

Trevor Lee proposes the following substitute bill:

Voting Registration Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Trevor Lee

Senate Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses provisions related to voter registration.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates a process for an individual to receive a voter registration form and voter registration information when purchasing a hunting or fishing license; and
- permits the lieutenant governor or the legislative auditor general to contract with a third-party to assist in the review and identification of inaccuracies in the voter registration database.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-2-502, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

ENACTS:

20A-2-208, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **20A-2-208** is enacted to read:

**20A-2-208 . Voter registration forms and information available at Division of
Life Resources offices.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Applicant" means an individual who is:

- (A) voter registration;
- (B) a registered voter's change of address; or
- (C) a registered voter's change of name;

- (ii) on at least a weekly basis, the information described in Subsection 26B-8-114(11) from the state registrar, regarding deceased individuals;
- (iii) on at least a monthly basis, the information described in Subsection (3), received from the Department of Corrections regarding incarcerated individuals;
- (iv) on at least a monthly basis, information received from other states, including information received under an agreement described in Subsection (2); and
- (v) within 31 calendar days after the day on which the lieutenant governor receives information relevant to voter registration, other than the information described in Subsections (1)(b)(i) through (iv);

- (c) regularly monitor the system to ensure that each county clerk complies with the requirements of this part and rules made under Section 20A-2-507;
- (d) establish matching criteria and security measures for identifying a change described in Subsection (1)(b) to ensure the accuracy of a voter registration record;
- (e) on at least a monthly basis:
 - (i) use the matching criteria and security measures described in Subsection (1)(d) to compare information in the database to identify duplicate data, contradictory data, and changes in data;
 - (ii) notify the applicable county clerk of the data identified; and
 - (iii) notify the county clerk of the county in which a voter's principal place of residence is located of a change in a registered voter's principal place of residence or name;
- (f) before April 1, 2026, develop a procedure to evaluate voter registration based on addresses to identify potential anomalies, including eight or more voters at a single-family home address;
- (g) develop procedures to investigate the validity of a voter registration when a ballot mailed by the county clerk is returned by the post office as undeliverable;
- (h) before June 1, 2026, register with the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements program, operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security; and
- (i) as part of maintaining the voter registration database, analyze the database at least 90 calendar days before the day of each regular primary election and each regular general election to ensure the accuracy of the voter registration record, and to inform

98 county clerks of action needed, by identifying errors in the database, including errors
99 based on:

100 (i) change of incarceration status;
101 (ii) the death of a voter;
102 (iii) duplicate voters;
103 (iv) identical identification numbers used by multiple voters; or
104 (v) other reasons identified by the lieutenant governor that would render a voter
105 ineligible to vote.

106 (2)(a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b), the lieutenant governor may cooperate or enter into
107 an agreement with a governmental entity or another state to share information and
108 increase the accuracy of the database.

109 (b) For a record shared under Subsection (2)(a), the lieutenant governor shall ensure:

110 (i) that the record is only used to maintain the accuracy of the database;
111 (ii) compliance with Section 63G-2-206; and
112 (iii) that the record is secure from unauthorized use by employing data encryption or
113 another similar technology security system.

114 (c) The lieutenant governor is not required to comply with an updating requirement
115 described in Subsection (1)(b) to the extent that the person responsible to provide the
116 information to the lieutenant governor fails to provide the information.

117 (3)(a) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a current list of all incarcerated felons in
118 Utah.

119 (b) The Department of Corrections shall provide the lieutenant governor's office with:

120 (i) the name and last-known address of each individual who:
121 (A) was convicted of a felony in a Utah state court; and
122 (B) is currently incarcerated for commission of a felony; and
123 (ii) the name of each convicted felon who has been released from incarceration.

124 (4) The lieutenant governor shall seek to enter into an agreement with the federal courts to
125 provide that, in exchange for receiving information from the state's voter registration list
126 or from a list maintained by the Driver License Division to use in relation to federal
127 juries, the federal courts will notify the lieutenant governor or a county clerk when an
128 individual disclosed from one of the lists is disqualified from jury service due to a
129 conviction or non-citizenship.

130 (5) The lieutenant governor shall maintain on the lieutenant governor's website a document
131 that:

132 (a) describes the utilities and tools within the system that a county clerk is required to
133 run;

134 (b) describes the actions, if any, that a county clerk is required to take in relation to the
135 results of running a utility or tool;

136 (c) lists, by date, the recurring deadlines by which a county clerk must comply with
137 Subsection (5)(a) or (b); and

138 (d) indicates, by county:

139 (i) whether the county clerk timely complies with each deadline described in
140 Subsection (5)(c); and

141 (ii) if the county clerk fails to timely comply with a deadline described in Subsection
142 (5)(c), whether the county clerk subsequently complies with the deadline and the
143 date on which the county clerk complies.

144 (6) The lieutenant governor or the legislative auditor general may contract with a
145 third-party that specializes in voter registration maintenance to assist in the review and
146 identification of inaccuracies in records within the voter registration database, if the
147 third-party:

148 (a) utilizes advanced data analytics to analyze as many data points as possible, including:
149 (i) driver license records;
150 (ii) property tax records;
151 (iii) vital records;
152 (iv) Medicaid application records; and
153 (v) other relevant records; and

154 (b) maintains:
155 (i) a primary data center and at least one backup data center in separate geographic
156 regions;
157 (ii) a disaster recovery plan that guarantees complete resumption of service within an
158 agreed upon time period in the event of a disaster that compromises the
159 availability of the system; and
160 (iii) security measures that comply with standards established by the National
161 Institute of Standards and Technology.

162 **Section 3. Effective Date.**

163 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.