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Government Form Submission Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses when a government entity is required to provide an electronic filing option to a person submitting information to the government entity.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires state and local government to provide an electronic option for filling out forms and for submitting forms, records, and other information; and
- ▶ provides certain exceptions to the requirement described in the preceding paragraph.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

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19 **11-72-101** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

20 **11-72-102** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

21 **63G-34-101** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

25 Section 1. Section **1** is enacted to read:

26 **CHAPTER 72. Local Government - Interaction with Citizens and Others**

27 **11-72-101. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, "local government" means a political subdivision of the state, including:

30 (1) a county, city, town, school district, special district, or special service district;

31 (2) an agency or office of a political subdivision of the state; or

32 (3) an official or employee of:

33 (a) a political subdivision of the state; or

34 (b) an entity described in Subsection (1) or (2).

35 Section 2. Section **2** is enacted to read:

36 **11-72-102. Electronic submission of forms, records, and other information.**

37 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), ~~and subject to Subsection (3),~~ if a local government requires or requests a person to submit a form, ~~a~~ record, or information to the local government, the local government shall, ~~instead of requiring the person to appear in person or otherwise provide a physical copy of the form, the record, or information,~~ provide an electronic means { ~~to fill out~~ } ~~for~~ the { ~~form and~~ } ~~person~~ to submit the form, record, or information, { ~~regardless of whether the purpose~~ } ~~which may include, at the discretion~~ of the { ~~requirement or request is to~~ } ~~local government:~~

43 (a) ~~electronically completing and electronically signing the form;~~

44 (b) ~~downloading the form, completing and physically or electronically signing the form, and submitting a copy of the completed and signed form electronically, by email or other electronic means;~~

47 (c) ~~entering the information online;~~

48 (d) ~~uploading the completed and signed form, the record, or the information; or~~

49 (e) ~~sending the record or information by email or other electronic means.~~

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- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply:
- (a) to the extent prohibited by an express provision of:
- (i) federal law or rule;
- (ii) state law; or
- (iii) court rule;
- (b) to the extent that the person is required by state or federal law to fill out the form in person or to submit the form, record, or information in person; or
- (c) if the person is required to submit a fingerprint with the form, record, or information:
- (i) by state or federal law; or
- (ii) for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check.
- (3) Subsection (1) applies regardless of whether the purpose of the requirement or request is to:
- (a) comply with a requirement of law;
- (b) request a service or thing; or
- (c) request or compel government action or forbearance.
- ~~{(2) {Subsection (1) does not apply:} }~~
- ~~{(a) {to the extent prohibited by an express provision of:} }~~
- ~~{(i) {federal law or rule;} }~~
- ~~{(ii) {state law; or} }~~
- ~~{(iii) {court rule; or} }~~
- ~~{(b) {to the extent that the person is required by law to fill out the form in person or to submit the form, record, or information in person.} }~~
- Section 3. Section 3 is enacted to read:
- 63G-34-101. Definitions.**
34. State Government - Interaction with Citizens and Others
- As used in this chapter:
- (1) "State government" means:
- (a) a branch of state government;
- (b) a department, agency, or other entity of state government;
- (c) an independent entity, as defined in Section 63E-1-102; or
- (d) an official or employee of an entity described in Subsections (1)(a) through (c).
- (2) "State government" does not include local government, as defined in Section 11-72-101.

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Section 4. Section 4 is enacted to read:

63G-34-102. Electronic submission of forms, records, and other information.

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), and subject to Subsection (3), if state government requires or requests a person to submit a form, a record, or information to state government, state government shall, instead of requiring the person to appear in person or otherwise provide a physical copy of the form, the record, or information, provide an electronic means {to fill out} for the {form and} person to submit the form, record, or information, which may include, {regardless of whether} at the {purpose} discretion of {the requirement or request is to} state government:
- (a) electronically completing and electronically signing the form;
- (b) downloading the form, completing and physically or electronically signing the form, and submitting a copy of the completed and signed form electronically, by email or other electronic means;
- (c) entering the information online;
- (d) uploading the completed and signed form, the record, or the information; or
- (e) sending the record or information by email or other electronic means.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply:
- (a) to the extent prohibited by an express provision of:
- (i) federal law or rule;
- (ii) state law; or
- (iii) court rule;
- (b) to the extent that the person is required by state or federal law to fill out the form in person or to submit the form, record, or information in person; or
- (c) if the person is required to submit a fingerprint with the form, record, or information:
- (i) by state or federal law; or
- (ii) for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check.
- (3) Subsection (1) applies regardless of whether the purpose of the requirement or request is to:
- (a) comply with a requirement of law;
- (b) request a service or thing; or
- (c) request or compel government action or forbearance.
- ~~{(2) {Subsection (1) does not apply:} }~~
- ~~{(a) {to the extent prohibited by an express provision of:} }~~
- ~~{(i) {federal law or rule;} }~~

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74 { (ii) { ~~state law; or~~ } }

75 { (iii) { ~~court rule; or~~ } }

76 { (b) { ~~to the extent that the person is required by law to fill out the form in person or to submit the form,
record, or information in person.~~ } }

105 Section 5. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on { ~~May 6, 2026~~ } July 1, 2027.

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