986 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's
4987 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah."
- 4988 (6) The lieutenant governor shall prepare and make public model nomination petition forms
4989 and associated instructions.

- 4990 (7) A nomination petition circulator:
- 4991 (a) must be at least 18 years old; and
- 4992 (b) may affiliate with any political party.
- 4993 (8) It is unlawful for any person to:
- 4994 (a) knowingly sign the nomination petition described in this section or Section
- 4995 20A-9-408:
- 4996 (i) with any name other than the person's own name;
- 4997 (ii) more than once for the same candidate; or
- 4998 (iii) if the person is not registered to vote in this state;
- 4999 (b) sign the verification of a signature for a nomination petition if the person:
- 5000 (i) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the
- 5001 nomination petition; or
- 5002 (ii) knows that a person whose signature appears on the nomination petition is not
- 5003 registered to vote in this state;
- 5004 (c) pay compensation to any person to sign a nomination petition; or
- 5005 (d) pay compensation to any person to circulate a nomination petition, if the
- 5006 compensation is based directly on the number of signatures submitted to a filing
- 5007 officer rather than on the number of signatures verified or on some other basis.
- 5008 (9) Any person violating Subsection (8) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 5009 (10)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition may have the voter's signature removed
- 5010 from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on which the
- 5011 candidate files the petition with the appropriate filing officer, submitting to the filing
- 5012 officer a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 5013 (b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 5014 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5015 (c) The filing officer shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 5016 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a nomination petition
- 5017 after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 5018 Section 55. Section **20A-9-408** is amended to read:
- 5019 **20A-9-408 (Effective 05/25/26). Signature-gathering process to seek the**
- 5020 **nomination of a qualified political party -- Removal of signature.**
- 5021 (1) This section describes the requirements for a member of a qualified political party who
- 5022 is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office through
- 5023 the signature-gathering process described in this section.

- 5024 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-201(7)(a), the form of the declaration of candidacy
5025 for a member of a qualified political party who is nominated by, or who is seeking the
5026 nomination of, the qualified political party under this section shall be substantially as
5027 described in Section 20A-9-408.5.
- 5028 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(a), and except as provided in Subsection
5029 20A-9-202(4), a member of a qualified political party who, under this section, is seeking
5030 the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office that is to be filled at
5031 the next general election shall:
- 5032 (a) except to the extent otherwise provided in Subsection (13)(a), during the applicable
5033 declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, and before
5034 gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing officer on a form approved
5035 by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy that
5036 includes:
- 5037 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered
5038 political party under this section;
- 5039 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking
5040 nomination;
- 5041 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;
- 5042 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and
- 5043 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;
- 5044 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in
5045 person, with the filing officer during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing
5046 period described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and
- 5047 (c) pay the filing fee.
- 5048 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(2)(a), a member of a qualified political party
5049 who, under this section, is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for the
5050 office of district attorney within a multicounty prosecution district that is to be filled at
5051 the next general election shall:
- 5052 (a) during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section
5053 20A-9-201.5, and before gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing
5054 officer on a form approved by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather
5055 signatures for candidacy that includes:
- 5056 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered
5057 political party under this section;

- 5058 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking
5059 nomination;
- 5060 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;
- 5061 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and
- 5062 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;
- 5063 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in
5064 person, with the filing officer during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing
5065 period described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and
- 5066 (c) pay the filing fee.
- 5067 (5) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(3)(a)(iii), a lieutenant governor candidate who
5068 files as the joint-ticket running mate of an individual who is nominated by a qualified
5069 political party, under this section, for the office of governor shall, during the applicable
5070 declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, file a
5071 declaration of candidacy and submit a letter from the candidate for governor that names
5072 the lieutenant governor candidate as a joint-ticket running mate.
- 5073 (6) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that the certification described in Subsection
5074 20A-9-701(1) also includes the name of each candidate nominated by a qualified
5075 political party under this section.
- 5076 (7) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-701(2), the ballot shall, for each candidate who is
5077 nominated by a qualified political party under this section, designate the qualified
5078 political party that nominated the candidate.
- 5079 (8) A member of a qualified political party may seek the nomination of the qualified
5080 political party for an elective office by:
- 5081 (a) complying with the requirements described in this section; and
- 5082 (b) collecting signatures, on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies
5083 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), during the period beginning on the day on which the
5084 member files a notice of intent to gather signatures and ending at the applicable
5085 deadline described in Subsection (12), in the following amounts:
- 5086 (i) for a statewide race, 28,000 signatures of registered voters in the state who are
5087 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's
5088 candidates in a primary election;
- 5089 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (13)(b), for a congressional district race, 7,000
5090 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the congressional district and
5091 are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political

- 5092 party's candidates in a primary election;
- 5093 (iii) for a state Senate district race, 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are
- 5094 residents of the state Senate district and are permitted by the qualified political
- 5095 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
- 5096 (iv) for a state House district race, 1,000 signatures of registered voters who are
- 5097 residents of the state House district and are permitted by the qualified political
- 5098 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
- 5099 (v) for a State Board of Education race, the lesser of:
- 5100 (A) 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the State Board of
- 5101 Education district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for
- 5102 the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election; or
- 5103 (B) 3% of the registered voters of the qualified political party who are residents of
- 5104 the applicable State Board of Education district; and
- 5105 (vi) for a county office race, signatures of 3% of the registered voters who are
- 5106 residents of the area permitted to vote for the county office and are permitted by
- 5107 the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in
- 5108 a primary election.
- 5109 (9)(a) This Subsection (9) applies only to the manual candidate qualification process.
- 5110 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the
- 5111 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, using
- 5112 the manual candidate qualification process, the member shall:
- 5113 (i) collect the signatures on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies
- 5114 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), using the same circulation and verification
- 5115 requirements described in Sections 20A-7-105 and 20A-7-204; and
- 5116 (ii) in accordance with Section 20A-9-408.3, submit the signatures to the election
- 5117 officer before the applicable deadline described in Subsection (12).
- 5118 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), and in
- 5119 accordance with Section 20A-9-408.3, the election officer shall, no later than the
- 5120 earlier of 14 calendar days after the day on which the election officer receives the
- 5121 signatures, or one day before the day on which the qualified political party holds the
- 5122 convention to select a nominee for the elective office to which the signature packets
- 5123 relate:
- 5124 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature
- 5125 packet to determine whether each individual is at least 18 years old;

- 5126 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (9)(c)(i) who is not at
5127 least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney;
- 5128 (iii) with the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, determine whether each
5129 signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition, using the same
5130 method, described in Section 20A-1-1002, used to verify a signature on a petition;
5131 and
- 5132 (iv) certify whether each name is that of a registered voter who is qualified to sign the
5133 signature packet.
- 5134 (d)(i) A registered voter who physically signs a form under Subsections (8) and (9)(b)
5135 may have the voter's signature removed from the form by, no later than 5 p.m.
5136 three business days after the day on which the member submits the signature form
5137 to the election officer, submitting to the election officer a statement requesting
5138 that the voter's signature be removed.
- 5139 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (9)(d)(i) shall comply with the requirements
5140 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5141 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, the election officer shall
5142 use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether
5143 to remove an individual's signature after receiving a timely, valid statement
5144 requesting removal of the signature.
- 5145 (e)(i) An election officer shall, in accordance with this Subsection (9)(e) and rules
5146 made under Section 20A-3a-106, conduct regular audits of signature comparisons
5147 made between signatures gathered under this section and voter signatures
5148 maintained by the election officer.
- 5149 (ii) An individual who conducts an audit of signature comparisons under this section
5150 may not audit the individual's own work.
- 5151 (iii) The election officer shall:
- 5152 (A) audit 1% of all signature comparisons described in Subsection (9)(e)(i) to
5153 determine the accuracy of the comparisons made;
- 5154 (B) record the individuals who conducted the audit;
- 5155 (C) record the audit results;
- 5156 (D) provide additional training or staff reassignments, as needed, based on the
5157 results of an audit described in Subsection (9)(e)(i); and
- 5158 (E) record any remedial action taken.
- 5159 (iv) The audit results described in Subsection (9)(e)(iii)(C) are a public record.

- 5160 (f) An election officer who certifies signatures under Subsection (9)(c) or
5161 20A-9-403(3)(d) shall, after certifying enough signatures to establish that a candidate
5162 has reached the applicable signature threshold described in Subsection (8) or
5163 20A-9-403(3)(a), as applicable, continue to certify signatures submitted for the
5164 candidate in excess of the number of signatures required, until the election officer
5165 either:
- 5166 (i) certifies signatures equal to 110% of the applicable signature threshold; or
 - 5167 (ii) has reviewed all signatures submitted for the candidate before reaching an
5168 amount equal to 110% of the applicable signature threshold.
- 5169 (10)(a) This Subsection (10) applies only to the electronic candidate qualification
5170 process.
- 5171 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the
5172 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, the
5173 member shall, before the deadline described in Subsection (12), collect signatures
5174 electronically:
- 5175 (i) in accordance with Section 20A-21-201; and
 - 5176 (ii) using progressive screens, in a format approved by the lieutenant governor, that
5177 complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(4).
- 5178 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), the
5179 election officer shall, no later than the earlier of 14 calendar days after the day on
5180 which the election officer receives the signatures, or one day before the day on which
5181 the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee for the elective
5182 office to which the signature packets relate:
- 5183 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature
5184 to determine whether each individual is at least 18 years old; and
 - 5185 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (10)(c)(i) who is not
5186 at least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney.
- 5187 (11)(a) An individual may not gather signatures under this section until after the
5188 individual files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this
5189 section.
- 5190 (b) An individual who files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy,
5191 described in Subsection (3)(a) or (4)(a), is, beginning on the day on which the
5192 individual files the notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy:
- 5193 (i) required to comply with the reporting requirements that a candidate for office is

- 5194 required to comply with; and
- 5195 (ii) subject to the same enforcement provisions, and civil and criminal penalties, that
- 5196 apply to a candidate for office in relation to the reporting requirements described
- 5197 in Subsection (11)(b)(i).
- 5198 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), or
- 5199 Subsections (8) and (10)(b), the election officer shall, no later than the day before the
- 5200 day on which the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee
- 5201 for the elective office to which the signature packets relate, notify the qualified
- 5202 political party and the lieutenant governor of the name of each member of the
- 5203 qualified political party who qualifies as a nominee of the qualified political party,
- 5204 under this section, for the elective office to which the convention relates.
- 5205 (d) Upon receipt of a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this
- 5206 section, the lieutenant governor shall post the notice of intent to gather signatures for
- 5207 candidacy on the lieutenant governor's website in the same location that the
- 5208 lieutenant governor posts a declaration of candidacy.
- 5209 (12) The deadline before which a member of a qualified political party must collect and
- 5210 submit signatures to the election officer under this section is 5 p.m. on the last business
- 5211 day that is at least 14 calendar days before the day on which the qualified political
- 5212 party's convention for the office begins.
- 5213 (13) For the 2026 election year only, an individual who desires to gather signatures to seek
- 5214 the nomination of a qualified political party for the office of United States representative
- 5215 shall:
- 5216 (a) in accordance with Subsection (3)(a), file a notice of intent to gather signatures
- 5217 during the period beginning at 8 a.m. on the first business day of January and ending
- 5218 at 5 p.m. on March 13, 2026; and
- 5219 (b) during the period beginning on the day on which the individual files the notice of
- 5220 intent to gather signatures and ending at 5 p.m. on March 13, 2026, on a form
- 5221 approved by the lieutenant governor that complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(3),
- 5222 collect 7,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the state and are
- 5223 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's
- 5224 candidates in a primary election.

5225 Section 56. Section **20A-9-502** is amended to read:

5226 **20A-9-502 (Effective 05/25/26). Certificate of nomination -- Contents --**

5227 **Circulation -- Verification -- Criminal penalty -- Removal of petition signature.**

5228 (1) The candidate shall:
5229 (a) prepare a certificate of nomination in substantially the following form:

5230 "State of Utah, County of _____

5231 I, _____, declare my intention of becoming an unaffiliated candidate for the
5232 political group designated as ____ for the office of _____. I do solemnly swear that I can
5233 qualify to hold that office both legally and constitutionally if selected, and that I reside at _____
5234 Street, in the city of _____, county of _____, state of _____, zip code _____, phone _____, and
5235 that I am providing, or have provided, the required number of holographic signatures of
5236 registered voters required by law; that as a candidate at the next election I will not knowingly
5237 violate any election or campaign law; that, if filing via a designated agent for an office other
5238 than president of the United States, I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate
5239 filing period; I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and I
5240 understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office
5241 and removal of my name from the ballot.

5242 _____
5243
5244 Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____(month\day\year).

5245 _____
5246 Notary Public (or other officer qualified to administer oaths)";

5247 (b) for each signature packet, bind signature sheets to a copy of the certificate of
5248 nomination and the circulator verification, that:
5249 (i) are printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
5250 (ii) are ruled with a horizontal line [3/4 inch] .75 inches from the top, with the space
5251 above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
5252 (iii) contain the name of the proposed candidate and the words "Unaffiliated
5253 Candidate Certificate of Nomination Petition" printed directly below the
5254 horizontal line;
5255 (iv) contain the [word "Warning" printed] following statement, directly under the
5256 words described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii)[;] ,
5257 [(v) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed] in not less
than eight-point, single leaded type:

5258 "WARNING

5259 [~~"~~]It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a certificate of nomination
5260 signature sheet with any name other than the person's own name or more than once for the
5261 same candidate or if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
5262 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the signatures.[~~"~~];

5263 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

5264 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be
5265 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
5266 registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

5267 [(~~vi~~)] (~~v~~) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [

5268 (~~(1)(b)(v)~~] (~~1~~)(b)(iv):

5269 "Each signer says:

5270 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

5271 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
5272 county clerk certifies my signature; and

5273 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

5274 [(~~vii~~)] (~~vi~~) contain horizontally ruled lines, [~~3/8 inch~~] .375 inches apart under the
5275 statement described in Subsection [(~~(1)(b)(vi)~~] (~~1~~)(b)(v); and

5276 [(~~viii~~)] (~~vii~~) be vertically divided into columns as follows:

5277 (A) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be [~~5/8 inch~~] .625
5278 inches wide, be headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a
5279 light vertical line down the middle;

5280 (B) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's
5281 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";

5282 (C) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Holographic
5283 Signature of Registered Voter";

5284 (D) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age
5285 (Optional)";

5286 (E) the final column shall be [~~4-3/8~~] 4.375 inches wide, headed "Street Address,
5287 City, Zip Code"; and

5288 (F) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age
5289 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with
5290 voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may
5291 not be certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition

5292 signatures are certified or if the information you provide does not match your
 5293 voter registration records."; and

5294 (c) bind a final page to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that contains,
 5295 except as provided by Subsection (3), the following printed statement:

5296 "Verification
 5297 State of Utah, County of ____
 5298 I, _____, of _____, hereby state that:
 5299 I am at least 18 years old;

5300 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by
 5301 persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on the signature sheets, and each
 5302 of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my presence;

5303 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's
 5304 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah or will register to
 5305 vote in Utah before the county clerk certifies the signatures on the signature sheet.

5306 _____
 5307 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)".

5308 (2) An agent designated to file a certificate of nomination under Subsection
 5309 20A-9-503(2)(b) or (4)(b) may not sign the form described in Subsection (1)(a).

5310 (3)(a) The candidate shall circulate the nomination petition and ensure that the person in
 5311 whose presence each signature sheet is signed:

- 5312 (i) is at least 18 years old; and
- 5313 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more
 5314 signature sheets that are bound together.

5315 (b) A person may not sign the circulator verification if the person signed a signature
 5316 sheet bound to the verification.

5317 (4)(a) It is unlawful for any person to:

- 5318 (i) knowingly sign a certificate of nomination signature sheet:
 - 5319 (A) with any name other than the person's own name;
 - 5320 (B) more than once for the same candidate; or
 - 5321 (C) if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
 5322 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the
 5323 signatures; or
- 5324 (ii) sign the verification of a certificate of nomination signature sheet if the person:
 - 5325 (A) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the

- 5326 certificate of nomination signature sheet; or
- 5327 (B) knows that a person whose signature appears on the certificate of nomination
- 5328 signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
- 5329 become registered to vote in this state.
- 5330 (b) Any person violating this Subsection (4) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 5331 (5)(a) To qualify for placement on the general election ballot, the candidate shall, no
- 5332 earlier than the start of the applicable declaration of candidacy period described in
- 5333 Section 20A-9-201.5 and no later than 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in which the
- 5334 election will be held:
- 5335 (i) comply with Subsection 20A-9-503(1); and
- 5336 (ii) submit each signature packet to the county clerk where the majority of the
- 5337 signatures in the packet were collected, with signatures totaling:
- 5338 (A) at least 1,000 registered voters residing within the state when the nomination
- 5339 is for an office to be filled by the voters of the entire state; or
- 5340 (B) at least 300 registered voters residing within a political division or at least 5%
- 5341 of the registered voters residing within a political division, whichever is less,
- 5342 when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the voters of any political
- 5343 division smaller than the state.
- 5344 (b) A candidate has not complied with Subsection (5)(a)(ii), unless the county clerks
- 5345 verify that each required signature is a valid signature of a registered voter who is
- 5346 eligible to sign the signature packet and has not signed a signature packet to nominate
- 5347 another candidate for the same office.
- 5348 (c) In reviewing the signature packets, the county clerk shall count and certify only those
- 5349 persons who signed with a holographic signature, who:
- 5350 (i) are registered voters within the political division that the candidate seeks to
- 5351 represent; and
- 5352 (ii) did not sign any other certificate of nomination for that office.
- 5353 (d) The county clerk shall count and certify the number of registered voters who validly
- 5354 signed a signature packet, no later than 30 calendar days after the day on which the
- 5355 candidate submits the signature packet.
- 5356 (e) The candidate may supplement the signatures or amend the certificate of nomination
- 5357 or declaration of candidacy at any time on or before 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in
- 5358 which the election will be held.
- 5359 (f) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to

5360 determine whether a signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the signature
5361 packet.

5362 (6)(a) A voter who signs a signature packet under this section may have the voter's
5363 signature removed from the signature packet by, no later than 5 p.m. three business
5364 days after the day on which the candidate submits the signature packet to the county
5365 clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature
5366 be removed.

5367 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements
5368 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5369 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
5370 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a signature packet after
5371 receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5372 Section 57. Section **20A-15-103** is amended to read:

5373 **20A-15-103 (Effective 05/25/26). Delegates -- Candidacy -- Qualifications --**
5374 **Nominating procedures -- Removal of petition signature.**

5375 (1) Candidates for the office of delegate to the ratification convention shall be citizens,
5376 residents of Utah, and at least 21 years old.

5377 (2) Persons wishing to be delegates to the ratification convention shall:

5378 (a) circulate a nominating petition meeting the requirements of this section; and

5379 (b) obtain the signature of at least 100 registered voters.

5380 (3)(a) A single nominating petition may nominate any number of candidates up to 21,
5381 the total number of delegates to be elected.

5382 (b) Nominating petitions may not contain anything identifying a candidate's party or
5383 political affiliation.

5384 (c) Each nominating petition shall contain a written statement signed by each nominee,
5385 indicating either that the candidate will:

5386 (i) vote for ratification of the proposed amendment; or

5387 (ii) vote against ratification of the proposed amendment.

5388 (d) A nominating petition containing the names of more than one nominee may not
5389 contain the name of any nominee whose stated position in the nominating petition is
5390 inconsistent with that of any other nominee listed in the petition.

5391 (e) The first page of a nominating petition described in this section shall include the
5392 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other
5393 statements on the page:

5394 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 5395 RECORDS

5396 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
 5397 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
 5398 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

5399 (4)(a) A candidate shall file the candidate's nominating petition with the lieutenant
 5400 governor no later than 5 p.m. on the last business day that is at least 40 calendar days
 5401 before the proclaimed date of the election.

5402 (b) Within 10 calendar days after the last day for filing the petitions, the lieutenant
 5403 governor shall:

5404 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer
 5405 is a registered voter;

5406 (ii) declare nominated the 21 nominees in favor of ratification and the 21 nominees
 5407 against ratification whose nominating petitions have been signed by the largest
 5408 number of registered voters;

5409 (iii) decide any ties by lot drawn by the lieutenant governor; and

5410 (iv) certify the nominated candidates of each group to the county clerk of each county
 5411 within the state.

5412 (5)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's
 5413 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after
 5414 the last day for filing the petitions, submitting to the lieutenant governor a statement
 5415 requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

5416 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
 5417 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5418 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection
 5419 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a
 5420 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5421 Section 58. Section **53G-3-301.1** is amended to read:

5422 **53G-3-301.1 (Effective 05/25/26). Creation of a new school district -- Citizens'**
 5423 **petition -- Procedures to follow -- Removal or reinstatement of signature.**

5424 (1) Citizens may file a petition to create a new school district in accordance with this
 5425 section and Section 53G-3-301.

5426 (2)(a) The county clerk shall ensure that a petition described in Subsection (1) is signed
 5427 by registered voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new

5428 school district in an amount equal to at least 10% of all votes cast within the
5429 geographic boundaries of the proposed new school district for all candidates for
5430 president of the United States at the last regular general election at which a president
5431 of the United States was elected.

5432 (b) The sponsors of a petition described in Subsection (1) shall file the petition with the
5433 clerk of each county in which any part of the proposed new school district is located.

5434 (c) The petition sponsors shall ensure that the petition described in Subsection (1):

5435 (i) indicates the typed or printed name and current residence address of each voter
5436 who signs the petition;

5437 (ii) describes the proposed new school district boundaries; and

5438 (iii) designates up to five signers of the petition as sponsors, designating one as the
5439 contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of each.

5440 (d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
5441 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
5442 page:

5443 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
5444 RECORDS

5445 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
5446 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
5447 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

5448 (3)(a)(i) A signer of a petition described in Subsection (1) may remove or, once
5449 removed, reinstate the signer's signature by filing a written statement requesting
5450 removal or reinstatement with the county clerk no later than three business days
5451 after the day on which the petition is filed with the county clerk.

5452 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) shall comply with the requirements
5453 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5454 (iii) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3)
5455 to determine whether to remove or reinstate an individual's signature from a
5456 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement.

5457 (b) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to
5458 determine whether the petition has been signed by the required number of registered
5459 voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new school
5460 district.

5461 (4) Within 14 days after the day on which a petition described in Subsection (1) is filed, the

- 5462 clerk of each county with which the request or petition is filed shall:
- 5463 (a) determine whether the petition complies with Subsections (2) and (3), as applicable,
5464 and Section 53G-3-301; and
- 5465 (b)(i) if the county clerk determines that the request or petition complies with the
5466 applicable requirements:
- 5467 (A) certify the petition and deliver the certified petition to the county legislative
5468 body; and
- 5469 (B) mail or deliver written notification of the certification to the contact sponsor;
5470 or
- 5471 (ii) if the county clerk determines that the petition fails to comply with any of the
5472 applicable requirements, reject the petition and notify the contact sponsor in
5473 writing of the rejection and reasons for the rejection.
- 5474 (5)(a) If the county clerk fails to certify or reject a petition within the time specified in
5475 Subsection (4), the petition is considered to be certified.
- 5476 (b) If the county clerk rejects a petition, the individual who submitted the petition may
5477 amend the petition to correct the deficiencies for which the county clerk rejected the
5478 petition and refile the petition.
- 5479 (6) Within 10 days after the day on which a county legislative body receives a certified
5480 petition as described in Subsection (4) or (5), the county legislative body shall request a
5481 feasibility study.
- 5482 (7)(a) The county legislative body shall:
- 5483 (i) provide for a 30-day public comment period to begin on the day the county
5484 legislative body receives the study under Subsection (6); and
- 5485 (ii) hold at least two public hearings on the study and recommendations.
- 5486 (b) Within five business days after the day on which the public comment period ends,
5487 the legislative body of each county with which a petition is filed shall vote on the
5488 creation of the proposed new school district.
- 5489 (c) A county legislative body approves a petition proposing a new school district if a
5490 majority of the members of the legislative body vote in favor of the petition.
- 5491 (8)(a) Within five business days after the day on which a county legislative body
5492 approves a petition proposing a new school district under Subsection (7), the county
5493 legislative body shall provide notice of the approval and a copy of the petition to
5494 which the approval relates to the county clerk of each county described in Subsection
5495 (2)(b).

5496 (b) If each county described in Subsection (2)(b) approves a petition proposing a new
 5497 school district, the county clerks of the counties shall submit the proposal for the
 5498 creation of a new school district to all legal voters in the proposed new school district
 5499 for approval or rejection at the next regular general election that is at least 65 days
 5500 after the day on which all of the counties described in Subsection (2)(b) have
 5501 complied with Subsection (8)(a).

5502 (c) The new school district proposed in the petition and the reorganized new school
 5503 district are created if a majority of the voters in the proposed new school district vote
 5504 in favor of creating the new school district.

5505 Section 59. Section **53G-3-401** is amended to read:

5506 **53G-3-401 (Effective 05/25/26). Consolidation of school districts -- Resolution by**
 5507 **local school board members -- Petition by electors -- Certification of petition signatures --**
 5508 **Removal of signature -- Election.**

5509 (1) Two or more school districts may unite and form a single school district in one of the
 5510 following ways:

5511 (a) a majority of the members of each of the local school boards of the affected districts
 5512 shall approve and present to the county legislative body of the affected counties a
 5513 resolution to consolidate the districts. Once this is done, consolidation shall be
 5514 established under this chapter; or

5515 (b) a majority of the members of the local school board of each affected district, or 15%
 5516 of the registered voters in each of the affected districts, shall sign and present a
 5517 petition to the county legislative body of each affected county. The question shall be
 5518 voted upon at an election called for that purpose, which shall be the next general or
 5519 municipal election. Consolidation shall occur if a majority of those voting on the
 5520 question in each district favor consolidation.

5521 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
 5522 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
 5523 page:

5524 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
 5525 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
 5526 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
 5527 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

5528 [(2)] (3) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under
 5529 Subsection (1)(b):

- 5530 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body
 5531 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the
 5532 county clerk; and
- 5533 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
 5534 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:
- 5535 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
 5536 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1)(b) for a registered voter
 5537 petition;
- 5538 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the
 5539 affected districts; and
- 5540 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 5541 ~~[(3)]~~ (4)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection (1)(b) may
 5542 have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business
 5543 days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the
 5544 county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's
 5545 signature be removed.
- 5546 (b) A statement described in Subsection ~~[(3)(a)]~~ (4)(a) shall comply with the
 5547 requirements described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5548 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
 5549 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
 5550 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5551 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The elections required under Subsection (1)(b) shall be conducted and the returns
 5552 canvassed as provided by election laws.

5553 Section 60. Section **53G-3-501** is amended to read:

5554 **53G-3-501 (Effective 05/25/26). Transfer of a portion of a school district --**
 5555 **Required boundary adjustments -- Local school board petition -- Elector petition --**
 5556 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Transfer election.**

5557 (1)(a) Part of a school district may be transferred to another district in one of the
 5558 following ways:

- 5559 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) presentation to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of
 5560 a resolution requesting the transfer, approved by at least four-fifths of the
 5561 members of the local school board of each affected school district;
- 5562 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a
 5563 petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by a majority of the

5564 members of the local school board of each affected school district;
 5565 ~~[(e)]~~ (iii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a
 5566 petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by 15% of the
 5567 registered voters in each of the affected school districts within that county; or
 5568 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) for a boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2) or (3), submission
 5569 to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of a resolution
 5570 requesting the transfer from the local school board of the school district that is
 5571 required to initiate the boundary adjustment.

5572 (b) The first page of a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii) shall include the
 5573 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other
 5574 statements on the page:

5575 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 5576 RECORDS

5577 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
 5578 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
 5579 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

5580 (2)(a) As used in this Subsection (2):

5581 (i) "Expansion area" means the area of land approved for annexation and located
 5582 outside the boundaries of a specified school district.

5583 (ii) "Municipality" means a city or town.

5584 (iii) "Originating school district" means the school district whose boundaries an
 5585 expansion area is located within prior to the boundary adjustment required under
 5586 Subsection (2)(b).

5587 (iv) "Specified school district" means a school district:

5588 (A) that serves residents within a single municipality; and

5589 (B) for which the municipality whose residents the school district serves enacts an
 5590 ordinance in accordance with ~~[Title 10, Chapter 2, Part 4, Annexation]~~ Title 10,
 5591 Chapter 2, Part 8, Annexation, approving the annexation of an area of land
 5592 located outside the boundaries of the school district.

5593 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter and except as provided in
 5594 Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the local school board of a specified school district shall initiate
 5595 boundary adjustment proceedings under Subsection ~~[(1)(d)]~~ (1)(a)(iv):

5596 (i) to request the expansion area to be transferred to the specified school district from
 5597 the originating school district; and

5598 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [
 5599 ~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv), within 60 days after the day on which the municipality enacts the
 5600 ordinance approving annexation of the expansion area.

5601 (c)(i) Before initiating the boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2)(b), the
 5602 local school board presidents of the specified school district and the originating
 5603 school district shall, within the timeframe described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), meet
 5604 to determine whether allowing the expansion area to remain within the boundaries
 5605 of the originating school district is in the best interests of the municipality's
 5606 residents.

5607 (ii) The requirements of Subsection (2)(b) do not apply to a specified school district
 5608 if, upon meeting under Subsection (2)(c)(i), the presidents of the local school
 5609 boards mutually agree that allowing the expansion area to remain within the
 5610 boundaries of the originating school district is in the best interests of the
 5611 municipality's residents.

5612 (3)(a) This Subsection (3) applies to a school district that:

5613 (i) serves residents within a single municipality; and
 5614 (ii) in calendar year 2018, completed construction on a secondary school within an
 5615 area of land located outside the boundaries of the school district.

5616 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the local school board of a
 5617 school district described in Subsection (3)(a) shall initiate boundary adjustment
 5618 proceedings under Subsection [~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv):

5619 (i) to request the land described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii) to be transferred to the school
 5620 district from the school district whose boundaries the land is located within; and
 5621 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [
 5622 ~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv), on or before June 1, 2024.

5623 (4) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under Subsection [
 5624 ~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii):

5625 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body
 5626 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the
 5627 county clerk; and

5628 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
 5629 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:

5630 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
 5631 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii) for a registered

- 5632 voter petition;
- 5633 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the
- 5634 affected districts; and
- 5635 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 5636 (5)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii)
- 5637 may have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three
- 5638 business days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition
- 5639 to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the
- 5640 voter's signature be removed.
- 5641 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 5642 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5643 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 5644 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
- 5645 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 5646 (6)(a) The voters of each affected district shall vote on the transfer requested under
- 5647 Subsection [~~(1)(b) or (e)~~] (1)(a)(ii) or (iii) at an election called for that purpose, which
- 5648 may be the next general election.
- 5649 (b) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed as provided by election
- 5650 law.
- 5651 (c) A transfer is effected only if a majority of votes cast by the voters in both the
- 5652 proposed transferor district and in the proposed transferee district are in favor of the
- 5653 transfer.

5654 Section 61. Section **53H-3-1304** is enacted to read:

5655 **53H-3-1304 (Effective 04/06/26). Research university -- Duty to research.**

- 5656 (1) As used in this section, "research university" means the University of Utah or Utah State
- 5657 University.
- 5658 (2) The conduct of research by a research university is, for purposes of Section 20A-2-605,
- 5659 an official duty imposed by law on the research university.

5660 Section 62. Section **63G-2-202** is amended to read:

5661 **63G-2-202 (Effective upon governor's approval). Access to private, controlled,**

5662 **and protected documents.**

- 5663 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (11)(a), a governmental entity:
- 5664 (a) shall, upon request, disclose a private record to:
- 5665 (i) the subject of the record;

- 5666 (ii) the parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor who is the subject of the
 5667 record;
- 5668 (iii) the legal guardian of a legally incapacitated individual who is the subject of the
 5669 record;
- 5670 (iv) any other individual who:
- 5671 (A) has a power of attorney from the subject of the record;
- 5672 (B) submits a notarized release from the subject of the record or the individual's
 5673 legal representative dated no more than 90 days before the date the request is
 5674 made; or
- 5675 (C) if the record is a medical record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(b), is a
 5676 health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, if releasing the record or
 5677 information in the record is consistent with normal professional practice and
 5678 medical ethics; or
- 5679 (v) any person to whom the record must be provided pursuant to:
- 5680 (A) court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
- 5681 (B) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative
 5682 Subpoena Powers; and
- 5683 (b) may disclose a private record described in Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (n),
 5684 without complying with Section 63G-2-206, to another governmental entity for a
 5685 purpose related to administering:
- 5686 (i) the voter registration list; or
- 5687 (ii) [~~the administration of~~]an election.
- 5688 (2)(a) Upon request, a governmental entity shall disclose a controlled record to:
- 5689 (i) a physician, physician assistant, psychologist, certified social worker, insurance
 5690 provider or producer, or a government public health agency upon submission of:
- 5691 (A) a release from the subject of the record that is dated no more than 90 days
 5692 prior to the date the request is made; and
- 5693 (B) a signed acknowledgment of the terms of disclosure of controlled information
 5694 as provided by Subsection (2)(b); and
- 5695 (ii) any person to whom the record must be disclosed pursuant to:
- 5696 (A) a court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
- 5697 (B) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative
 5698 Subpoena Powers.
- 5699 (b) A person who receives a record from a governmental entity in accordance with

- 5700 Subsection (2)(a)(i) may not disclose controlled information from that record to any
5701 person, including the subject of the record.
- 5702 (3) If there is more than one subject of a private or controlled record, the portion of the
5703 record that pertains to another subject shall be segregated from the portion that the
5704 requester is entitled to inspect.
- 5705 (4) Upon request, and except as provided in Subsection (11)(b), a governmental entity shall
5706 disclose a protected record to:
- 5707 (a) the person that submitted the record;
- 5708 (b) any other individual who:
- 5709 (i) has a power of attorney from all persons, governmental entities, or political
5710 subdivisions whose interests were sought to be protected by the protected
5711 classification; or
- 5712 (ii) submits a notarized release from all persons, governmental entities, or political
5713 subdivisions whose interests were sought to be protected by the protected
5714 classification or from their legal representatives dated no more than 90 days prior
5715 to the date the request is made;
- 5716 (c) any person to whom the record must be provided pursuant to:
- 5717 (i) a court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
- 5718 (ii) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative Subpoena
5719 Powers; or
- 5720 (d) the owner of a mobile home park, subject to the conditions of Subsection
5721 41-1a-116(5).
- 5722 (5) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a governmental entity may disclose a private,
5723 controlled, or protected record to another governmental entity, political subdivision,
5724 state, the United States, or a foreign government only as provided by Section 63G-2-206.
- 5725 (6) Before releasing a private, controlled, or protected record, the governmental entity shall
5726 obtain evidence of the requester's identity.
- 5727 (7) A governmental entity shall disclose a record pursuant to the terms of a court order
5728 signed by a judge from a court of competent jurisdiction, provided that:
- 5729 (a) the record deals with a matter in controversy over which the court has jurisdiction;
- 5730 (b) the court has considered the merits of the request for access to the record;
- 5731 (c) the court has considered and, where appropriate, limited the requester's use and
5732 further disclosure of the record in order to protect:
- 5733 (i) privacy interests in the case of private or controlled records;

- 5734 (ii) business confidentiality interests in the case of records protected under
5735 Subsection 63G-2-305(1), (2), (40)(a)(ii), or (40)(a)(vi); and
- 5736 (iii) privacy interests or the public interest in the case of other protected records;
- 5737 (d) to the extent the record is properly classified private, controlled, or protected, the
5738 interests favoring access, considering limitations thereon, are greater than or equal to
5739 the interests favoring restriction of access; and
- 5740 (e) where access is restricted by a rule, statute, or regulation referred to in Subsection
5741 63G-2-201(3)(b), the court has authority independent of this chapter to order
5742 disclosure.
- 5743 (8)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(d), a governmental entity may disclose or
5744 authorize disclosure of private or controlled records for research purposes if the
5745 governmental entity:
- 5746 (i) determines that the research purpose cannot reasonably be accomplished without
5747 use or disclosure of the information to the researcher in individually identifiable
5748 form;
- 5749 (ii) determines that:
- 5750 (A) the proposed research is bona fide; and
- 5751 (B) the value of the research is greater than or equal to the infringement upon
5752 personal privacy;
- 5753 (iii)(A) requires the researcher to assure the integrity, confidentiality, and security
5754 of the records; and
- 5755 (B) requires the removal or destruction of the individual identifiers associated
5756 with the records as soon as the purpose of the research project has been
5757 accomplished;
- 5758 (iv) prohibits the researcher from:
- 5759 (A) disclosing the record in individually identifiable form, except as provided in
5760 Subsection (8)(b); or
- 5761 (B) using the record for purposes other than the research approved by the
5762 governmental entity; and
- 5763 (v) secures from the researcher a written statement of the researcher's understanding
5764 of and agreement to the conditions of this Subsection (8) and the researcher's
5765 understanding that violation of the terms of this Subsection (8) may subject the
5766 researcher to criminal prosecution under Section 63G-2-801.
- 5767 (b) A researcher may disclose a record in individually identifiable form if the record is

5768 disclosed for the purpose of auditing or evaluating the research program and no
5769 subsequent use or disclosure of the record in individually identifiable form will be
5770 made by the auditor or evaluator except as provided by this section.

5771 (c) A governmental entity may require indemnification as a condition of permitting
5772 research under this Subsection (8).

5773 (d) A governmental entity may not disclose or authorize disclosure of a private record
5774 for research purposes as described in this Subsection (8) if the private record is a
5775 record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(x).

5776 (9)(a) Under Subsections 63G-2-201(5)(b) and 63G-2-401(6), a governmental entity
5777 may disclose to persons other than those specified in this section records that are:

5778 (i) private under Section 63G-2-302; or

5779 (ii) protected under Section 63G-2-305, subject to Section 63G-2-309 if a claim for
5780 business confidentiality has been made under Section 63G-2-309.

5781 (b) Under Subsection 63G-2-403(11)(b), the State Records Committee may require the
5782 disclosure to persons other than those specified in this section of records that are:

5783 (i) private under Section 63G-2-302;

5784 (ii) controlled under Section 63G-2-304; or

5785 (iii) protected under Section 63G-2-305, subject to Section 63G-2-309 if a claim for
5786 business confidentiality has been made under Section 63G-2-309.

5787 (c) Under Subsection 63G-2-404(7), the court may require the disclosure of records that
5788 are private under Section 63G-2-302, controlled under Section 63G-2-304, or
5789 protected under Section 63G-2-305 to persons other than those specified in this
5790 section.

5791 (10)(a) A private record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(2)(f) may only be disclosed
5792 as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(v).

5793 (b) A protected record described in Subsection 63G-2-305(43) may only be disclosed as
5794 provided in Subsection (4)(c) or Section 26B-6-212.

5795 (11)(a) A private, protected, or controlled record described in Section 26B-1-506 shall
5796 be disclosed as required under:

5797 (i) Subsections 26B-1-506(1)(b) and (2); and

5798 (ii) Subsections 26B-1-507(1) and (6).

5799 (b) A record disclosed under Subsection (11)(a) shall retain its character as private,
5800 protected, or controlled.

5801 Section 63. Section **63G-2-210** is amended to read:

- 5802 **63G-2-210 (Effective upon governor's approval). Access to and use of voter or**
 5803 **election information by a government officer.**
- 5804 (1) As used in this section, "government officer" means:
- 5805 (a) an elected official; or
- 5806 (b) an officer, employee, volunteer, or agent of a governmental entity.
- 5807 (2) A government officer may not:
- 5808 (a) disclose, or attempt to discover, any information from a ballot cast by an identifiable
- 5809 voter;
- 5810 (b) except as provided in Subsection (3), disclose in relation to an identifiable voter:
- 5811 (i) the method by which the voter voted or returned a ballot;
- 5812 (ii) when or where the voter voted;
- 5813 (iii) how or when the voter's ballot was received;
- 5814 (iv) whether a ballot was mailed to the voter;
- 5815 (v) whether the voter placed postage on a return envelope; or
- 5816 (vi) any information from the return envelope of a voter.
- 5817 (3) Subsection (2) does not prohibit the disclosure, in mass, of the information [~~included in~~
 5818 ~~a voting history record, in accordance with Section 20A-5-410]~~ disclosed in accordance
 5819 with Title 20A, Chapter 2, Part 6, Provision and Protection of Voter Data.
- 5820 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a government officer who, due to the government
 5821 officer's position as a government officer, has access to election records, may not access,
 5822 use, copy, or release the information except to the extent that the access, use, copying, or
 5823 release:
- 5824 (a) is reasonably related to a duty of the government officer;
- 5825 (b) is in accordance with the requirements of law; and
- 5826 (c) is not done for a primarily personal purpose, including:
- 5827 (i) a political purpose;
- 5828 (ii) furthering the government officer's personal agenda; or
- 5829 (iii) a purpose relating to the government officer's private business, hobbies, or
 5830 personal interests.
- 5831 (5) Subsection (4) does not prevent a government officer from accessing, using, copying, or
 5832 releasing government information in the same manner available to a member of the
 5833 general public, including by filing a record request under Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604,
 5834 or 63G-2-204.
- 5835 Section 64. Section **63G-2-301** is amended to read:

5836 **63G-2-301 (Effective 04/06/26). Public records.**

5837 (1) As used in this section:

5838 (a) "Business address" means a single address of a governmental agency designated for
5839 the public to contact an employee or officer of the governmental agency.5840 (b) "Business email address" means a single email address of a governmental agency
5841 designated for the public to contact an employee or officer of the governmental
5842 agency.5843 (c) "Business telephone number" means a single telephone number of a governmental
5844 agency designated for the public to contact an employee or officer of the
5845 governmental agency.

5846 (d) "Correctional facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-16b-102.

5847 (2) The following records are public except to the extent they contain information expressly
5848 permitted to be treated confidentially under the provisions of Subsections
5849 63G-2-201(3)(b) and (6)(a):

5850 (a) laws;

5851 (b) the name, gender, gross compensation, job title, job description, business address,
5852 business email address, business telephone number, number of hours worked per pay
5853 period, dates of employment, and relevant education, previous employment, and
5854 similar job qualifications of a current or former employee or officer of the
5855 governmental entity, excluding:

5856 (i) undercover law enforcement personnel; and

5857 (ii) investigative personnel if disclosure could reasonably be expected to impair the
5858 effectiveness of investigations or endanger any individual's safety;5859 (c) final opinions, including concurring and dissenting opinions, and orders that are
5860 made by a governmental entity in an administrative, adjudicative, or judicial
5861 proceeding except that if the proceedings were properly closed to the public, the
5862 opinion and order may be withheld to the extent that they contain information that is
5863 private, controlled, or protected;5864 (d) final interpretations of statutes or rules by a governmental entity unless classified as
5865 protected as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(17) or (18);5866 (e) information contained in or compiled from a transcript, minutes, or report of the open
5867 portions of a meeting of a governmental entity as provided by Title 52, Chapter 4,
5868 Open and Public Meetings Act, including the records of all votes of each member of
5869 the governmental entity;

- 5870 (f) judicial records unless a court orders the records to be restricted under the rules of
5871 civil or criminal procedure or unless the records are private under this chapter;
- 5872 (g) unless otherwise classified as private under Section 63G-2-303, records or parts of
5873 records filed with or maintained by county recorders, clerks, treasurers, surveyors,
5874 zoning commissions, the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the School and
5875 Institutional Trust Lands Administration, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the
5876 Division of Water Rights, or other governmental entities that give public notice of:
5877 (i) titles or encumbrances to real property;
5878 (ii) restrictions on the use of real property;
5879 (iii) the capacity of persons to take or convey title to real property; or
5880 (iv) tax status for real and personal property;
- 5881 (h) records of the Department of Commerce that evidence incorporations, mergers, name
5882 changes, and uniform commercial code filings;
- 5883 (i) data on individuals that would otherwise be private under this chapter if the
5884 individual who is the subject of the record has given the governmental entity written
5885 permission to make the records available to the public;
- 5886 (j) documentation of the compensation that a governmental entity pays to a contractor or
5887 private provider;
- 5888 (k) summary data;
- 5889 ~~[(l) voter registration records, including an individual's voting history, except for a voter
5890 registration record or those parts of a voter registration record that are classified as
5891 private under Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (n) or withheld under Subsection
5892 20A-2-104(7);]~~
- 5893 (l) subject to Title 20A, Chapter 2, Part 6, Provision and Protection of Voter Data,
5894 standard voter data, as defined in Section 20A-2-601, in the voter registration record
5895 of a public registered voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601;
- 5896 (m) for an elected official, as defined in Section 11-47-102, a telephone number, if
5897 available, and email address, if available, where that elected official may be reached
5898 as required in Title 11, Chapter 47, Access to Elected Officials;
- 5899 (n) for a school community council member, a telephone number, if available, and email
5900 address, if available, where that elected official may be reached directly as required
5901 in Section 53G-7-1203;
- 5902 (o) annual audited financial statements of the Utah Educational Savings Plan described
5903 in Section 53H-10-210; and

- 5904 (p) an initiative packet, as defined in Section 20A-7-101, and a referendum packet, as
5905 defined in Section 20A-7-101, after the packet is submitted to a county clerk.
- 5906 (3) The following records are normally public, but to the extent that a record is expressly
5907 exempt from disclosure, access may be restricted under Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b),
5908 Section 63G-2-302, 63G-2-304, or 63G-2-305:
- 5909 (a) administrative staff manuals, instructions to staff, and statements of policy;
- 5910 (b) records documenting a contractor's or private provider's compliance with the terms
5911 of a contract with a governmental entity;
- 5912 (c) records documenting the services provided by a contractor or a private provider to
5913 the extent the records would be public if prepared by the governmental entity;
- 5914 (d) contracts entered into by a governmental entity;
- 5915 (e) any account, voucher, or contract that deals with the receipt or expenditure of funds
5916 by a governmental entity;
- 5917 (f) records relating to government assistance or incentives publicly disclosed, contracted
5918 for, or given by a governmental entity, encouraging a person to expand or relocate a
5919 business in Utah, except as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(35);
- 5920 (g) chronological logs and initial contact reports;
- 5921 (h) correspondence by and with a governmental entity in which the governmental entity
5922 determines or states an opinion upon the rights of the state, a political subdivision,
5923 the public, or any person;
- 5924 (i) empirical data contained in drafts if:
- 5925 (i) the empirical data is not reasonably available to the requester elsewhere in similar
5926 form; and
- 5927 (ii) the governmental entity is given a reasonable opportunity to correct any errors or
5928 make nonsubstantive changes before release;
- 5929 (j) drafts that are circulated to anyone other than:
- 5930 (i) a governmental entity;
- 5931 (ii) a political subdivision;
- 5932 (iii) a federal agency if the governmental entity and the federal agency are jointly
5933 responsible for implementation of a program or project that has been legislatively
5934 approved;
- 5935 (iv) a government-managed corporation; or
- 5936 (v) a contractor or private provider;
- 5937 (k) drafts that have never been finalized but were relied upon by the governmental entity

- 5938 in carrying out action or policy;
- 5939 (l) original data in a computer program if the governmental entity chooses not to
5940 disclose the program;
- 5941 (m) arrest warrants after issuance, except that, for good cause, a court may order
5942 restricted access to arrest warrants prior to service;
- 5943 (n) search warrants after execution and filing of the return, except that a court, for good
5944 cause, may order restricted access to search warrants prior to trial;
- 5945 (o) records that would disclose information relating to formal charges or disciplinary
5946 actions against a past or present governmental entity employee if:
- 5947 (i) the disciplinary action has been completed and all time periods for administrative
5948 appeal have expired; and
- 5949 (ii) the charges on which the disciplinary action was based were sustained;
- 5950 (p) records maintained by the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the School and
5951 Institutional Trust Lands Administration, or the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining that
5952 evidence mineral production on government lands;
- 5953 (q) final audit reports;
- 5954 (r) occupational and professional licenses;
- 5955 (s) business licenses;
- 5956 (t) a notice of violation, a notice of agency action under Section 63G-4-201, or similar
5957 records used to initiate proceedings for discipline or sanctions against persons
5958 regulated by a governmental entity, but not including records that initiate employee
5959 discipline; and
- 5960 (u)(i) records that disclose a standard, regulation, policy, guideline, or rule regarding
5961 the operation of a correctional facility or the care and control of inmates
5962 committed to the custody of a correctional facility; and
- 5963 (ii) records that disclose the results of an audit or other inspection assessing a
5964 correctional facility's compliance with a standard, regulation, policy, guideline, or
5965 rule described in Subsection (3)(u)(i).
- 5966 (4) The list of public records in this section is not exhaustive and should not be used to limit
5967 access to records.

5968 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

5969 Section 65. Section **63G-2-302** is amended to read:

5970 **63G-2-302 (Effective 04/06/26). Private records.**

- 5971 (1) The following records are private:

- 5972 (a) records concerning an individual's eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits,
5973 social services, welfare benefits, or the determination of benefit levels;
- 5974 (b) records containing data on individuals describing medical history, diagnosis,
5975 condition, treatment, evaluation, or similar medical data;
- 5976 (c) records of publicly funded libraries that when examined alone or with other records
5977 identify a patron;
- 5978 (d) records received by or generated by or for:
- 5979 (i) the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission, except for:
- 5980 (A) the commission's summary data report that is required under legislative rule;
5981 and
- 5982 (B) any other document that is classified as public under legislative rule; or
- 5983 (ii) a Senate or House Ethics Committee in relation to the review of ethics
5984 complaints, unless the record is classified as public under legislative rule;
- 5985 (e) records received by, or generated by or for, the Independent Executive Branch Ethics
5986 Commission, except as otherwise expressly provided in Title 63A, Chapter 14,
5987 Review of Executive Branch Ethics Complaints;
- 5988 (f) records received or generated for a Senate confirmation committee concerning
5989 character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual:
- 5990 (i) if, prior to the meeting, the chair of the committee determines release of the
5991 records:
- 5992 (A) reasonably could be expected to interfere with the investigation undertaken by
5993 the committee; or
- 5994 (B) would create a danger of depriving a person of a right to a fair proceeding or
5995 impartial hearing; and
- 5996 (ii) after the meeting, if the meeting was closed to the public;
- 5997 (g) employment records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for
5998 employment with, a governmental entity that would disclose that individual's home
5999 address, home telephone number, social security number, insurance coverage, marital
6000 status, or payroll deductions;
- 6001 (h) records or parts of records under Section 63G-2-303 that a current or former
6002 employee identifies as private according to the requirements of that section;
- 6003 (i) that part of a record indicating a person's social security number or federal employer
6004 identification number if provided under Section 31A-23a-104, 31A-25-202,
6005 31A-26-202, 58-1-301, 58-55-302, 61-1-4, or 61-2f-203;

- 6006 (j) that part of a voter registration record identifying a voter's:
- 6007 (i) driver license or identification card number;
- 6008 (ii) social security number, or last four digits of the social security number;
- 6009 (iii) email address;
- 6010 (iv) ~~[date]~~ day, month, or year of birth; or
- 6011 (v) phone number;
- 6012 (k) a voter registration record that is classified as a private record by the lieutenant
- 6013 governor or a county clerk under Subsection 20A-2-101.1(5)(a) ~~[, 20A-2-104(4)(h),]~~
- 6014 or 20A-2-204(4)(b);
- 6015 (l) a voter registration record ~~[that is withheld under Subsection 20A-2-104(7)]~~ of an
- 6016 at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601;
- 6017 (m) the following forms and supporting verification:
- 6018 (i) a withholding request form used, before April 6, 2026, to request that a voter's
- 6019 voter registration be withheld as a private record, and any verification submitted
- 6020 in support of the form;
- 6021 (ii) an at-risk voter designation request form described in [Subsections 20A-2-104(7)
- 6022 and (8)] Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted in support of the form;
- 6023 (iii) a notice described in Section 20A-2-602; and
- 6024 (iv) a form relating to a request described in Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604,
- 6025 20A-2-605, or 20A-2-607;
- 6026 (n) a record or information regarding whether a voter returned a ballot with postage
- 6027 attached;
- 6028 (o) a record that:
- 6029 (i) contains information about an individual;
- 6030 (ii) is voluntarily provided by the individual; and
- 6031 (iii) goes into an electronic database that:
- 6032 (A) is designated by and administered under the authority of the ~~[Chief~~
- 6033 ~~Information Officer]~~ chief information officer; and
- 6034 (B) acts as a repository of information about the individual that can be
- 6035 electronically retrieved and used to facilitate the individual's online interaction
- 6036 with a state agency;
- 6037 (p) information provided to the ~~[Commissioner of Insurance]~~ commissioner of insurance
- 6038 under:
- 6039 (i) Subsection 31A-23a-115(3)(a);

- 6040 (ii) Subsection 31A-23a-302(4); or
6041 (iii) Subsection 31A-26-210(4);
6042 (q) information obtained through a criminal background check under Title 11, Chapter
6043 40, Criminal Background Checks by Political Subdivisions Operating Water Systems;
6044 (r) information provided by an offender that is:
6045 (i) required by the registration requirements of Title 53, Chapter 29, Sex, Kidnap, and
6046 Child Abuse Offender Registry; and
6047 (ii) not required to be made available to the public under Subsection 53-29-404(3)(a);
6048 (s) a statement and any supporting documentation filed with the attorney general in
6049 accordance with Section 34-45-107, if the federal law or action supporting the filing
6050 involves homeland security;
6051 (t) electronic toll collection customer account information received or collected under
6052 Section 72-6-118 and customer information described in Section 17B-2a-815
6053 received or collected by a public transit district, including contact and payment
6054 information and customer travel data;
6055 (u) an email address provided by a military or overseas voter under Section 20A-16-501;
6056 (v) a completed military-overseas ballot that is electronically transmitted under Title
6057 20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act;
6058 (w) records received by or generated by or for the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review
6059 Commission established in Section 63A-15-201, except for:
6060 (i) the commission's summary data report that is required in Section 63A-15-202; and
6061 (ii) any other document that is classified as public in accordance with Title 63A,
6062 Chapter 15, Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission;
6063 (x) a record described in Section 53G-9-604 that verifies that a parent was notified of an
6064 incident or threat;
6065 (y) a criminal background check or credit history report conducted in accordance with
6066 Section 63A-3-201;
6067 (z) a record described in Subsection 53-5a-104(7);
6068 (aa) on a record maintained by a county for the purpose of administering property taxes,
6069 an individual's:
6070 (i) email address;
6071 (ii) phone number; or
6072 (iii) personal financial information related to a person's payment method;
6073 (bb) a record submitted by a taxpayer to establish the taxpayer's eligibility for an

- 6074 exemption, deferral, abatement, or relief under:
- 6075 (i) Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 11, Exemptions; or
- 6076 (ii) Title 59, Chapter 2a, Tax Relief Through Property Tax;
- 6077 (cc) a record provided by the State Tax Commission in response to a request under
- 6078 Subsection 59-1-403(4)(y)(iii);
- 6079 (dd) a record of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel regarding an individual
- 6080 child welfare case, as described in Subsection 36-33-103(3);
- 6081 (ee) a record relating to drug or alcohol testing of a state employee under Section
- 6082 63A-17-1004;
- 6083 (ff) a record relating to a request by a state elected official or state employee who has
- 6084 been threatened to the Division of Technology Services to remove personal
- 6085 identifying information from the open web under Section 63A-16-109;
- 6086 (gg) a record including confidential information as that term is defined in Section
- 6087 67-27-106; and
- 6088 (hh) a record or notice received or generated under Title 53, Chapter 30, Security
- 6089 Improvements Act, relating to:
- 6090 (i) an application for certification described in Section 53-30-201; or
- 6091 (ii) a security improvement, including a building permit application or building
- 6092 permit for a security improvement described in Section 53-30-301.
- 6093 (2) The following records are private if properly classified by a governmental entity:
- 6094 (a) records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for employment
- 6095 with a governmental entity, including performance evaluations and personal status
- 6096 information such as race, religion, or disabilities, but not including records that are
- 6097 public under Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(b) or 63G-2-301(3)(o) or private under
- 6098 Subsection (1)(b);
- 6099 (b) records describing an individual's finances, except that the following are public:
- 6100 (i) records described in Subsection 63G-2-301(2);
- 6101 (ii) information provided to the governmental entity for the purpose of complying
- 6102 with a financial assurance requirement; or
- 6103 (iii) records that must be disclosed in accordance with another statute;
- 6104 (c) records of independent state agencies if the disclosure of those records would
- 6105 conflict with the fiduciary obligations of the agency;
- 6106 (d) other records containing data on individuals the disclosure of which constitutes a
- 6107 clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

- 6108 (e) records provided by the United States or by a government entity outside the state that
6109 are given with the requirement that the records be managed as private records, if the
6110 providing entity states in writing that the record would not be subject to public
6111 disclosure if retained by it;
- 6112 (f) any portion of a record in the custody of the Division of Aging and Adult Services,
6113 created in Section 26B-6-102, that may disclose, or lead to the discovery of, the
6114 identity of a person who made a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a
6115 vulnerable adult; and
- 6116 (g) audio and video recordings created by a body-worn camera, as defined in Section
6117 77-7a-103, that record sound or images inside a home or residence except for
6118 recordings that:
- 6119 (i) depict the commission of an alleged crime;
- 6120 (ii) record any encounter between a law enforcement officer and a person that results
6121 in death or bodily injury, or includes an instance when an officer fires a weapon;
- 6122 (iii) record any encounter that is the subject of a complaint or a legal proceeding
6123 against a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency;
- 6124 (iv) contain an officer-involved critical incident as defined in Subsection
6125 76-2-408(1)(f); or
- 6126 (v) have been requested for reclassification as a public record by a subject or
6127 authorized agent of a subject featured in the recording.
- 6128 (3)(a) As used in this Subsection (3), "medical records" means medical reports, records,
6129 statements, history, diagnosis, condition, treatment, and evaluation.
- 6130 (b) Medical records in the possession of the University of Utah Hospital, its clinics,
6131 doctors, or affiliated entities are not private records or controlled records under
6132 Section 63G-2-304 when the records are sought:
- 6133 (i) in connection with any legal or administrative proceeding in which the patient's
6134 physical, mental, or emotional condition is an element of any claim or defense; or
- 6135 (ii) after a patient's death, in any legal or administrative proceeding in which any
6136 party relies upon the condition as an element of the claim or defense.
- 6137 (c) Medical records are subject to production in a legal or administrative proceeding
6138 according to state or federal statutes or rules of procedure and evidence as if the
6139 medical records were in the possession of a nongovernmental medical care provider.
- 6140 Section 66. Section **63G-2-303** is amended to read:
- 6141 **63G-2-303 (Effective 04/06/26). Private information concerning certain**

6142 **government employees.**

6143 (1) As used in this section:

6144 (a) "At-risk government employee" means a current or former:

6145 (i) peace officer as specified in Section 53-13-102;

6146 (ii) state or federal judge of an appellate, district, justice, or juvenile court, or court
6147 commissioner;

6148 (iii) judge authorized by Title 39A, Chapter 5, Utah Code of Military Justice;

6149 (iv) judge authorized by Armed Forces, Title 10, United States Code;

6150 (v) federal prosecutor;

6151 (vi) prosecutor appointed pursuant to Armed Forces, Title 10, United States Code;

6152 (vii) law enforcement official as defined in Section 53-5a-311;

6153 (viii) prosecutor authorized by Title 39A, Chapter 5, Utah Code of Military Justice; or

6154 (ix) state or local government employee who, because of the unique nature of the
6155 employee's regular work assignments or because of one or more recent credible
6156 threats directed to or against the employee, would be at immediate and substantial
6157 risk of physical harm if the employee's personal information is disclosed.6158 (b) "Family member" means the spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of an
6159 at-risk government employee who is living with the employee.6160 (c) "Personal information" means the employee's or the employee's family member's
6161 home address, home telephone number, personal mobile telephone number, personal
6162 pager number, personal email address, social security number, insurance coverage,
6163 marital status, or payroll deductions.6164 (2)(a) Pursuant to Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(h), an at-risk government employee may
6165 file a written application that:6166 (i) gives notice of the employee's status as an at-risk government employee to each
6167 agency of a government entity holding a record or a part of a record that would
6168 disclose the employee's personal information; and6169 (ii) requests that the government agency classify those records or parts of records as
6170 private.6171 (b) An at-risk government employee desiring to file an application under this section
6172 may request assistance from the government agency to identify the individual records
6173 containing personal information.

6174 (c) Each government agency shall develop a form that:

6175 (i) requires the at-risk government employee to designate each specific record or part

- 6176 of a record containing the employee's personal information that the applicant
 6177 desires to be classified as private;
- 6178 (ii) affirmatively requests that the government entity holding those records classify
 6179 them as private;
- 6180 (iii) informs the employee that by submitting a completed form the employee may
 6181 not receive official announcements affecting the employee's property, including
 6182 notices about proposed municipal annexations, incorporations, or zoning
 6183 modifications; and
- 6184 (iv) contains a place for the signature required under Subsection (2)(d).
- 6185 (d) A form submitted by an employee under Subsection (2)(c) shall be signed by the
 6186 highest ranking elected or appointed official in the employee's chain of command
 6187 certifying that the employee submitting the form is an at-risk government employee.
- 6188 (3) A county recorder, county treasurer, county auditor, or a county tax assessor may fully
 6189 satisfy the requirements of this section by:
- 6190 (a) providing a method for the assessment roll and index and the tax roll and index that
 6191 will block public access to the home address, home telephone number, situs address,
 6192 and Social Security number; and
- 6193 (b) providing the at-risk government employee requesting the classification with a
 6194 disclaimer informing the employee that the employee may not receive official
 6195 announcements affecting the employee's property, including notices about proposed
 6196 annexations, incorporations, or zoning modifications.
- 6197 (4) A government agency holding records of an at-risk government employee classified as
 6198 private under this section may release the record or part of the record if:
- 6199 (a) the employee or former employee gives written consent;
- 6200 (b) a court orders release of the records; or
- 6201 (c) the government agency receives a certified death certificate for the employee or
 6202 former employee[; ~~or~~] .
- 6203 [~~(d) as it relates to the employee's voter registration record:]~~
- 6204 [~~(i) the person to whom the record or part of the record is released is a qualified~~
 6205 ~~person under Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(n); and]~~
- 6206 [~~(ii) the government agency's release of the record or part of the record complies with~~
 6207 ~~the requirements of Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(o).]~~
- 6208 (5)(a) If the government agency holding the private record receives a subpoena for the
 6209 records, the government agency shall attempt to notify the at-risk government

- 6210 employee or former employee by mailing a copy of the subpoena to the employee's
 6211 last-known mailing address together with a request that the employee either:
- 6212 (i) authorize release of the record; or
 - 6213 (ii) within 10 days of the date that the copy and request are mailed, deliver to the
 6214 government agency holding the private record a copy of a motion to quash filed
 6215 with the court who issued the subpoena.
- 6216 (b) The government agency shall comply with the subpoena if the government agency
 6217 has:
- 6218 (i) received permission from the at-risk government employee or former employee to
 6219 comply with the subpoena;
 - 6220 (ii) not received a copy of a motion to quash within 10 days of the date that the copy
 6221 of the subpoena was mailed; or
 - 6222 (iii) received a court order requiring release of the records.
- 6223 (6)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a form submitted under this section
 6224 remains in effect until the earlier of:
- 6225 (i) four years after the date the employee signs the form, whether or not the
 6226 employee's employment terminates before the end of the four-year period; and
 - 6227 (ii) one year after the government agency receives official notice of the death of the
 6228 employee.
- 6229 (b) A form submitted under this section may be rescinded at any time by:
- 6230 (i) the at-risk government employee who submitted the form; or
 - 6231 (ii) if the at-risk government employee is deceased, a member of the employee's
 6232 immediate family.
- 6233 Section 67. Section **73-10d-4** is amended to read:
- 6234 **73-10d-4 (Effective 05/25/26). Notice of intention to enter privatization project --**
 6235 **Petition for election -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature --**
 6236 **Election procedures -- Powers of political subdivision -- Public bidding laws not to apply.**
- 6237 (1)(a) The governing authority of any political subdivision considering entering into a
 6238 privatization project agreement shall issue a notice of intention setting forth a brief
 6239 summary of the agreement provisions and the time within which and place at which
 6240 petitions may be filed requesting the calling of an election in the political subdivision
 6241 to determine whether the agreement should be approved.
- 6242 (b) The notice of intention shall specify the form of the petitions.
 - 6243 (c) If, within 30 days after the publication of the notice of intention, petitions are filed

6244 with the clerk, recorder, or similar officer of the political subdivision, signed by at
6245 least 5% of the registered voters of the political subdivision (as certified by the
6246 county clerks of the respective counties within which the political subdivision is
6247 located pursuant to Subsections (7) and (8)[)] requesting an election be held to
6248 authorize the agreement, then the governing authority shall proceed to call and hold
6249 an election.

6250 (d) If an adequate petition is not filed within 30 days, the governing authority may adopt
6251 a resolution so finding and may proceed to enter into the agreement.

6252 (e) The first page of a petition described in this Subsection (1) shall include the
6253 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other
6254 statements on the page:

6255 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
6256 RECORDS

6257 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
6258 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
6259 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

6260 (2) If, under Subsection (1), the governing authority of a political subdivision is required to
6261 call an election to authorize an agreement, the governing authority shall adopt a
6262 resolution directing that an election be held in the political subdivision for the purpose of
6263 determining whether the political subdivision may enter into the agreement. The
6264 resolution calling the election shall be adopted, notice of the election shall be given,
6265 voting precincts shall be established, the election shall be held, voters' qualifications
6266 shall be determined, and the results shall be canvassed in the manner and subject to the
6267 conditions provided for in Title 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act.

6268 (3) A political subdivision may, upon approval of an agreement as provided by Subsections
6269 (1) and (2) and subject to the powers and rules of the supervising agency:

6270 (a) supervise and regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of all
6271 privatization projects within its jurisdiction or in which it has a contractual interest;

6272 (b) contract, by entry into agreements with private owner/operators for the provision
6273 within its jurisdiction of the services of privatization projects;

6274 (c) levy and collect taxes, as otherwise provided by law, and impose and collect
6275 assessments, fees, or charges for services provided by privatization projects, as
6276 appropriate, and, subject to any limitation imposed by the constitution, pledge,
6277 assign, or otherwise convey as security for the payment of its obligations under any

- 6278 agreements any revenues and receipts derived from any assessments, fees, or charges
6279 for services provided by privatization projects;
- 6280 (d) require the private owner/operator to obtain any and all licenses as appropriate under
6281 federal, state, and local law and impose other requirements which are necessary or
6282 desirable to discharge the responsibility of the political subdivision to supervise and
6283 regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of any privatization
6284 project;
- 6285 (e) control the right to contract, maintain, own, and operate any privatization project and
6286 the services provided in connection with that project within its jurisdiction;
- 6287 (f) purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire all or any part of a privatization project;
- 6288 (g) with respect to the services of any privatization project, control the right to establish
6289 or regulate the rates paid by the users of the services within the jurisdiction of the
6290 political subdivision;
- 6291 (h) agree that the sole and exclusive right to provide the services within its jurisdiction
6292 related to privatization projects be assumed by any private owner/operator;
- 6293 (i) contract for the lease or purchase of land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles for the
6294 operation of privatization projects;
- 6295 (j) lease, sell, or otherwise convey, as permitted by state and local law, but without any
6296 requirement of competitive public bidding, land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles,
6297 previously used in connection with privatization projects, to private owner/operators;
6298 and
- 6299 (k) establish policies for the operation of any privatization project within its jurisdiction
6300 or with respect to which it has a contractual interest, including hours of operation, the
6301 character and kinds of services, and other rules necessary for the safety of operating
6302 personnel.
- 6303 (4) Any political subdivision may enter into agreements with respect to privatization
6304 projects. Agreements may contain provisions relating to, without limitation, any matter
6305 provided for in this section or consistent with the purposes of this chapter.
- 6306 (5) Any agreement entered into between a political subdivision and a private
6307 owner/operator for the provision of the services of a privatization project is considered
6308 an exercise of that political subdivision's business or proprietary power binding upon its
6309 succeeding governing authorities. Any agreement made by a political subdivision with a
6310 private owner/operator for payment for services provided or to be provided may not be
6311 construed to be an indebtedness or a lending of credit of the political subdivision within

- 6312 the meaning of any constitutional or statutory restriction.
- 6313 (6) The provisions of the various laws of the state and the rules or ordinances of a political
6314 subdivision which would otherwise require public bidding in respect to any matter
6315 provided for in this chapter shall have no application to that matter.
- 6316 (7) If a petition is presented to the clerk of a political subdivision under Subsection (1):
- 6317 (a) as applicable, within three business days after the day on which the clerk receives the
6318 petition, the clerk shall provide the petition to the county clerk for the county in
6319 which the political subdivision is located; and
- 6320 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition under this
6321 section, the county clerk shall:
- 6322 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
6323 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1) for a registered voter petition;
- 6324 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
6325 affected political subdivision; and
- 6326 (iii) as applicable, deliver the certified petition to the governing authority of the
6327 affected political subdivision.
- 6328 (8)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (1) may have the voter's signature
6329 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
6330 which the petition is provided to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a
6331 statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 6332 (b) A statement described in Subsection (8)(a) shall comply with the requirements
6333 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 6334 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
6335 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
6336 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

6337 **Section 68. Effective Date.**

- 6338 (1) Except as provided in Subsections (2)-(4), this bill takes effect May 25, 2026.
- 6339 (2)(a) The actions affecting sections described in Subsection (2)(b) take effect:
- 6340 (i) except as provided in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), May 6, 2026; or
- 6341 (ii) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:
- 6342 (A) upon approval by the governor;
- 6343 (B) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time
6344 limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or
- 6345 (C) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

- 6346 (b) Subsection (2)(a) applies to the actions affecting the following sections:
- 6347 (i) Section 20A-1-102(Effective upon governor's approval);
- 6348 (ii) Section 20A-2-504(Effective upon governor's approval);
- 6349 (iii) Section 20A-2-601(Effective upon governor's approval);
- 6350 (iv) Section 20A-2-602(Effective upon governor's approval);
- 6351 (v) Section 20A-2-607(Effective upon governor's approval);
- 6352 (vi) Section 20A-7-103(Effective upon governor's approval)(Superseded
- 6353 01/01/27Contingently);
- 6354 (vii) Section 20A-7-702(Effective upon governor's approval);
- 6355 (viii) Section 20A-7-703.1(Effective upon governor's approval);
- 6356 (ix) Section 63G-2-202(Effective upon governor's approval); and
- 6357 (x) Section 63G-2-210(Effective upon governor's approval).
- 6358 (3)(a) The actions affecting sections described in Subsection (3)(b) take effect:
- 6359 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), May 6, 2026; or
- 6360 (ii) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house, the later of April
- 6361 6, 2026; or:
- 6362 (A) upon approval by the governor;
- 6363 (B) without the governor's approval, the day following the constitutional time
- 6364 limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or
- 6365 (C) with the governor's veto and a vote of the Legislature to override the veto, the
- 6366 date of veto override.
- 6367 (b) Subsection (3)(a) applies to the actions affecting the following sections:
- 6368 (i) Section 20A-2-101.1(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6369 (ii) Section 20A-2-104(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6370 (iii) Section 20A-2-108(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6371 (iv) Section 20A-2-204(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6372 (v) Section 20A-2-206(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6373 (vi) Section 20A-2-304(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6374 (vii) Section 20A-2-505(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6375 (viii) Section 20A-2-603(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6376 (ix) Section 20A-2-604(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6377 (x) Section 20A-2-605(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6378 (xi) Section 20A-2-606(Effective 04/06/26);
- 6379 (xii) Section 20A-5-410(Effective 04/06/26);

6380 (xiii) Section 20A-3a-401(Effective 04/06/26);

6381 (xiv) Section 20A-6-105(Effective 04/06/26);

6382 (xv) Section 53H-3-1304(Effective 04/06/26);

6383 (xvi) Section 63G-2-301(Effective 04/06/26);

6384 (xvii) Section 63G-2-302(Effective 04/06/26); and

6385 (xviii) Section 63G-2-303(Effective 04/06/26).

6386 (4) The actions affecting Section 20A-7-103 (Effective 01/01/27Contingently) take effect
6387 on January 1, 2027.

6388 **Section 69. Coordinating S.B. 153 with H.B. 209.**

6389 If S.B. 153, Election Amendments, and H.B. 209, Voting Amendments, both pass and
6390 become law, the Legislature intends that:

6391 (1) Subsections 20A-2-204(3)(c) and (4), in S.B. 153 and H.B. 209, be amended to read:

6392 "(c) on or before the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on
6393 which the division receives a voter registration form, electronically transmit the form to the [
6394 Office of the Lieutenant Governor] lieutenant governor, including the following for the
6395 individual named on the form:

6396 (i) the name, date of birth, driver license or state identification card number, last four digits
6397 of the social security number, Utah residential address, place of birth, and signature;

6398 (ii) a mailing address, if different from the individual's Utah residential address;

6399 (iii) an email address and phone number, if available;

6400 (iv) the desired political affiliation, if indicated;

6401 [~~(v) an indication of whether the individual requested that the individual's voter registration~~
6402 ~~record be classified as a private record under Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(b); and]~~

6403 [~~(vi) (v) [a withholding] an at-risk designation request form described in [Subsections~~
6404 ~~20A-2-104(7) and (8)] Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted with the form[-]; and~~

6405 (vi) an indication regarding whether the individual provided proof of United States
6406 citizenship.

6407 (4) Upon receipt of an individual's voter registration form from the Driver License Division
6408 under Subsection (3), the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall:

6409 (a) enter the information into the statewide voter registration database;[~~and]~~

6410 (b) make a record of the indication described in Subsection (3)(c)(vi); and

6411 [~~(b) (c) if the individual [requests on the individual's voter registration form that the~~
6412 ~~individual's voter registration record be classified as a private record or the individual submits~~
6413 ~~a withholding request form described in Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)] submits an at-risk~~

_ 6414 designation request form described in Section 20A-2-606 and any required verification,
 _ 6415 classify the individual's voter registration record as a private record.";
 _ 6416 (2) Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (m), in S.B. 153 and H.B. 209, be amended to
 _ 6417 read:
 _ 6418 "(j) that part of a voter registration record:
 _ 6419 (i) identifying a voter's:
 _ 6420 [(i)] (A) driver license or identification card number;
 _ 6421 [(ii)] (B) social security number, or last four digits of the social security number;
 _ 6422 [(iii)] (C) email address;
 _ 6423 [(iv)] (D) [date] day, month, or year of birth; or
 _ 6424 [(v)] (E) phone number;
 _ 6425 (ii) submitted by the voter as proof of United States citizenship;
 _ 6426 (iii) indicating whether the voter has provided proof of United States citizenship; or
 _ 6427 (iv) indicating whether the voter is restricted to voting a federal ballot;
 _ 6428 (k) a voter registration record that is classified as a private record by the lieutenant governor
 _ 6429 or a county clerk under Subsection 20A-2-101.1(5)(a)[, 20A-2-104(4)(h), or 20A-2-204(4)(b)]
 _ 6430 or 20A-2-204(4)(c);
 _ 6431 (l) (i) a voter registration record[that is withheld under Subsection 20A-2-104(7);] of an
 _ 6432 at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601; or
 _ 6433 (ii) before January 1, 2027, a voter registration record of a voter who is limited to voting a
 _ 6434 federal ballot only;
 _ 6435 (m) the following forms and supporting verification:
 _ 6436 (i) a withholding request form used, before April 6, 2026, to request that a voter's voter
 _ 6437 registration be withheld as a private record, and any verification submitted in support of the
 _ 6438 form;
 _ 6439 (ii) an at-risk voter designation request form described in [Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)]
 _ 6440 Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted in support of the form;
 _ 6441 (iii) a notice described in Section 20A-2-602; and
 _ 6442 (iv) a form relating to a request described in Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604, 20A-2-605, or
 _ 6443 20A-2-607;"
 _ 6444 (3) Subsection 20A-2-104(2)(d) in H.B. 209 not be enacted as Subsection 20A-2-104(2)(d)
 _ 6445 and, instead, be enacted as Subsection 20A-2-104(1)(c) in S.B. 153;
 _ 6446 (4) Subsection 20A-2-104(7) in H.B. 209 not be enacted as 20A-2-104(7) and, instead, be
 _ 6447 enacted as Subsection 20A-2-104(4) in S.B. 153; and

6448 (5) Subsections (1) through (4) of this coordination clause take effect on:

6449 (a) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), May 6, 2026; or

6450 (b) April 6, 2026, if S.B. 153 and H.B. 209 are both approved by two-thirds of all members
6451 elected to each house.

6452 Section 70. **Coordinating S.B. 153 with H.B. 361.**

6453 If S.B. 153, Election Amendments, and H.B. 361, Election Provisions Amendments,
6454 both pass and become law, the Legislature intends that, on May 6, 2026, Subsections
6455 20A-2-504(4) through (7), in S.B. 153 and H.B. 361, be amended to read:

6456 "[(3)] (4) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register within five
6457 business days after the day on which the county clerk:

6458 (a) receives, from the lieutenant governor, the information described in Subsection (3) or
6459 26B-8-114(11) in relation to the voter; or

6460 (b) receives confirmation [from the Office of Vital Records-]that the voter is deceased[-]
6461 from:

6462 (i) the Office of Vital Records and Statistics or the lieutenant governor;

6463 (ii) the United States Social Security Administration data; or

6464 (iii) another reliable source or document that clearly identifies that the voter is deceased.

6465 (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), the county clerk may not remove the name
6466 of a voter from the official register during the 90 calendar days before a regular primary
6467 election or the 90 calendar days before a regular general election.

6468 (b) The county clerk may remove the name of a voter from the official register during the
6469 90 calendar days before a regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before a regular
6470 general election if:

6471 (i) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed; or

6472 (ii) the voter dies.

6473 [(4)] (6) No later than 90 calendar days before each primary election day and general
6474 election day[-] :

6475 (a) the county clerk shall update the official register by reviewing the official register and
6476 taking the actions permitted or required by law under this section, Section 20A-2-503, and
6477 Section 20A-2-505[-] ; and

6478 (b) the lieutenant governor shall compare the records that the lieutenant governor receives
6479 under Subsections (3) and 26B-8-114(11) to the official register to ensure that each county
6480 clerk complies with Subsection (4).

6481 (7) Ninety calendar days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor

_ 6482 shall compare the information the lieutenant governor has received from the Office of Vital
_ 6483 Records and Statistics, the United States Social Security Administration data, and other
_ 6484 reliable sources with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have been
_ 6485 removed from the official register.".