

Matt MacPherson proposes the following substitute bill:

**Local Government Official Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Matt MacPherson**

Senate Sponsor: Keith Grover

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates requirements for holding local legislative office.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- provides that a local executive official may not serve on a municipal or county legislative body, subject to a time-limited exception;
- includes a sunset provision; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-2-210**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 15

**63I-2-217**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 7

ENACTS:

**10-3-303**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**17-66-207**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **10-3-303** is enacted to read:

**10-3-303 . Certain officials prohibited from serving in certain municipal offices.**

(1) As used in this section, "local executive official" means:

29 (a) the elected county executive with the duties described in Title 17, Chapter 65, Part 3,  
30 Powers and Duties;

31 (b) a county manager or county administrator, whether hired or appointed; or

32 (c) the mayor or manager for a municipality, whether elected or appointed

33 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a local executive official may not serve on a  
34 municipal legislative body, whether the municipal legislative member is elected or  
35 appointed, if the municipality is the same as or within, in whole or in part, the political  
36 subdivision where the local executive official serves.

37 (3) An individual who holds office in violation of Subsection (2) may continue to serve in  
38 the municipal legislative office:

39 (a) if the individual was in violation of Subsection (2) on May 6, 2026, until the earlier  
40 of:

41 (i) the day on which the individual's replacement, whether selected by election or  
42 appointment, is sworn into legislative office; or

43 (ii) January 31, 2027; and

44 (b) if Subsection (3)(a) does not apply, until the earlier of:

45 (i) the day on which the individual's replacement, whether selected by election or  
46 appointment, is sworn into legislative office; or

47 (ii) one year from the day that the violation first occurs.

48 Section 2. Section **17-66-207** is enacted to read:

49 **17-66-207 . Certain officials prohibited from serving in certain county offices.**

50 (1) As used in this section, "local executive official" means:

51 (a) the elected county executive with the duties described in Title 17, Chapter 65, Part 3,  
52 Powers and Duties; or

53 (b) a county manager or county administrator, whether hired or appointed.

54 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a local executive official may not serve on a  
55 county legislative body, whether the county legislative member is elected or appointed,  
56 in the same county where the local executive official serves.

57 (3) An individual who holds office in violation of Subsection (2) may continue to serve in  
58 the county legislative office:

59 (a) if the individual was in violation of Subsection (2) on May 6, 2026, until the earlier  
60 of:

61 (i) the day on which the individual's replacement, whether selected by election or  
62 appointment, is sworn into legislative office; or

- 63           (ii) January 31, 2027; and  
 64           (b) if Subsection (3)(a) does not apply, until the earlier of:  
 65               (i) the day on which the individual's replacement, whether selected by election or  
 66                   appointment, is sworn into legislative office; or  
 67               (ii) one year from the day that the violation first occurs.

68           Section 3. Section **63I-2-210** is amended to read:

69           **63I-2-210 . Repeal dates: Title 10.**

- 70           (1) Subsection 10-2a-205(2)(b)(iii), regarding a feasibility study for the proposed  
 71               incorporation of a community council area, is repealed July 1, 2028.  
 72           (2) Section 10-2a-205.5, Additional feasibility consultant considerations for proposed  
 73               incorporation of community council area -- Additional feasibility study requirements, is  
 74               repealed July 1, 2028.  
 75           (3) Subsection 10-3-303(3)(a), regarding eligibility to hold municipal legislative office  
 76               while serving as a local executive official, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 77           [~~(3)~~] (4) Subsection 10-20-904(4)(c), regarding an inspection fee on a qualified water  
 78               conservancy district, is repealed July 1, 2026.

79           Section 4. Section **63I-2-217** is amended to read:

80           **63I-2-217 . Repeal dates: Titles 17 through 17D.**

- 81           (1) Subsection 17-79-804(4)(c), regarding an inspection fee on a qualified water  
 82               conservancy district, is repealed July 1, 2026.  
 83           (2) Subsection 17-62-102(3), regarding the process for changing a form of county  
 84               government, is repealed January 1, 2028.  
 85           (3) Subsections 17-62-203(10) through (12), regarding the process to create a districting  
 86               commission and implementing a district map, are repealed July 1, 2029.  
 87           (4) Subsection 17-66-207(3)(a), regarding eligibility to hold county legislative office while  
 88               serving as a local executive official, is repealed July 1, 2027.

89           Section 5. **Effective Date.**

90           This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.