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Elected Official Publicity Amendments
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Pitcher
House Sponsor:



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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill creates an exception to ~~{a}~~ the 60-day restriction on certain publicly funded mass communications.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

- 8 ▶ creates an exception to the 60-day restriction on certain publicly funded mass communications {for} to permit a public official's photograph to appear in a regularly published public entity newsletter as part of a neutral, ~~{informational communications}~~ uniformly displayed candidate profile that ~~{include more than one individual related to an elective office}~~ does not promote or ~~{governing body}~~ oppose any candidacy; and

11 ▶ makes technical changes.

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 None

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18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **20A-11-1203.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 96

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

23 Section 1. Section **20A-11-1203.5** is amended to read:

24 **20A-11-1203.5. Public official prohibited from expending public funds on certain**
25 **communications.**

24 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a public official may not make an expenditure from public
25 funds for a billboard or mass communication that:

26 (a)

(i) includes a photograph, image, or likeness of the public official; or

27 (ii) contains the name of the public official in a font size that is larger than any other font size on the
28 billboard or mass communication; and

29 (b) is posted, displayed, or mailed less than 60 calendar days before the date of any caucus, political
30 convention, or election at which the public official is a candidate for elective office.

32 (2) A public official may make an expenditure from public funds for a mass communication described
31 in Subsection (1) if:

34 (a) the mass communication is mailed to a person in response to that person making an inquiry of the
33 public official;

36 (b) the mass communication is sent to another public official;

37 (c) the mass communication is a news release sent to a news media organization; ~~or~~

38 (d) the public official is legally required to mail the mass communication~~[-]~~ ; or

39 (e) the mass communication:

42 (i) is an informational newsletter or similar communication that a public entity regularly publishes
43 outside the period described in Subsection (1)(b); and

44 (ii) fails to comply with Subsection (1) solely because the mass communication includes a photograph
45 of the public official as part of a candidate profile that:

40 (i) {(A)} is {informational} displayed in {nature} the same time, place, and {relates to an} manner as
41 the profiles of all other candidates for the elective office {or governing body;} for which the public
42 official is a candidate; and

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- 41 ~~{(ii) {includes the names of more than one individual who:}}~~
- 42 ~~{(A) {holds or seeks the elective office; or}}~~
- 43 ~~{(B) {is a member of the governing body; and}}~~
- 49 (B) does not promote or oppose any individual's candidacy.
- 44 ~~{(iii) {{presents each individual described in Subsection (2)(c)(ii) in a substantially similar manner, without promoting or opposing any individual's candidacy for, or election to, an elective office.}}~~

50 Section 2. **Effective date.**

 Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

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