

**Jordan D. Teuscher** proposes the following substitute bill:

**Government Form Submission Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher**

Senate Sponsor:

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**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:

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

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

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

**63G-34-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **11-72-101** is enacted to read:

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

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

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

including:

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

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

(3) an official or employee of:

(a) a political subdivision of the state; or

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

Section 2. Section **11-72-102** is enacted to read:

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

(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 for the person to submit the form, record, or information, which may include, at the discretion of the local 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.

Section 3. Section **63G-34-101** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 34. State Government - Interaction with Citizens and Others**

**63G-34-101 . Definitions.**

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.

Section 4. Section **63G-34-102** 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 for the person to submit the form, record, or information, which may include, at the discretion of 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

97           (c) if the person is required to submit a fingerprint with the form, record, or information:

98               (i) by state or federal law; or

99               (ii) for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check.

100       (3) Subsection (1) applies regardless of whether the purpose of the requirement or request is  
101       to:

102           (a) comply with a requirement of law;

103           (b) request a service or thing; or

104           (c) request or compel government action or forbearance.

105           Section 5. **Effective Date.**

106       This bill takes effect on July 1, 2027.