

Ryan D. Wilcox proposes the following substitute bill:

Elections Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the posting of certain information relating to a candidate for public office.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ requires an election officer to post the following information relating to a candidate for public office:

- the name and campaign contact information of the candidate;
- the office that the candidate is seeking; and
- the political party affiliation of the candidate, regardless of whether the candidate is a

candidate for partisan or nonpartisan office; and

▸ exempts a judge who is a candidate in a retention election from the provisions of this bill.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-9-203.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 48

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

Section 1. Section **20A-9-203.5** is amended to read:

20A-9-203.5 . Requirement to post candidate information on website.

~~[The clerk of a county or a municipality]~~

(1) ~~Except as provided in Subsection (2), an election officer shall, within three business days after the day on which the [clerk] election officer accepts a declaration of candidacy, post the following information on the election officer's website[of the county~~

- 30 or municipality]:
- 31 [(1)] (a) the name and campaign contact information of the candidate;[and]
- 32 [(2)] (b) the office that the candidate is seeking[-] ; and
- 33 (c) regardless of whether the office sought by the candidate is a partisan or nonpartisan
- 34 office:
- 35 (i) the political party with which the candidate is affiliated; or
- 36 (ii) if the candidate is not affiliated with a political party, that the candidate is not
- 37 affiliated with a political party.

38 (2)(a) For an election officer who does not have a website, the election officer shall,
39 within three business days after the day on which the election officer accepts a
40 declaration of candidacy, publish the information described in Subsection (1) on the
41 Utah Public Notice Website.

42 (b) Subsection (1) does not apply to a candidate in a retention election described in
43 Chapter 12, Selection and Election of Judges.

44 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

45 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.