

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: Evan J. Vickers

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

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:

29 (1) "Incarcerated individual" means an individual who is confined in a prison, jail, or other
30 correctional facility.

31 (2) "Local government" means a political subdivision of the state, including:

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

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

34 (c) an official or employee of:

35 (i) a political subdivision of the state; or

36 (ii) an entity described in Subsection (2)(a) or (b).

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

38 **11-72-102 . Electronic submission of forms, records, and other information.**

39 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), and subject to Subsection (3), if a local
40 government requires or requests a person to submit a form, a record, or information to
41 the local government, the local government shall, instead of requiring the person to
42 appear in person or otherwise provide a physical copy of the form, the record, or
43 information, provide an electronic means for the person to submit the form, record, or
44 information, which may include, at the discretion of the local government:

45 (a) electronically completing and electronically signing the form;

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

49 (c) entering the information online;

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

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

52 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply:

53 (a) to the extent prohibited by an express provision of:

54 (i) federal law or rule;

55 (ii) state law; or

56 (iii) court rule;

57 (b) to the extent that the person is required by state or federal law to fill out the form in
58 person or to submit the form, record, or information in person;

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

60 (i) by state or federal law; or

61 (ii) for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check;

62 (d) if the person is an incarcerated individual;

- 63 (e) to a marriage license, if the local government requires an individual to be present to
 64 obtain a marriage license; or
 65 (f) to a form, record, or information relating to an election governed by Title 20A,
 66 Election Code.
 67 (3) Subsection (1) applies regardless of whether the purpose of the requirement or request is
 68 to:
 69 (a) comply with a requirement of law;
 70 (b) request a service or thing; or
 71 (c) request or compel government action or forbearance.

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

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

74 **63G-34-101 . Definitions.**

75 As used in this chapter:

- 76 (1) "Incarcerated individual" means an individual who is confined in a prison, jail, or other
 77 correctional facility.
 78 (2)(a) "State government" means:
 79 (i) a branch of state government;
 80 (ii) a department, agency, or other entity of state government;
 81 (iii) an independent entity, as defined in Section 63E-1-102; or
 82 (iv) an official or employee of an entity described in Subsections (1)(a) through (c).
 83 (b) "State government" does not include local government, as defined in Section
 84 11-72-101.

85 Section 4. Section **63G-34-102** is enacted to read:

86 **63G-34-102 . Electronic submission of forms, records, and other information.**

- 87 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), and subject to Subsection (3), if state government
 88 requires or requests a person to submit a form, a record, or information to state
 89 government, state government shall, instead of requiring the person to appear in person
 90 or otherwise provide a physical copy of the form, the record, or information, provide an
 91 electronic means for the person to submit the form, record, or information, which may
 92 include, at the discretion of state government:
 93 (a) electronically completing and electronically signing the form;
 94 (b) downloading the form, completing and physically or electronically signing the form,
 95 and submitting a copy of the completed and signed form electronically, by email or
 96 other electronic means;

- 97 (c) entering the information online;
- 98 (d) uploading the completed and signed form, the record, or the information; or
- 99 (e) sending the record or information by email or other electronic means.
- 100 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply:
- 101 (a) to the extent prohibited by an express provision of:
- 102 (i) federal law or rule;
- 103 (ii) state law; or
- 104 (iii) court rule;
- 105 (b) to the extent that the person is required by state or federal law to fill out the form in
- 106 person or to submit the form, record, or information in person;
- 107 (c) if the person is required to submit a fingerprint with the form, record, or information:
- 108 (i) by state or federal law; or
- 109 (ii) for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check;
- 110 (d) if the person is an incarcerated individual;
- 111 (e) in relation to a notarized document, if state government requires the person to submit
- 112 the original notarized document; or
- 113 (f) to a form, record, or information relating to an election governed by Title 20A,
- 114 Election Code.
- 115 (3) Subsection (1) applies regardless of whether the purpose of the requirement or request is
- 116 to:
- 117 (a) comply with a requirement of law;
- 118 (b) request a service or thing; or
- 119 (c) request or compel government action or forbearance.

120 **Section 5. Effective Date.**

121 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2027.