

Voter Registration Records Amendments

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to voting registration records.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ modifies and recodifies provisions relating to:
 - the information in a voter registration record that is available to a person based on the acity in which the person requests the information; and
 - the requirements to obtain additional privacy protection for a voter registration record;
- ▶ provides that a voter's voter registration record that, before January 1, 2027, was ssified as private without requiring a reason for the classification will be reclassified a public voter registration record, unless the voter takes certain action to obtain ditional protection for the voter's voter registration record;
- ▶ requires an election officer to notify a voter whose voter registration is subject to lassification as described in the preceding paragraph in order to give the voter an portunity to apply for additional protection for the voter's voter registration record;
- ▶ requires the assignment of new voter identification numbers;
- ▶ modifies the voter registration form to reflect the changes made in this bill and to give a er the option of opting into receiving electronic communications from a political ty with which the voter affiliates;
- ▶ provides for release to a political party of information relating to the number of at-risk ers in the state and in individual state House of Representatives districts;
- ▶ establishes additional requirements to ensure the removal of deceased individuals from er registration records;
- ▶ modifies penalties that may be imposed in relation to the unlawful disclosure of a voter istration record;
- ▶ places a cap on the fee that may be charged to obtain an electronic copy of the voter

31 registration list;

32 ▶ provides that if a voter, whose voter registration record is classified as private due to the

33 voter's status as an at-risk voter, signs a petition, the voter's name, address, and other

34 information relating to the petition may be publicly disclosed to the same extent, and in

35 the same manner, as a voter signing the petition who does not have a private voter

36 registration record;

37 ▶ requires a petition to contain a warning regarding the provision described in the preceding

38 paragraph; and

39 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

40 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

41 None

42 **Other Special Clauses:**

43 This bill provides a special effective date.

44 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

45 AMENDS:

46 **10-2-602**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 400

47 **10-2-701.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1981, Chapter 55

48 **10-2a-208**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38

49 **17-60-302**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,

50 Chapter 13

51 **17-61-201**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,

52 Chapter 13

53 **17-61-301**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,

54 Chapter 13

55 **17-61-401**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,

56 Chapter 13

57 **17-62-303**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,

58 Chapter 13

59 **17-62-505**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,

60 Chapter 13

61 **17B-1-205**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38

62 **17B-1-506**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38

63 **17B-1-1304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 15

64 **17D-2-502**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

65 **20A-1-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 6
66 **20A-2-101.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
67 **20A-2-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448
68 **20A-2-108**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381
69 **20A-2-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448
70 **20A-2-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381
71 **20A-2-304**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
72 **20A-2-504**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
73 **20A-2-505**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448
74 **20A-3a-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 6
75 **20A-5-410**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 188, 448
76 **20A-6-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448
77 **20A-7-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
78 **20A-7-215**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
79 **20A-7-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
80 **20A-7-313**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
81 **20A-7-503**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
82 **20A-7-514**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
83 **20A-7-603**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
84 **20A-7-614**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442
85 **20A-8-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 38, 448
86 **20A-9-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 38, 39 and 448
87 **20A-9-404**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
88 **20A-9-405**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38
89 **20A-9-408**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Second Special Session, Chapter 2
90 **20A-9-502**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Second Special Session, Chapter 2
91 **20A-11-1604**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 90, 448
92 **20A-15-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
93 **53G-3-301.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38
94 **53G-3-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116
95 **53G-3-501**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 528
96 **63G-2-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 188
97 **63G-2-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 9
98 **63G-2-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

99 **63G-2-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 208

100 **73-10d-4**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

101 ENACTS:

102 **20A-1-1004**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

103 **20A-2-601**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

104 **20A-2-602**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

105 **20A-2-603**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

106 **20A-2-604**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

107 **20A-2-605**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

108 **20A-2-606**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

109 **20A-2-607**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

112 Section 1. Section **10-2-602** is amended to read:

113 **10-2-602 . Contents of resolution or petition.**

114 (1) The resolution of the governing body or the petition of the electors shall include:

115 (a) a statement fully describing each of the areas to be included within the consolidated
116 municipality;

117 (b) the name of the proposed consolidated municipality; and

118 (c) the names of the municipalities to be consolidated.

119 (2)(a) The resolution or petition shall state the population of each of the municipalities
120 within the area of the proposed consolidated municipality and the total population of
121 the proposed consolidated municipality.

122 (b) The population for each municipality under Subsection (2)(a) shall be derived from:

123 (i) the estimate of the Utah Population Committee created in Section 63C-20-103; or
124 (ii) if the Utah Population Committee estimate is not available, the most recent
125 official census or census estimate of the United States Bureau of the Census.

126 (3) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
127 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
128 page:

129 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
130 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
131 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk
132 voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

133 Section 2. Section **10-2-701.5** is amended to read:

134 **10-2-701.5 . Form of petition.**

135 A petition for municipal disincorporation shall substantially comply with, and be
136 circulated in, the following form:

137 **PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL DISINCORPORATION**

138 To the Honorable District Court of ____ County, Utah:

139 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Utah, and residents of ____
140 City, Utah, respectfully petition the Court to submit a proposal to disincorporate ____ City,
141 Utah, to the legal voters resident within said city for their approval or rejection at a special
142 election ordered held by the court for that purpose; and each signator for himself or herself
143 says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Utah; I am a
144 resident of ____ City, Utah, and my residence and post office address are correctly written
145 after my name.

146 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

147 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
148 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
149 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

150 Section 3. Section **10-2a-208** is amended to read:

151 **10-2a-208 . Petition for incorporation -- Requirements and form -- Removal of
152 signature.**

153 (1) At any time within one year after the day on which the county clerk completes the
154 public hearings required under Section 10-2a-207, individuals within the proposed
155 municipality may proceed with the incorporation process by circulating, and submitting
156 to the county clerk, a petition for incorporation that, to be certified under Subsection
157 10-2a-209(1)(b)(i), is required to be signed by:

- 158 (a) 10% of all registered voters within the area proposed to be incorporated as a
159 municipality, as of the day on which the petition for incorporation is filed;
- 160 (b) if the petition for incorporation proposes the incorporation of a city, and subject to
161 Subsection (5), 10% of all registered voters within 90% of the voting precincts within
162 the area proposed to be incorporated as a city, as of the day on which the petition for
163 incorporation is filed; and
- 164 (c) the owners of private real property that:
 - 165 (i) is located within the proposed municipality;
 - 166 (ii) covers at least 10% of the total private land area within the proposed

167 municipality; and

168 (iii) on January 1 of the current year, was equal in assessed fair market value to at
169 least 7% of the assessed fair market value of all private real property within the
170 proposed municipality.

171 (2) The petition for incorporation shall:

172 (a) include the typed or printed name and current residence address of each voter who
173 signs the petition for incorporation;

174 (b) describe the area proposed to be incorporated as a municipality, as described in the
175 feasibility request or the modified feasibility request that complies with Subsection
176 10-2a-205(5)(a);

177 (c) state the proposed name for the proposed municipality;

178 (d) designate five signers of the petition for incorporation as petition sponsors, one of
179 whom is designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone
180 number of each;

181 (e) if the sponsors propose the incorporation of a city, state that the signers of the
182 petition for incorporation appoint the sponsors, if the incorporation measure passes,
183 to represent the signers in:

184 (i) selecting the number of commission or council members the new city will have;
185 and

186 (ii) drawing district boundaries for the election of council members, if the voters
187 decide to elect council members by district;

188 (f) be accompanied by and circulated with an accurate plat or map, prepared by a
189 licensed surveyor, showing the boundaries of the proposed municipality; and

190 (g) substantially comply with and be circulated in the following form:

191 PETITION FOR INCORPORATION OF (insert the proposed name of the proposed
192 municipality)

193 To the Honorable Lieutenant Governor and the [name of county legislative body]:

194 We, the undersigned registered voters within the area described in this petition for
195 incorporation, respectfully petition the lieutenant governor and the county legislative body to
196 submit to the registered voters residing within the area described in this petition for
197 incorporation, at the next regular general election, the question of whether the area should
198 incorporate as a municipality. Each of the undersigned affirms that each has personally signed
199 this petition for incorporation and is a registered voter who resides within the described area,
200 and that the current residence address of each is correctly written after the signer's name.

201 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

202 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
203 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
204 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

205 The area proposed to be incorporated as a municipality is described as follows:[insert an
206 accurate description of the area proposed to be incorporated].

207 (3)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a valid signature on a feasibility request
208 described in Section 10-2a-202 or a modified feasibility request described in Section
209 10-2a-206 may be used toward fulfilling the signature requirement described in
210 Subsection (1) if the feasibility request notified the signer in conspicuous language
211 that the signature, unless removed, would also be used for a petition for incorporation
212 under this section.

213 (b) A signature described in Subsection (3)(a) may not be used toward fulfilling the
214 signature requirement described in Subsection (1) if the signer files with the county
215 clerk a written statement requesting removal of the signature before the petition for
216 incorporation is filed with the county clerk under this section.

217 (4)(a) A voter who signs a petition for incorporation may have the voter's signature
218 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
219 which the petition for incorporation is submitted to the county clerk, submitting to
220 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

221 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
222 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

223 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
224 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition for
225 incorporation after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the
226 signature.

227 (5)(a) A signature does not qualify under Subsection (1)(b) if the signature is gathered
228 from a voting precinct that:

229 (i) except in a proposed municipality that will be a city of the fifth class, is not
230 located entirely within the boundaries of a proposed city; or
231 (ii) includes less than 50 registered voters.

232 (b) A voting precinct that is not located entirely within the boundaries of the proposed
233 city does not qualify as a voting precinct under Subsection (1)(b).

234 Section 4. Section **17-60-302** is amended to read:

235 **17-60-302 . Initiating a petition to move a county seat -- Certification of petition**
236 **signatures -- Removal of signature -- Limitation.**

237 (1)(a) A voter may file a petition to move the county seat with the county legislative
238 body of the county in which the voter lives if the petition is signed by a majority of
239 registered voters in the county, calculated by the number of votes cast in the county
240 at the preceding general election.

241 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
242 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
243 page:

244 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
245 RECORDS

246 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
247 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
248 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
249 record."

250 [(b)] (c) If the county legislative body receives a petition that complies with this section,
251 the county legislative body shall submit the question of moving the county seat to the
252 county's voters at the next general election.

253 (2)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body
254 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the
255 petition to the county clerk.

256 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
257 county legislative body under Subsection (2)(a), the county clerk shall:

258 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
259 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1);

260 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
261 county; and

262 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

263 (3)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
264 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
265 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
266 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
267 be removed.

268 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements

269 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

270 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
271 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
272 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

273 (4) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed in all respects as provided by
274 law for the conducting of general elections and canvassing the returns.

275 (5) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article XI, Section 2, a proposition to move the
276 county seat may not be submitted in the same county more than once in four years, or
277 within four years after the day on which a proposition to move the county seat is
278 submitted to the voters.

279 Section 5. Section **17-61-201** is amended to read:

280 **17-61-201 . Consolidation of counties -- Petition -- Certification of petition
281 signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballot.**

282 (1)(a) A voter of a county who desires to have the county joined to and consolidated
283 with an adjoining county may petition the county legislative body of the county in
284 which the voter resides and the county legislative body of the adjoining county, as
285 described in this section.

286 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
287 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
288 page:

289 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
290 RECORDS

291 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
292 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
293 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
294 record."

295 (2) Each petition under Subsection (1) shall be:

296 (a) signed by a majority of the voters who reside in the originating county;
297 (b) signed by a majority of the voters who reside in the consolidating county; and
298 (c) presented to the county legislative body of the originating county and the county
299 legislative body of the consolidating county before the first Monday in June of any
300 year.

301 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body
302 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the

303 petition to the county clerk.

304 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
305 county legislative body under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk shall:
306 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
307 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2) in regard to the voters of the
308 county in which the county clerk is an officer;
309 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
310 county in which the county clerk is an officer; and
311 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

312 (4)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
313 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
314 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
315 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
316 be removed.

317 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
318 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
319 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
320 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
321 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

322 (5) If the county clerks of the originating county and consolidating county each determine
323 that the petition meets the requirements of Subsection (2)(a), each county clerk shall
324 ensure that the petition is submitted to the voters of the respective counties as described
325 in Subsection (6).

326 (6)(a) If a petition under Subsection (1) is presented in a year during which a regular
327 general election is held, the county legislative body of the originating county and the
328 county legislative body of the consolidating county shall cause the proposition to be
329 submitted to the legal voters of the respective counties at the next regular general
330 election.

331 (b) If a petition under Subsection (1) is presented during a year in which there is no
332 regular general election, the county legislative body of the originating county and the
333 county legislative body of the consolidating county shall:
334 (i) call a special election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
335 November following the presentation of the petition; and
336 (ii) cause the proposition to be submitted to the voters of the respective counties

during the special election.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an election under this Subsection (6) shall be held, the results canvassed, and returns made under the provisions of the general election laws of the state.

(d) The ballot language to be used at an election under this Subsection (6) shall be:

For combining ____ county with ____ county.

Against combining ____ county with ____ county.

Section 6. Section **17-61-301** is amended to read:

17-61-301 . Annexation of portion of county to adjoining county -- Petition --

Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballot.

(1)(a) Except as provided in Section 17-61-306, a voter who desires to have initiating county territory in which the voter resides included within the boundary of an adjoining county, the voter may petition the county legislative body of the initiating county and the county legislative body of the annexing county.

(b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:

**"WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
RECORDS**

Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

(2) A petition under Subsection (1) shall be:

(a) signed by a majority of the voters living in the portion of the initiating county proposed to be included within the boundaries of an annexing county; and

(b) presented before the first Monday in June of a year during which a general election is held.

(3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the county clerk.

(b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk of an initiating county receives a petition from the county legislative body under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk shall:

371 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
372 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2);
373 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a voter in the portion of the
374 initiating county that is proposed to be annexed; and
375 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

376 (4)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
377 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
378 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
379 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
380 be removed.

381 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
382 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

383 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
384 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
385 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

386 (5)(a) If the county clerk of the initiating county determines that the petition meets the
387 requirements of Subsection (2), the county clerk of the initiating county and the
388 county clerk of the annexing county shall ensure the petition is submitted to the
389 voters of the respective counties at the next regular general election as described in
390 this Subsection (5).

391 (b) Except as otherwise provided, the election shall be held, the results canvassed, and
392 returns made under the provisions of the general election laws of the state.

393 (c) The ballot language to be used in an election held under this Subsection (5) shall be:
394 For annexing a portion of ____ county to ____ county.
395 Against annexing a portion of ____ county to ____ county.

396 Section 7. Section **17-61-401** is amended to read:

397 **17-61-401 . Creating a new county -- Petition -- Certification of petition
398 signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballots.**

399 (1)(a) Whenever a voter desires to have the territory within which the voter resides
400 created into a new county, the voter may file a petition for the creation of a new
401 county with the county legislative body of the seceding county in which the voter
402 resides as described in this section.[-]

403 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
404 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the

405 page:

406 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION

407 RECORDS

408 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
409 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
410 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
411 record."

412 (2)(a) The petition described in Subsection (1) shall:

413 (i) propose the name and define the boundaries of the new county; and

414 (ii) be signed:

415 (A) by at least one-fourth of the voters residing in the portion of the seceding
416 county proposed to be created into a new county; and

417 (B) by no less than one-fourth of the voters residing in the remaining portion of
418 the seceding county.

419 (b) If a petition proposes to take territory from more than one seceding county, the
420 requirements of Subsection (2)(a)(ii) apply to each seceding county affected by the
421 petition.

422 (3) A voter shall file a petition for the creation of a new county on or before the first
423 Monday in May of any year with the county legislative body of the seceding county.

424 (4)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body
425 receives a petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the county
426 clerk.

427 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
428 county legislative body under Subsection (4)(a), the county clerk shall:

429 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
430 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2);

431 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
432 seceding county; and

433 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

434 (5)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
435 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
436 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
437 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
438 be removed.

439 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
440 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

441 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
442 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
443 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

444 (6) The seceding county legislative body shall cause the proposition to be submitted to the
445 voters residing in the seceding county at a special election to be held according to the
446 dates established in Section 20A-1-204, first causing 30 days' notice of the election to be
447 given in the manner provided by law for giving notice of general elections.

448 (7) The county clerk shall ensure that the special election is held, the result canvassed, and
449 returns made under the provisions of the general election laws.

450 (8) The form of ballot to be used at the special election shall be:
451 For the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.
452 Against the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.

453 (9)(a) Subject to Subsection (9)(b), the expenses of any special election described in this
454 section shall be paid out of the general fund of the seceding county.

455 (b) If the voters approve the creation of the new county, the new county shall reimburse
456 the seceding county for half of the cost of the special election within one year of the
457 effective date of the new county from the general fund of the new county.

458 Section 8. Section **17-62-303** is amended to read:

459 **17-62-303 . Registered voter initiation of adoption of optional plan --**

460 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Procedure.**

461 (1)(a) Registered voters of a county may initiate the process of adopting an optional plan
462 by filing with the county clerk a notice of intent to gather signatures for a petition:
463 (i) for the establishment of a study committee described in Section 17-62-402; or
464 (ii) to adopt an optional plan that:
465 (A) accompanies the petition during the signature gathering process and
466 accompanies the petition in the submission to the county clerk under
467 Subsection (2)(b); and
468 (B) complies with the requirements described in Sections 17-62-403 and
469 17-62-404.

470 (b) A notice of intent described in Subsection (1)(a) shall:
471 (i) designate five sponsors for the petition;
472 (ii) designate a contact sponsor to serve as the primary contact for the petition

sponsors;

(iii) list the mailing address and telephone number of each of the sponsors; and

(iv) be signed by each of the petition sponsors.

(c) Registered voters of a county may not file a notice of intent to gather signatures in bad faith.

(d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:

**"WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
RECORDS**

Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

(2)(a) The sponsors of a petition may circulate the petition after filing a notice of intent to gather signatures under Subsection (1).

(b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), the petition is valid if the petition contains the number of legal signatures required under Subsection 20A-7-501(2).

(ii) For a county of the fifth or sixth class, the petition is valid if the petition contains at least the number of legal signatures equal to 30% of the number of active voters, as defined in Section 20A-7-501, in the county.

(iii) The county clerk may not count a signature that was collected for the petition before the petition sponsors filed a notice of intent under Subsection (1)(a).

(iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual may not sign a petition circulated under this section by electronic signature as defined in Section 20A-1-202.

(c) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b)(ii), the sponsors of the petition shall submit the completed petition and any amended or supplemental petition described in Subsection (4) with the county clerk not more than 180 days after the day on which the sponsors file the notice described in Subsection (1).

(d)(i) Within 30 days after the day on which the sponsors submit a petition, the sponsors shall submit financial disclosures to the county clerk that include:

(A) a list of each contribution received by the sponsors and the name of the donor;
and

507 (B) a list of each expenditure for purposes of furthering or sponsoring the petition
508 and the recipient of each expenditure.

509 (ii) The county clerk shall publish the financial disclosures described in Subsection
510 (2)(d)(i).

511 (iii) All sponsors of a petition shall date and sign each list described in Subsection
512 (2)(d)(i).

513 (3) Within 30 days after the day on which the sponsors submit a petition under Subsection
514 (2)(c) or an amended or supplemental petition under Subsection (4), the county clerk
515 shall:

516 (a)(i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a
517 signer is a registered voter; and
518 (ii) determine whether the petition or amended or supplemental petition has been
519 signed by the required number of registered voters;

520 (b)(i) if the petition was signed by a sufficient number of registered voters:

521 (A) certify the petition;
522 (B) deliver the petition to the county legislative body and county executive; and
523 (C) notify the contact sponsor in writing of the certification; or

524 (ii) if the petition was not signed by a sufficient number of registered voters:

525 (A) reject the petition; and
526 (B) notify the county legislative body and the contact sponsor in writing of the
527 rejection and the reasons for the rejection; and

528 (c) for a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), no later than 10 days after the day on
529 which the county clerk certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i), the county
530 clerk shall send a copy of the optional plan that accompanied the petition to the
531 county attorney for review in accordance with Section 17-62-405.

532 (4) The sponsors of a petition circulated under this section may submit supplemental
533 signatures for the petition:

534 (a) if the county clerk rejects the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(ii); and

535 (b) before the earlier of:

536 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (2)(c); or

537 (ii) 20 days after the day on which the county clerk rejects the petition under
538 Subsection (3)(b)(ii).

539 (5) With the unanimous approval of petition sponsors, a petition filed under this section
540 may be withdrawn at any time within 90 days after the day on which the county clerk

541 certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i) and no later than 45 days before an
542 election under Section 17-62-501 if the petition included a notification to petition
543 signers, in conspicuous language and in a conspicuous location, that the petition
544 sponsors are authorized to withdraw the petition.

545 (6)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
546 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
547 which the sponsors submit the petition to the county clerk, submitting to the county
548 clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

549 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements
550 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

551 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
552 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
553 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

554 Section 9. Section **17-62-505** is amended to read:

17-62-505 . Repeal of optional plan -- Certification of petition signatures --

Removal of signature.

557 (1) An optional plan that the voters in an election adopt under this chapter may be repealed
558 as provided in this section.

559 (2) Registered voters of a county that has adopted an optional plan may initiate the process
560 of repealing an optional plan by filing a petition for the repeal of the optional plan.

561 (3)(a) Registered voters of a county may not file a petition to repeal an optional plan
562 sooner than four years or more than five years after the election of county officers
563 under Section 17-62-503.

564 (b)(i) If the registered voters file a petition to repeal an optional plan under this
565 section, the petition is certified, and the optional plan is not repealed at an election
566 described in Subsection (9), the voters may not circulate or file a subsequent
567 petition to repeal until at least four, and not more than five, years after the
568 certification of the original petition.

569 (ii) If, after four years, the voters file a subsequent petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i),
570 the voters:

571 (A) may not circulate or file another petition to repeal until at least four, and not
572 more than five, years after certification of the subsequent petition; and

573 (B) shall wait an additional four, and not more than five, years after the date of
574 certification of the previous petition for each petition filed thereafter.

575 (4) A petition described in Subsection (2) shall:

576 (a) be signed by registered voters residing in the county:

577 (i) equal in number to at least 15% of the total number of votes cast in each precinct

578 described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii) for all candidates for president of the United

579 States at the most recent election in which a president of the United States was

580 elected; and

581 (ii) who represent at least 85% of the voting precincts located within the county;

582 (b) designate up to five of the petition signers as sponsors, designating one petition

583 signer as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of each;[

584 and]

585 (c) include the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the same

586 size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:

587 **"WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION**

588 **RECORDS**

589 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly

590 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an

591 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private

592 record."; and

593 [(e)] (d) be filed in the office of the clerk of the county in which the petition signers

594 reside.

595 (5) Within 30 days after the filing of a petition under Subsection (2) or an amended petition

596 under Subsection (6), the county clerk shall:

597 (a)(i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a

598 signer is a registered voter; and

599 (ii) determine whether the required number of voters have signed the petition or

600 amended petition has been signed by the required number of registered voters; and

601 (b)(i) if a sufficient number of voters have signed the petition, certify the petition or

602 amended petition and deliver it to the county legislative body, and notify in

603 writing the contact sponsor of the certification; or

604 (ii) if a sufficient number of voters have not signed the petition, reject the petition or

605 the amended petition and notify the county legislative body and the contact

606 sponsor in writing of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection.

607 (6) If a county clerk rejects a petition or an amended petition under Subsection (5)(b)(ii),

608 the petition may be amended or an amended petition may be further amended with

609 additional signatures and refiled within 20 days of the date of rejection.

610 (7)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
611 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
612 which the sponsors file the petition in the office of the county clerk, submitting to the
613 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

614 (b) A statement described in Subsection (7)(a) shall comply with the requirements
615 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

616 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
617 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
618 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

619 (8) If a county clerk certifies a petition under Subsection (2), the county legislative body
620 shall hold an election on the proposal to repeal the optional plan at the next regular
621 general election that is at least 60 days after the day on which the county clerk certifies
622 the petition.

623 (9) If, at an election held under Subsection (8), a majority of voters voting on the proposal
624 to repeal the optional plan vote in favor of repealing:
625 (a) the optional plan is repealed, effective January 1 of the year following the election of
626 county officers under Subsection (9)(c);
627 (b) upon the effective date of the repeal under Subsection (9)(a), the form of government
628 under which the county operates reverts to the form it had before the optional plan
629 was adopted; and
630 (c) the county officers under the form of government to which the county reverts, who
631 are different than the county officers under the repealed optional plan, shall be
632 elected at the next regular general election following the election under Subsection (8).

633 Section 10. Section **17B-1-205** is amended to read:

634 **17B-1-205 . Petition and request requirements -- Removal or reinstatement of
635 signature.**

636 (1) Each petition and request shall:
637 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each property
638 owner, groundwater right owner, or registered voter signing the petition;
639 (b)(i) if it is a property owner request or petition, indicate the address of the property
640 as to which the owner is signing the request or petition; or
641 (ii) if it is a groundwater right owner request or petition, indicate the location of the
642 diversion of the groundwater as to which the owner is signing the groundwater

643 right owner request or petition;

644 (c) describe the entire area of the proposed special district;

645 (d) be accompanied by a map showing the boundaries of the entire proposed special

646 district;

647 (e) specify the service proposed to be provided by the proposed special district;

648 (f) if the petition or request proposes the creation of a specialized special district, specify

649 the type of specialized special district proposed to be created;

650 (g) for a proposed basic special district:

651 (i) state whether the members of the board of trustees will be elected or appointed or

652 whether some members will be elected and some appointed, as provided in

653 Section 17B-1-1402;

654 (ii) if one or more members will be elected, state the basis upon which each elected

655 member will be elected; and

656 (iii) if applicable, explain how the election or appointment of board members will

657 transition from one method to another based on stated milestones or events, as

658 provided in Section 17B-1-1402;

659 (h) for a proposed improvement district whose remaining area members or county

660 members, as those terms are defined in Section 17B-2a-404, are to be elected, state

661 that those members will be elected;

662 (i) for a proposed service area that is entirely within the unincorporated area of a single

663 county, state whether the initial board of trustees will be:

664 (i) the county legislative body;

665 (ii) appointed as provided in Section 17B-1-304; or

666 (iii) elected as provided in Section 17B-1-306;

667 (j) designate up to five signers of the petition or request as sponsors, one of whom shall

668 be designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number

669 of each;

670 (k) if the petition or request is a groundwater right owner petition or request proposing

671 the creation of a special district to acquire a groundwater right under Section

672 17B-1-202, explain the anticipated method:

673 (i) of paying for the groundwater right acquisition; and

674 (ii) of addressing blowing dust created by the reduced use of water;

675 (l) if the petition or request is a groundwater right owner petition or request proposing

676 the creation of a special district to assess a groundwater right under Section

677 17B-1-202, explain the anticipated method:

678 (i) of assessing the groundwater right and securing payment of the assessment; and

679 (ii) of addressing blowing dust created by the reduced use of water; and

680 (m) for a proposed infrastructure financing district:

681 (i) state whether the members of the board of trustees will be elected or appointed or
682 whether some members will be elected and some appointed;

683 (ii) if one or more members will be elected, state the basis upon which each elected
684 member will be elected;

685 (iii) explain how appointed board member positions will transition to elected board
686 member positions based on stated milestones or events, as provided in Section
687 17B-2a-1303;

688 (iv) state whether divisions will be established within the boundary of the
689 infrastructure financing district so that some or all board members represent a
690 division rather than the district at large and, if so, describe the boundary of each
691 division; and

692 (v) if applicable, be accompanied by the governing document prepared according to
693 Section 17B-2a-1303.

694 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
695 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
696 page:

697 **"WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**
698 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
699 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk
700 voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

701 [({2})] (3)(a) Subject to Subsection [({2})(b)] (3)(b), a signer of a request or petition may
702 remove or, once removed, reinstate the signer's signature at any time before the filing
703 of the request or petition by filing a written statement for removal or reinstatement
704 with:

705 (i) in the case of a request:

706 (A) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose
707 applicable area the signer's property is located, if the request is a property
708 owner request;

709 (B) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose
710 applicable area the signer's groundwater diversion point is located, if the

711 request is a groundwater right owner request; or

712 (C) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose
713 applicable area the signer resides, if the request is a registered voter request; or
714 (ii) in the case of a petition, the responsible clerk.

715 (b) The time for a signer of a petition for the creation of an infrastructure financing
716 district to remove or reinstate the signer's signature is any time before the petition is
717 certified under Section 17B-1-209.

718 [({3})] (4)(a) A clerk of the county who receives a timely, valid written statement for
719 removal or reinstatement from a signer of a registered voter request or registered
720 voter petition shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
721 determine whether to remove or reinstate the individual's signature.

722 (b) If a municipal clerk or recorder receives a timely, valid written statement for removal
723 or reinstatement from a signer of a registered voter request or registered voter
724 petition, the clerk of the municipality's county shall assist the municipal clerk or
725 recorder with determining whether to remove or reinstate the individual's signature
726 using the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3).

727 Section 11. Section **17B-1-506** is amended to read:

728 **17B-1-506 . Withdrawal petition requirements -- Removal or reinstatement of
729 signature.**

730 (1) Each petition under Section 17B-1-504 shall:

731 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current address of each owner of acre-feet of
732 water, property owner, registered voter, or authorized representative of the governing
733 body signing the petition;

734 (b) separately group signatures by municipality and, in the case of unincorporated areas,
735 by county;

736 (c) if it is a petition signed by the owners of land, the assessment of which is based on
737 acre-feet of water, indicate the address of the property and the property tax
738 identification parcel number of the property as to which the owner is signing the
739 request;

740 (d) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, or in the case of a petition
741 filed under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv), designate a governmental representative
742 as a sponsor, and in each case, designate one sponsor as the contact sponsor with the
743 mailing address and telephone number of each;

744 (e) state the reasons for withdrawal;[-and]

745 (f) when the petition is filed with the special district board of trustees, be accompanied
746 by a map generally depicting the boundaries of the area proposed to be withdrawn
747 and a legal description of the area proposed to be withdrawn[.] ; and

748 (g) include the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the same
749 size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:

750 **"WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION**
751 **RECORDS**

752 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
753 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
754 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
755 record."

756 (2)(a) The special district may prepare an itemized list of expenses, other than attorney
757 expenses, that will necessarily be incurred by the special district in the withdrawal
758 proceeding. The itemized list of expenses may be submitted to the contact sponsor.
759 If the list of expenses is submitted to the contact sponsor within 21 days after receipt
760 of the petition, the contact sponsor on behalf of the petitioners shall be required to
761 pay the expenses to the special district within 90 days of receipt. Until funds to cover
762 the expenses are delivered to the special district, the district will have no obligation to
763 proceed with the withdrawal and the time limits on the district stated in this part will
764 be tolled. If the expenses are not paid within the 90 days, or within 90 days from the
765 conclusion of any arbitration under Subsection (2)(b), the petition requesting the
766 withdrawal shall be considered to have been withdrawn.

767 (b) If there is no agreement between the board of trustees of the special district and the
768 contact sponsor on the amount of expenses that will necessarily be incurred by the
769 special district in the withdrawal proceeding, either the board of trustees or the
770 contact sponsor may submit the matter to binding arbitration in accordance with Title
771 78B, Chapter 6, Part 2, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act[;], provided that, if the
772 parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator and the rules and procedures that will control
773 the arbitration, either party may pursue arbitration under Title 78B, Chapter 11, Utah
774 Uniform Arbitration Act.

775 (3)(a) A signer of a petition may remove or, once removed, reinstate the signer's
776 signature at any time before the public hearing under Section 17B-1-508 by
777 submitting a written statement requesting removal or reinstatement with the board of
778 trustees of the special district in which the area proposed to be withdrawn is located.

779 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements
780 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

781 (c) As applicable and using the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the
782 county clerk shall assist the board of trustees to determine whether to remove or
783 reinstate a registered voter's signature after the voter submits a timely, valid statement
784 described in Subsection (3)(a).

785 (4) If it reasonably appears that, if the withdrawal which is the subject of a petition filed
786 under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(i) or (ii) is granted, it will be necessary for a
787 municipality to provide to the withdrawn area the service previously supplied by the
788 special district, the board of trustees of the special district may, within 21 days after
789 receiving the petition, notify the contact sponsor in writing that, before it will be
790 considered by the board of trustees, the petition shall be presented to and approved by
791 the governing body of the municipality as provided in Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv)
792 before it will be considered by the special district board of trustees. If the notice is
793 timely given to the contact sponsor, the petition shall be considered to have been
794 withdrawn until the municipality files a petition with the special district under
795 Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv).

796 (5)(a) After receiving the notice required by Subsection 17B-1-504(2), unless
797 specifically allowed by law, a public entity may not make expenditures from public
798 funds to support or oppose the gathering of signatures on a petition for withdrawal.
799 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits a public entity from providing factual information
800 and analysis regarding a withdrawal petition to the public, so long as the information
801 grants equal access to both the opponents and proponents of the petition for
802 withdrawal.
803 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a public official from speaking, campaigning,
804 contributing personal money, or otherwise exercising the public official's
805 constitutional rights.

806 (6) Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) do not apply to a petition seeking the withdrawal of an
807 area from an infrastructure financing district.

808 Section 12. Section **17B-1-1304** is amended to read:

809 **17B-1-1304 . Petition requirements.**

810 (1) Each petition under Subsection 17B-1-1303(1)(a) or (2) shall:
811 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each owner of
812 acre-feet of water, property owner, or registered voter signing the petition;

813 (b) if it is a petition signed by the owners of acre-feet of water or property owners,
814 indicate the address of the property as to which the owner is signing;
815 (c) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, one of whom shall be
816 designated the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of
817 each; and
818 (d) be filed with the clerk.

819 (2) A signer of a petition to dissolve a special district may withdraw, or, once withdrawn,
820 reinstate the signer's signature at any time until 30 days after the public hearing under
821 Section 17B-1-1306.

822 (3) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
823 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
824 page:

"WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk
voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

825 Section 13. Section **17D-2-502** is amended to read:

17D-2-502 . Required process for issuance of local building authority bonds --

Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature.

(1) A local building authority may not issue bonds unless the creating local entity's
833 governing body approves the issuance and terms of the bonds.

(2)(a) Before issuing bonds, the authority board of a local building authority shall give
835 public notice of the authority board's intent to issue bonds.

(b)(i) A local building authority may not issue bonds without the approval of the
837 creating local entity's voters if, within 30 days after the notice under Subsection
838 (2)(a) is given, a written petition requesting an election is filed with the local
839 building authority, signed by at least 20% of the active voters, as defined in
840 Section 20A-1-102, within the creating local entity.

(ii) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on
the page:

"WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
RECORDS

Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly

847 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
848 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
849 record."

850 [(ii)] (iii) Each election under Subsection (2)(b)(i) shall be held as provided in Title
851 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act, in the same manner as an
852 election for general obligation bonds issued by the creating local entity.

853 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a local building authority
854 receives a petition under Subsection (2)(b)(i), the local building authority shall
855 provide the petition to the county clerk of the county in which the creating local
856 entity is located.

857 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
858 local building authority under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk shall:
859 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
860 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2)(b)(i);
861 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of an active voter within the
862 creating local entity; and
863 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the local building authority.

864 (4)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
865 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
866 which the local building authority provides the petition to the county clerk,
867 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
868 removed.

869 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
870 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

871 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in [Section] Subsection
872 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a
873 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

874 Section 14. Section **20A-1-102** is amended to read:

875 **20A-1-102 . Definitions.**

876 As used in this title:

- 877 (1) "Active voter" means a registered voter who has not been classified as an inactive voter
878 by the county clerk.
- 879 (2) "Automatic tabulating equipment" means apparatus that automatically examines and
880 counts votes recorded on ballots and tabulates the results.

881 (3)(a) "Ballot" means the storage medium, including a paper, mechanical, or electronic
882 storage medium, that records an individual voter's vote.

883 (b) "Ballot" does not include a record to tally multiple votes.

884 (4) "Ballot proposition" means a question, issue, or proposal that is submitted to voters on
885 the ballot for their approval or rejection including:

886 (a) an opinion question specifically authorized by the Legislature;

887 (b) a constitutional amendment;

888 (c) an initiative;

889 (d) a referendum;

890 (e) a bond proposition;

891 (f) a judicial retention question;

892 (g) an incorporation of a city or town; or

893 (h) any other ballot question specifically authorized by the Legislature.

894 (5) "Bind," "binding," or "bound" means securing more than one piece of paper together
895 using staples or another means in at least three places across the top of the paper in the
896 blank space reserved for securing the paper.

897 (6) "Board of canvassers" means the entities established by Sections 20A-4-301 and
898 20A-4-306 to canvass election returns.

899 (7) "Bond election" means an election held for the purpose of approving or rejecting the
900 proposed issuance of bonds by a government entity.

901 (8) "Business day" means a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday that is not
902 a holiday.

903 (9) "Business reply mail envelope" means an envelope that may be mailed free of charge by
904 the sender.

905 (10) "Calendar day" means any day, regardless of whether the day is a weekend, a holiday,
906 a business day, or any other type of day.

907 (11) "Canvass" means the review of election returns and the official declaration of election
908 results by the board of canvassers.

909 (12) "Canvassing judge" means a poll worker designated to assist in counting ballots at the
910 canvass.

911 (13) "Contracting election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or
912 interlocal agreement with a provider election officer.

913 (14) "Convention" means the political party convention at which party officers and
914 delegates are selected.

915 (15) "Counting center" means one or more locations selected by the election officer in
916 charge of the election for the automatic counting of ballots.

917 (16) "Counting judge" means a poll worker designated to count the ballots during election
918 day.

919 (17) "Counting room" means a suitable and convenient private place or room for use by the
920 poll workers and counting judges to count ballots.

921 (18) "County officers" means those county officers that are required by law to be elected.

922 (19) "Date of the election" or "election day" or "day of the election":
923 (a) means the day that is specified in the calendar year as the day on which the election
924 occurs; and
925 (b) does not include:
926 (i) deadlines established for voting by mail, military-overseas voting, or emergency
927 voting; or
928 (ii) any early voting or early voting period as provided under Chapter 3a, Part 6,
929 Early Voting.

930 (20) "Elected official" means:
931 (a) a person elected to an office under Section 20A-1-303 or Chapter 4, Part 6,
932 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project;
933 (b) a person who is considered to be elected to a municipal office in accordance with
934 Subsection 20A-1-206(1)(c)(ii); or
935 (c) a person who is considered to be elected to a special district office in accordance
936 with Subsection 20A-1-206(3)(b)(ii).

937 (21) "Election" means a regular general election, a municipal general election, a statewide
938 special election, a local special election, a regular primary election, a municipal primary
939 election, and a special district election.

940 (22) "Election Assistance Commission" means the commission established by the Help
941 America Vote Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-252.

942 (23) "Election cycle" means the period beginning on the first day on which individuals are
943 eligible to file declarations of candidacy and ending when the canvass is completed.

944 (24) "Election judge" means a poll worker that is assigned to:
945 (a) preside over other poll workers at a polling place;
946 (b) act as the presiding election judge; or
947 (c) serve as a canvassing judge, counting judge, or receiving judge.

948 (25) "Election material" includes:

949 (a) the verification documentation described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(9)(b)(iv);
950 (b) the list of voters contacted to cure a ballot described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(10)(b);
951 (c) the record of rejected and resolved ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(11)(a);
952 (d) any chain of custody documentation described in Section 20A-3a-401.1, including:
953 (i) the count of ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(3); and
954 (ii) the batch log described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(5);
955 (e) the record of signature verification audits described in Subsection 20A-3a-402.5(4);
956 (f) the affidavit of compliance described in Subsection 20A-3a-404(2);
957 (g) the physical and electronic log of replicated ballots described in Subsection
958 20A-4-104(3);
959 (h) the physical or electronic log of adjudicated ballots described in Section 20A-5-802.5;
960 (i) the record of voter database access described in Subsection 20A-5-905(2);
961 (j) the reports on military and overseas voters described in Section 20A-16-202;
962 (k) scanned copies of return envelopes;
963 (l) a copy of the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5; and
964 (m) the materials used in the programming of the automatic tabulating equipment.

965 (26) "Election officer" means:

966 (a) the lieutenant governor, for all statewide ballots and elections;
967 (b) the county clerk for:
968 (i) a county ballot and election; and
969 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
970 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
971 (c) the municipal clerk for:
972 (i) a municipal ballot and election; and
973 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
974 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
975 (d) the special district clerk or chief executive officer for:
976 (i) a special district ballot and election; and
977 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
978 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5; or
979 (e) the business administrator or superintendent of a school district for:
980 (i) a school district ballot and election; and
981 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
982 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5.

983 (27) "Election official" means any election officer, election judge, or poll worker.

984 (28) "Election results" means:

985 (a) for an election other than a bond election, the count of votes cast in the election and
986 the election returns requested by the board of canvassers; or

987 (b) for bond elections, the count of those votes cast for and against the bond proposition
988 plus any or all of the election returns that the board of canvassers may request.

989 (29) "Election results database" means the following information generated by voting
990 equipment:

991 (a) one or more electronic files that contains a digital interpretation of each ballot that is
992 counted in an election;

993 (b) a ballot image; and

994 (c) other information related to a ballot that is adjudicated under Section 20A-4-105.

995 (30) "Election returns" means:

996 (a) the pollbook;

997 (b) the military and overseas absentee voter registration and voting certificates;

998 (c) one of the tally sheets;

999 (d) any unprocessed ballots;

1000 (e) all counted ballots;

1001 (f) all excess ballots;

1002 (g) all unused ballots;

1003 (h) all spoiled ballots;

1004 (i) all ballot disposition forms, including any provisional ballot disposition forms;

1005 (j) the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5;

1006 (k) all return envelopes;

1007 (l) any provisional ballot envelopes; and

1008 (m) the total votes cast form.

1009 (31) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or
1010 logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to
1011 sign the record.

1012 (32) "Holiday" means a legal holiday described in Subsections 63G-1-301(1) and (2).

1013 (33) "Inactive voter" means a registered voter who is listed as inactive by a county clerk
1014 under Subsection 20A-2-505(4)(c)(i) or (ii).

1015 (34) "Judicial office" means the office filled by any judicial officer.

1016 (35) "Judicial officer" means any justice or judge of a court of record or any county court

1017 judge.

1018 (36) "Local election" means a regular county election, a regular municipal election, a
1019 municipal primary election, a local special election, a special district election, and a
1020 bond election.

1021 (37) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a special district, or a
1022 local school district.

1023 (38) "Local special election" means a special election called by the governing body of a
1024 local political subdivision in which all registered voters of the local political subdivision
1025 may vote.

1026 (39) "Manual ballot" means a paper document produced by an election officer on which an
1027 individual records an individual's vote by directly placing a mark on the paper document
1028 using a pen or other marking instrument.

1029 (40) "Mechanical ballot" means a record, including a paper record, electronic record, or
1030 mechanical record, that:

- 1031 (a) is created via electronic or mechanical means; and
- 1032 (b) records an individual voter's vote cast via a method other than an individual directly
- 1033 placing a mark, using a pen or other marking instrument, to record an individual
- 1034 voter's vote.

1035 (41) "Municipal executive" means:

1036 (a) the mayor in the council-mayor form of government defined in Section 10-3b-102; or
1037 (b) the mayor in the council-manager form of government defined in Subsection
1038 10-3b-103(6).

1039 (42) "Municipal general election" means the election held in municipalities and, as
1040 applicable, special districts on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of
1041 each odd-numbered year for the purposes established in Section 20A-1-202.

1042 (43) "Municipal legislative body" means the council of the city or town in any form of
1043 municipal government.

1044 (44) "Municipal office" means an elective office in a municipality.

1045 (45) "Municipal officers" means those municipal officers that are required by law to be
1046 elected.

1047 (46) "Municipal primary election" means an election held to nominate candidates for
1048 municipal office.

1049 (47) "Municipality" means a city or town.

1050 (48) "Official ballot" means the ballots distributed by the election officer for voters to

1051 record their votes.

1052 (49) "Official endorsement" means the information on the ballot that identifies:

1053 (a) the ballot as an official ballot;

1054 (b) the date of the election; and

1055 (c)(i) for a ballot prepared by an election officer other than a county clerk, the
1056 facsimile signature required by Subsection 20A-6-401(1)(a)(iii); or

1057 (ii) for a ballot prepared by a county clerk, the words required by Subsection
1058 20A-6-301(1)(b)(iii).

1059 (50) "Official register" means the official record furnished to election officials by the
1060 election officer that contains the information required by Section 20A-5-401.

1061 (51) "Political party" means an organization of registered voters that has qualified to
1062 participate in an election by meeting the requirements of Chapter 8, Political Party
1063 Formation and Procedures.

1064 (52)(a) "Poll worker" means a person assigned by an election official to assist with an
1065 election, voting, or counting votes.

1066 (b) "Poll worker" includes election judges.

1067 (c) "Poll worker" does not include a watcher.

1068 (53) "Pollbook" means a record of the names of voters in the order that the voters appear to
1069 cast votes.

1070 (54) "Polling place" means a building where voting is conducted.

1071 (55) "Position" means a square, circle, rectangle, or other geometric shape on a ballot in
1072 which the voter marks the voter's choice.

1073 (56) "Presidential Primary Election" means the election established in Chapter 9, Part 8,
1074 Presidential Primary Election.

1075 (57) "Primary convention" means the political party conventions held during the year of the
1076 regular general election.

1077 (58) "Protective counter" means a separate counter, which cannot be reset, that:

1078 (a) is built into a voting machine; and

1079 (b) records the total number of movements of the operating lever.

1080 (59) "Provider election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or
1081 interlocal agreement with a contracting election officer to conduct an election for the
1082 contracting election officer's local political subdivision in accordance with Section
1083 20A-5-400.1.

1084 (60) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot voted provisionally by a person:

1085 (a) whose name is not listed on the official register at the polling place;
1086 (b) whose legal right to vote is challenged as provided in this title; or
1087 (c) whose identity was not sufficiently established by a poll worker.

1088 (61) "Provisional ballot envelope" means an envelope printed in the form required by
1089 Section 20A-6-105 that is used to identify provisional ballots and to provide information
1090 to verify a person's legal right to vote.

1091 (62)(a) "Public figure" means an individual who, due to the individual being considered
1092 for, holding, or having held a position of prominence in a public or private capacity,
1093 or due to the individual's celebrity status, has an increased risk to the individual's
1094 safety.

1095 [(b) "Public figure" does not include an individual:]

1096 [(i) elected to public office; or]

1097 [(ii) appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected public office.]

1098 (b) "Public figure" includes an individual who is elected to public office, appointed to
1099 fill a vacancy in an elected public office, or employed by a government entity if, in
1100 relation to the individual's service in public office or employment as an employee of
1101 a government entity, the individual has received a threat of harm to a person or
1102 property.

1103 (63) "Qualify" or "qualified" means to take the oath of office and begin performing the
1104 duties of the position for which the individual was elected.

1105 (64) "Receiving judge" means the poll worker that checks the voter's name in the official
1106 register at a polling place and provides the voter with a ballot.

1107 (65) "Registration form" means a form by which an individual may register to vote under
1108 this title.

1109 (66) "Regular ballot" means a ballot that is not a provisional ballot.

1110 (67) "Regular general election" means the election held throughout the state on the first
1111 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year for the
1112 purposes established in Section 20A-1-201.

1113 (68) "Regular primary election" means the election, held on the date specified in Section
1114 20A-1-201.5, to nominate candidates of political parties and candidates for nonpartisan
1115 local school board positions to advance to the regular general election.

1116 (69) "Resident" means a person who resides within a specific voting precinct in Utah.

1117 (70) "Return envelope" means the envelope, described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(4),
1118 provided to a voter with a manual ballot:

1119 (a) into which the voter places the manual ballot after the voter has voted the manual
1120 ballot in order to preserve the secrecy of the voter's vote; and
1121 (b) that includes the voter affidavit and a place for the voter's signature.

1122 (71) "Sample ballot" means a mock ballot similar in form to the official ballot, published as
1123 provided in Section 20A-5-405.

1124 (72) "Special district" means a local government entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose
1125 Local Government Entities - Special Districts, and includes a special service district
1126 under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.

1127 (73) "Special district officers" means those special district board members who are required
1128 by law to be elected.

1129 (74) "Special election" means an election held as authorized by Section 20A-1-203.

1130 (75) "Spoiled ballot" means each ballot that:

1131 (a) is spoiled by the voter;
1132 (b) is unable to be voted because it was spoiled by the printer or a poll worker; or
1133 (c) lacks the official endorsement.

1134 (76) "Statewide special election" means a special election called by the governor or the
1135 Legislature in which all registered voters in Utah may vote.

1136 (77) "Tabulation system" means a device or system designed for the sole purpose of
1137 tabulating votes cast by voters at an election.

1138 (78) "Ticket" means a list of:

1139 (a) political parties;
1140 (b) candidates for an office; or
1141 (c) ballot propositions.

1142 (79) "Transfer case" means the sealed box used to transport voted ballots to the counting
1143 center.

1144 (80) "Vacancy" means:

1145 (a) except as provided in Subsection (80)(b), the absence of an individual to serve in a
1146 position created by state constitution or state statute, whether that absence occurs
1147 because of death, disability, disqualification, resignation, or other cause; or
1148 (b) in relation to a candidate for a position created by state constitution or state statute,
1149 the removal of a candidate due to the candidate's death, resignation, or
1150 disqualification.

1151 (81) "Valid voter identification" means:

1152 (a) a form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter which may

1153 include:

1154 (i) a currently valid Utah driver license;

1155 (ii) a currently valid identification card issued under Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 8,
1156 Identification Card Act;

1157 (iii) a currently valid identification card that is issued by:

1158 (A) the state; or

1159 (B) a branch, department, or agency of the United States;

1160 (iv) a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;

1161 (v) a currently valid United States passport; or

1162 (vi) a currently valid United States military identification card;

1163 (b) one of the following identification cards, regardless of whether the card includes a
1164 photograph of the voter:

1165 (i) a valid tribal identification card;

1166 (ii) a Bureau of Indian Affairs card; or

1167 (iii) a tribal treaty card; or

1168 (c) two forms of identification not listed under Subsection (81)(a) or (b) but that bear the
1169 name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct,
1170 which may include:

1171 (i) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a current utility bill, dated no more
1172 than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;

1173 (ii) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a bank or other financial account
1174 statement, dated no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;

1175 (iii) a certified birth certificate;

1176 (iv) a valid social security card;

1177 (v) an original or copy of a check issued by the state or the federal government, dated
1178 no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;

1179 (vi) an original or copy of a paycheck from the voter's employer, dated no more than
1180 90 calendar days before the date of the election;

1181 (vii) a currently valid Utah hunting or fishing license;

1182 (viii) certified naturalization documentation;

1183 (ix) a currently valid license issued by an authorized agency of the United States;

1184 (x) a certified copy of court records showing the voter's adoption or name change;

1185 (xi) a valid Medicaid card, Medicare card, or Electronic Benefits Transfer [Card] card;

1186 (xii) a currently valid identification card issued by:

1187 (A) a local government within the state;
1188 (B) an employer for an employee; or
1189 (C) a college, university, technical school, or professional school located within
1190 the state; or
1191 (xiii) a current Utah vehicle registration.

1192 (82) "Valid write-in candidate" means a candidate who has qualified as a write-in candidate
1193 by following the procedures and requirements of this title.

1194 (83) "Vote by mail" means to vote, using a manual ballot that is mailed to the voter, by:
1195 (a) mailing the ballot to the location designated in the mailing; or
1196 (b) depositing the ballot in a ballot drop box designated by the election officer.

1197 (84) "Voter" means an individual who:
1198 (a) meets the requirements for voting in an election;
1199 (b) meets the requirements of election registration;
1200 (c) is registered to vote; and
1201 (d) is listed in the official register.

1202 (85) "Voter registration deadline" means the registration deadline provided in Section
1203 20A-2-102.5.

1204 (86) "Voting area" means the area within six feet of the voting booths, voting machines,
1205 and ballot box.

1206 (87) "Voting booth" means:
1207 (a) the space or compartment within a polling place that is provided for the preparation
1208 of ballots, including the voting enclosure or curtain; or
1209 (b) a voting device that is free standing.

1210 (88) "Voting device" means any device provided by an election officer for a voter to vote a
1211 mechanical ballot.

1212 (89) "Voting precinct" means the smallest geographical voting unit, established under
1213 Chapter 5, Part 3, Duties of the County and Municipal Legislative Bodies.

1214 (90) "Watcher" means an individual who complies with the requirements described in
1215 Section 20A-3a-801 to become a watcher for an election.

1216 (91) "Write-in ballot" means a ballot containing any write-in votes.

1217 (92) "Write-in vote" means a vote cast for an individual, whose name is not printed on the
1218 ballot, in accordance with the procedures established in this title.

1219 Section 15. Section **20A-1-1004** is enacted to read:

1220 **20A-1-1004 . Signing a petition -- Waiver of privacy status by at-risk voter.**

1221 (1) As used in this section, "at-risk voter" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1222 20A-2-601.

1223 (2) Subject to Subsection (3), if an at-risk voter signs a petition, the voter's name and other
1224 information or records are subject to disclosure to the same extent, and in the same
1225 manner, as a voter who is not an at-risk voter who signs the petition.

1226 (3)(a) Subsection (2) applies only to the extent of a disclosure made in direct relation to
1227 the petition, including:

- 1228 (i) disclosing the individuals who signed the petition;
- 1229 (ii) signature verification or certification for the petition; or
- 1230 (iii) removing a signature from the petition.

1231 (b) Except to the extent described in Subsection (3)(a), the voter registration record of an
1232 at-risk voter retains the classification as a private record.

1233 Section 16. Section **20A-2-101.1** is amended to read:

1234 **20A-2-101.1 . Preregistering to vote.**

1235 (1) An individual may preregister to vote if the individual:

- 1236 (a) is 16 or 17 years [of age] old;
- 1237 (b) is not eligible to register to vote because the individual does not comply with the age
- 1238 requirements described in Subsection 20A-2-101(1)(c);
- 1239 (c) is a citizen of the United States;
- 1240 (d) has been a resident of Utah for at least 30 calendar days; and
- 1241 (e) currently resides within the voting district or precinct in which the individual
- 1242 preregisters to vote.

1243 (2) An individual described in Subsection (1) may not vote in an election and is not

1244 registered to vote until:

- 1245 (a) the individual is otherwise eligible to register to vote because the individual complies
- 1246 with the age requirements described in Subsection 20A-2-101(1)(c); and
- 1247 (b) the county clerk registers the individual to vote under Subsection (4).

1248 (3) An individual who preregisters to vote shall:

- 1249 (a) complete a voter registration form, including an indication that the individual is
- 1250 preregistering to vote; and
- 1251 (b) submit the voter registration form to a county clerk in person, by mail, or in any
- 1252 other manner authorized by this chapter for the submission of a voter registration
- 1253 form.

1254 (4)(a) A county clerk shall:

1255 (i) retain the voter registration form of an individual who meets the qualifications for
1256 preregistration and who submits a completed voter registration form to the county
1257 clerk under Subsection (3)(b);
1258 (ii) register the individual to vote in the next election in which the individual will be
1259 eligible to vote, before the voter registration deadline established in Section
1260 20A-2-102.5 for that election; and
1261 (iii) send a notice to the individual that:
1262 (A) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been
1263 accepted as an application for preregistration;
1264 (B) informs the individual that the individual will be registered to vote in the next
1265 election in which the individual will be eligible to vote; and
1266 (C) indicates in which election the individual will be registered to vote.
1267 (b) An individual who the county clerk registers under Subsection (4)(a)(ii) is
1268 considered to have applied for voter registration on the earlier of:
1269 (i) the day of the voter registration deadline immediately preceding the election day
1270 on which the individual will be at least 18 years [of age] old; or
1271 (ii) the day on which the individual turns 18 years [of age] old.
1272 (c) A county clerk shall refer a voter registration form to the county attorney for
1273 investigation and possible prosecution if the clerk or the clerk's designee believes the
1274 individual is attempting to preregister to vote in an election in which the individual
1275 will not be legally entitled to vote.
1276 (5)(a) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration
1277 record of an individual who preregisters to vote as a private record until the day on
1278 which the individual turns 18 years [of age] old.
1279 (b) [On] Subject to Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(l), and except as otherwise provided in
1280 Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (m), on the day on which the individual
1281 described in Subsection (5)(a) turns 18 years [of age] old, the lieutenant governor or
1282 county clerk shall classify the individual's voter registration record as a public record[
1283 in accordance with Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(l)].
1284 (6) If an individual who is at least 18 years [of age] old erroneously indicates on the voter
1285 registration form that the individual is preregistering to vote, the county clerk shall
1286 consider the form as a voter registration form and shall process the form in accordance
1287 with this chapter.

1288 Section 17. Section **20A-2-104** is amended to read:

20A-2-104 . Voter registration form -- Registered voter lists -- Fees for copies.

[1] As used in this section:]

[(a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:]

[(i) who files a declaration of candidaey for a public office;]

[ii] who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or

[(iii) employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual described in

Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) for political campaign purposes.]

[b) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-402 and the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.]

[e) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.]

[d) "Hash Code" means a code generated by applying an algorithm to a set of data to produce a code that:]

[**(i)** uniquely represents the set of data;]

[(ii) is always the same if the same algorithm is applied to the same set of data; and]

[(iii) cannot be reversed to reveal the data applied to the algorithm.]

[**(e)** "Protected individual" means an individual:]

[i] who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates on the form that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic violence or dating violence;]

[ii] who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates on the form and provides verification that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed forces as defined in Section 20A-1-513, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or protection order; or]

[iii) whose voter registration record was classified as a private record at the request of the individual before May 12, 2020.]

[~~(2)~~] (1)(a) An individual applying for voter registration, or an individual preregistering to vote, shall complete a voter registration form in substantially the following form:

1323 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

1324 If you checked "no" to the above question, do not complete this form.

1325 Will you be 18 years [of age] old on or before election day? Yes No

1326 If you checked "no" to the above question, are you 16 or 17 years [of age] old and
1327 preregistering to vote? Yes No

1328 If you checked "no" to both of the prior two questions, do not complete this form.

1329 Name of Voter

1330 _____

1331 First Middle Last

1332 Utah Driver License or Utah Identification Card

1333 Number_____

1334 Date of Birth _____

1335 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

1336 _____

1337 City County State Zip Code

1338 Telephone Number (optional) _____

1339 Email Address (optional) _____

1340 Do you consent to receive communications from the political party with which you affiliate

1341 as follows (optional):

1342 • At the email address you provided above? Yes No

1343 • By text or phone call, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

1344 Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

1345 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if
1346 known) _____

1347 _____

1348 City County State Zip Code

1349 Political Party

1350 (a listing of each registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101 and
1351 maintained by the lieutenant governor under Section 67-1a-2, with each party's name preceded
1352 by a checkbox)

1353 Unaffiliated (no political party preference) Other (Please
1354 specify) _____

1355 I do swear (or affirm), subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information
1356 contained in this form is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the

1357 state of Utah, residing at the above address. Unless I have indicated above that I am
1358 preregistering to vote in a later election, I will be at least 18 years [of age] old and will have
1359 resided in Utah for 30 calendar days immediately before the next election. I am not a
1360 convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

1361 Signed and sworn

1362 _____
1363 Voter's Signature

1364 _____ (month/day/year).

1365 PRIVACY INFORMATION

1366 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
1367 as your name, address, and year of birth. Your full date of birth, driver license number, state
1368 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized
1369 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an
1370 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
1371 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

1372 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

1373 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration
1374 record be withheld from public disclosure if you or someone you live with:

- 1375 • is at risk of domestic violence;
- 1376 • is a law enforcement officer;
- 1377 • is a member of the military who is deployed away from home;
- 1378 • is a public figure; or
- 1379 • is protected by a court order.

1380 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you shall prove that you qualify by
1381 submitting an at-risk voter request form, and any required proof, to the county clerk.

1382 [Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as
1383 your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and
1384 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the
1385 requirements of law.

1386 Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email
1387 address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your
1388 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,
1389 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

1390 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld

1391 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
1392 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

1393 _____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld
1394 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
1395 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

1396 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

1397 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying
1398 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
1399 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
1400 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
1401 paragraphs.

1402 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
1403 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
1404 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
1405 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
1406 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
1407 violence.

1408 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
1409 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
1410 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
1411 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
1412 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
1413 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]

1414 **CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT**

1415 Name:

1416 Name at birth, if different:

1417 Place of birth:

1418 Date of birth:

1419 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

1420 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a
1421 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and
1422 correct.

1423 _____
1424 Signature of Applicant

In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or allowing yourself to be registered or preregistered to vote if you know you are not entitled to register or preregister to vote is up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

NOTICE: IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, YOU MUST PRESENT VALID VOTER IDENTIFICATION TO THE POLL WORKER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Type of I.D. _____

Voting Precinct _____

Voting I.D. Number _____

(b) The voter registration form described in Subsection [(2)(a)] (1)(a) shall include:

(i) a section in substantially the following form:

"-----"

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Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

and

no later than November 5, 2025, the following, immediately after the question described in

"Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

Mail a ballot to me

Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

(c)(i) Except as provided under Subsection [(2)(e)(ii)] (1)(c)(ii), the county clerk shall retain a copy of each voter registration form in a permanent countywide

alphabetical file, which may be electronic or some other recognized system.

(ii) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the Division of Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.

[3] (d)[a] (i) Each county clerk shall retain lists of currently registered voters.

[**(b)**] **(ii)** The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.

[e)] (iii) If there are any discrepancies between the two lists, the county clerk's list is the official list.

1459 [d] (iv) [The] Subject to Subsection (1)(d)(v), the lieutenant governor [and the
1460 county clerks] or a county clerk may charge the fees established under the
1461 authority of Subsection 63G-2-203(10) to [individuals who wish] a person who
1462 wishes to obtain a copy of the list of registered voters.
1463 (v) The fee to obtain an electronic copy of the list of registered voters may not exceed
1464 \$200.

1465 [(4)(a) As used in this Subseetion (4), "qualified person" means:]

1466 [(i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's
1467 or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government
1468 employee;]
1469 [(ii) a health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, or an agent, employee,
1470 or independent contractor of a health care provider;]
1471 [(iii) an insurance company, as defined in Section 67-4a-102, or an agent, employee,
1472 or independent contractor of an insurance company;]
1473 [(iv) a financial institution, as defined in Section 7-1-103, or an agent, employee, or
1474 independent contractor of a financial institution;]
1475 [(v) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a political
1476 party;]
1477 [(vi) a candidate for public office, or an employee, independent contractor, or
1478 volunteer of a candidate for public office;]
1479 [(vii) a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi) who, after obtaining a
1480 year of birth from the list of registered voters:]
1481 [(A) provides the year of birth only to a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i)
1482 through (vi);]
1483 [(B) verifies that the person described in Subseetion (4)(a)(vii)(A) is a person
1484 described in Subseetions (4)(a)(i) through (vi);]
1485 [(C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the year of birth may
1486 not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subseetions
1487 (4)(a)(i) through (vi);]
1488 [(D) verifies that each person described in Subseetions (4)(a)(ii) through (iv) to
1489 whom the person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth to
1490 verify the aecuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to
1491 confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;]
1492 [(E) verifies that each person described in Subseetion (4)(a)(i) to whom the person

1493 provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth in the person's capacity
1494 as a government official or government employee; and]

1495 [(F) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the
1496 person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth for a political
1497 purpose of the political party or candidate for public office; or]

1498 [(viii) a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) who, after obtaining
1499 information under Subsection (4)(n) and (o):]

1500 [(A) provides the information only to another person described in Subsection
1501 (4)(a)(v) or (vi);]

1502 [(B) verifies that the other person described in Subsection (4)(a)(viii)(A) is a
1503 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi);]

1504 [(C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the information may
1505 not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsection
1506 (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and]

1507 [(D) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom
1508 the person provides the information will only use the information for a political
1509 purpose of the political party or candidate for public office.]

1510 [(b) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j)(iv), and except as provided in
1511 Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall,
1512 when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person under this section,
1513 include, with the list, the years of birth of the registered voters, if:]

1514 [(i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and
1515 that the person is a qualified person; and]

1516 [(ii) the qualified person signs a document that includes the following:]

1517 [(A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of
1518 registered voters;]

1519 [(B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list
1520 claims to be;]

1521 [(C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the
1522 years of birth;]

1523 [(D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the year of birth
1524 of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters;]

1525 [(E) a statement that the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the
1526 list of registered voters may not be provided or used for a purpose other than a]

1527 purpose described under Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(D);]

1528 [(F) a statement that if the person obtains the year of birth of a registered voter
1529 from the list of registered voters under false pretenses, or provides or uses the
1530 year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered
1531 voters in a manner that is prohibited by law, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor
1532 and is subject to a civil fine;]

1533 [(G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the year
1534 of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters in
1535 a manner that is prohibited by law; and]

1536 [(H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person
1537 is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.]

1538 [(e) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk:]

1539 [(i) may not disclose the year of birth of a registered voter to a person that the
1540 lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:]

1541 [(A) is not a qualified person or a person described in Subsection (4)(l); or]
1542 [(B) will provide or use the year of birth in a manner prohibited by law; and]

1543 [(ii) may not disclose information under Subsections (4)(n) or (o) to a person that the
1544 lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:]

1545 [(A) is not a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); or]
1546 [(B) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.]

1547 [(d) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the voter registration
1548 form of a person, or information included in the person's voter registration form,
1549 whose voter registration form is classified as private under Subsection (4)(h) to a
1550 person other than:]

1551 [(i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's
1552 or government employee's capacity as a government official or government
1553 employee; or]

1554 [(ii) subject to Subsection (4)(e), a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) for
1555 a political purpose.]

1556 [(e)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(e)(ii), when disclosing a record or
1557 information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the lieutenant governor or county clerk
1558 shall exclude the information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j), other than
1559 the year of birth.]

1560 [(ii) If disclosing a record or information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii) in relation to the

1561 voter registration record of a protected individual, the lieutenant governor or
1562 county clerk shall comply with Subsections (4)(n) through (p).]

1563 [(f) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose a withholding request
1564 form, described in Subsections (7) and (8), submitted by an individual, or information
1565 obtained from that form, to a person other than a government official or government
1566 employee acting in the government official's or government employee's capacity as a
1567 government official or government employee.]

1568 [(g) A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if the person:]

1569 [(i) obtains from the list of registered voters, under false pretenses, the year of birth
1570 of a registered voter or information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o);]

1571 [(ii) uses or provides the year of birth of a registered voter, or information described
1572 in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a
1573 manner that is not permitted by law;]

1574 [(iii) obtains a voter registration record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k)
1575 under false pretenses;]

1576 [(iv) uses or provides information obtained from a voter registration record described
1577 in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) in a manner that is not permitted by law;]

1578 [(v) unlawfully discloses or obtains a voter registration record withheld under
1579 Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in Subsections (7) and (8);
1580 or]

1581 [(vi) unlawfully discloses or obtains information from a voter registration record
1582 withheld under Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in
1583 Subsections (7) and (8).]

1584 [(h) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration record
1585 of a voter as a private record if the voter:]

1586 [(i) submits a written application, created by the lieutenant governor, requesting that
1587 the voter's voter registration record be classified as private;]

1588 [(ii) requests on the voter's voter registration form that the voter's voter registration
1589 record be classified as a private record; or]

1590 [(iii) submits a withholding request form described in Subsection (7) and any
1591 required verification.]

1592 [(i) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(d)(ii) and (e)(ii), the lieutenant governor or a
1593 county clerk may not disclose to a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) a
1594 voter registration record, or information obtained from a voter registration record, if

1595 the record is withheld under Subsection (7).]

1596 [(j) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed under this section, the
1597 lieutenant governor may impose a civil fine against a person who violates a provision
1598 of this section, in an amount equal to the greater of:]

1599 [(i) the product of 30 and the square root of the total number of:]
1600 [(A) records obtained, provided, or used unlawfully, rounded to the nearest whole
1601 dollar; or]
1602 [(B) records from which information is obtained, provided, or used unlawfully,
1603 rounded to the nearest whole dollar; or]
1604 [(ii) \$200.]

1605 [(k) A qualified person may not obtain, provide, or use the year of birth of a registered
1606 voter, if the year of birth is obtained from the list of registered voters or from a voter
1607 registration record, unless the person:]

1608 [(i) is a government official or government employee who obtains, provides, or uses
1609 the year of birth in the government official's or government employee's capacity
1610 as a government official or government employee;]
1611 [(ii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), (iii), or (iv) and obtains or
1612 uses the year of birth only to verify the accuracy of personal information
1613 submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to
1614 prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;]
1615 [(iii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) and obtains,
1616 provides, or uses the year of birth for a political purpose of the political party or
1617 candidate for public office; or]
1618 [(iv) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii) and obtains, provides, or
1619 uses the year of birth to provide the year of birth to another qualified person to
1620 verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to
1621 confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse.]

1622 [(l) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may provide a year of birth to a member
1623 of the media, in relation to an individual designated by the member of the media, in
1624 order for the member of the media to verify the identity of the individual.]

1625 [(m) A person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) may not use or disclose
1626 information from a voter registration record for a purpose other than a political
1627 purpose.]

1628 [(n) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a

1629 county clerk shall, when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person
1630 described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), include, from the record of a voter whose
1631 record is withheld under Subsection (7), the information described in Subsection
1632 (4)(o), if:]

1633 [(i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and
1634 that the person is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and]
1635 [(ii) the qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) signs a document
1636 that includes the following:]

1637 [(A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of
1638 registered voters;]
1639 [(B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list
1640 claims to be;]
1641 [(C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the
1642 information;]
1643 [(D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the information;]
1644 [(E) a statement that the information may not be provided or used for a purpose
1645 other than a purpose described under Subsection (4)(n)(ii)(D);]
1646 [(F) a statement that if the person obtains the information under false pretenses, or
1647 provides or uses the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, the
1648 person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and is subject to a civil fine;]
1649 [(G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the
1650 information in a manner that is prohibited by law; and]
1651 [(H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person
1652 is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.]

1653 [(o) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(p), the information that the lieutenant
1654 governor or a county clerk is required to provide, under Subsection (4)(n), from the
1655 record of a protected individual is:]

1656 [(i) a single hash code, generated from a string of data that includes both the voter's
1657 voter identification number and residential address;]
1658 [(ii) the voter's residential address;]
1659 [(iii) the voter's mailing address, if different from the voter's residential address;]
1660 [(iv) the party affiliation of the voter;]
1661 [(v) the precinct number for the voter's residential address;]
1662 [(vi) the voter's voting history; and]

1663 [vii) a designation of which age group, of the following age groups, the voter falls
1664 within:]

1665 [(A) 25 or younger;]

1666 [(B) 26 through 35;]

1667 [(C) 36 through 45;]

1668 [(D) 46 through 55;]

1669 [(E) 56 through 65;]

1670 [(F) 66 through 75; or]

1671 [(G) 76 or older.]

1672 [(p) ~~The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose:~~]

1673 [(i) ~~information described in Subsection (4)(o) that, due to a small number of voters~~
1674 ~~affiliated with a particular political party, or due to another reason, would likely~~
1675 ~~reveal the identity of a voter if disclosed; or~~]

1676 [(ii) ~~the address described in Subsection (4)(o)(iii) if the lieutenant governor or the~~
1677 ~~county clerk determines that the nature of the address would directly reveal~~
1678 ~~sensitive information about the voter.~~]

1679 [(q) ~~A qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), may not obtain,~~
1680 ~~provide, or use the information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), except to the~~
1681 ~~extent that the qualified person uses the information for a political purpose of a~~
1682 ~~political party or candidate for public office.~~]

1683 [(5)] (2) When political parties not listed on the voter registration form qualify as registered
1684 political parties under Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures, the
1685 lieutenant governor shall inform the county clerks of the name of the new political party
1686 and direct the county clerks to ensure that the voter registration form is modified to
1687 include that political party.

1688 [(6)] (3) Upon receipt of a voter registration form from an applicant, the county clerk or the
1689 clerk's designee shall:

1690 (a) review each voter registration form for completeness and accuracy; and
1691 (b) if the county clerk believes, based upon a review of the form, that an individual may
1692 be seeking to register or preregister to vote who is not legally entitled to register or
1693 preregister to vote, refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and
1694 possible prosecution.

1695 [(7) ~~The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall withhold from a person, other than a~~
1696 ~~person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), the voter registration record, and information~~]

1697 obtained from the voter registration record, of a protected individual.]

1698 [(8)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute a withholding request form
1699 for the purpose described in Subsections (1)(e)(i), (1)(e)(ii), (7), and this Subsection
1700 (8) to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration form.]

1701 [(b) An individual described in Subsection (1)(e)(i) is not required to provide
1702 verification, other than the individual's attestation and signature on the withholding
1703 request form, that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a
1704 victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic
1705 violence or dating violence.]

1706 [(e) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
1707 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
1708 establishing requirements for providing the verification described in Subsection
1709 (1)(e)(ii).]

1710 [(9) An election officer or an employee of an election officer may not encourage an
1711 individual to submit, or discourage an individual from submitting, a withholding request
1712 form.]

1713 [(10)(a) The lieutenant governor shall make and execute a plan to provide notice to
1714 registered voters who are protected individuals, that includes the following
1715 information:]

1716 [(i) that the voter's classification of the record as private remains in effect;]

1717 [(ii) that certain non-identifying information from the voter's voter registration record
1718 may, under certain circumstances, be released to political parties and candidates
1719 for public office;]

1720 [(iii) that the voter's name, driver license or identification card number, social
1721 security number, email address, phone number, and the voter's day, month, and
1722 year of birth will remain private and will not be released to political parties or
1723 candidates for public office;]

1724 [(iv) that a county clerk will only release the information to political parties and
1725 candidates in a manner that does not associate the information with a particular
1726 voter; and]

1727 [(v) that a county clerk may, under certain circumstances, withhold other information
1728 that the county clerk determines would reveal identifying information about the
1729 voter.]

1730 [(b) The lieutenant governor may include in the notice described in this Subsection (10)

1731 a statement that a voter may obtain additional information on the lieutenant
1732 governor's website.]

1733 [(e) The plan described in Subsection (10)(a) may include providing the notice described
1734 in Subsection (10)(a) by:]

1735 [(i) publication on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section 63A-16-601;]

1736 [(ii) publication on the lieutenant governor's website or a county's website;]

1737 [(iii) posting the notice in public locations;]

1738 [(iv) publication in a newspaper;]

1739 [(v) sending notification to the voters by electronic means;]

1740 [(vi) sending notice by other methods used by government entities to communicate
1741 with citizens; or]

1742 [(vii) providing notice by any other method.]

1743 [(d) The lieutenant governor shall provide the notice included in a plan described in this
1744 Subsection (10) before June 16, 2023.]

1745 Section 18. Section **20A-2-108** is amended to read:

1746 **20A-2-108 . Driver license or state identification card registration form --**

1747 **Transmittal of information.**

1748 (1) As used in this section, "qualifying form" means:

1749 (a) a driver license application form; or

1750 (b) a state identification card application form.

1751 (2) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall design each qualifying
1752 form to include:

1753 (a)(i) the following question, which an applicant is required to answer: "Do you
1754 authorize the use of information in this form for voter registration purposes?

1755 YES____ NO____"; and

1756 (ii) no later than November 5, 2025, the following:

1757 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

1758 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

1759 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person.";

1760 (b) the following statement:

1761 "PRIVACY INFORMATION

1762 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
1763 as your name, address, and year of birth. Your full date of birth, driver license number, state
1764 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized

1765 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an
1766 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
1767 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

1768 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

1769 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration
1770 record be withheld from public disclosure if you or someone you live with:

- 1771 • is at risk of domestic violence;
- 1772 • is a law enforcement officer;
- 1773 • is a member of the military who is deployed away from home;
- 1774 • is a public figure; or
- 1775 • is protected by a court order.

1776 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you shall prove that you qualify by
1777 submitting an at-risk voter request form, and any required proof, to the county clerk."; and
1778 [Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as
1779 your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and
1780 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the
1781 requirements of law.

1782 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~
1783 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~
1784 ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~
1785 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.~~

1786 ~~You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld~~
1787 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~
1788 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:~~

1789 ~~_____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld~~
1790 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~
1791 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.~~

1792 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

1793 ~~In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying~~
1794 ~~information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates~~
1795 ~~for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a~~
1796 ~~withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following~~
1797 ~~paragraphs.~~

1798 ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~

1799 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
1800 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
1801 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
1802 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
1803 violence.

1804 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
1805 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
1806 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
1807 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
1808 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
1809 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."; and]

1810 (c) a section in substantially the following form:

1811 "-----

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1813 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
1814 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

1815 -----".
1816 (3) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall ensure that a qualifying
1817 form contains:

1818 (a) a place for an individual to affirm the individual's citizenship, voting eligibility, and
1819 Utah residency, and that the information provided in the form is true;

1820 (b) a records disclosure that is similar to the records disclosure on a voter registration
1821 form described in Section 20A-2-104;

1822 (c) a statement that if an applicant declines to register or preregister to vote, the fact that
1823 the applicant has declined to register or preregister will remain confidential and will
1824 be used only for voter registration purposes;

1825 (d) a statement that if an applicant does register or preregister to vote, the office at which
1826 the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will
1827 be used only for voter registration purposes; and

1828 (e) if the applicant answers "yes" to the question described in Subsection [(2)(a)] (2)(a)(i),
1829 a space where an individual may, if desired:

1830 (i) indicate the individual's desired political affiliation from a listing of each
1831 registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101;

1832 (ii) specify a political party that is not listed under Subsection (3)(e)(i) with which the

1833 individual desires to affiliate; or
1834 (iii) indicate that the individual does not wish to affiliate with a political party.

1835 Section 19. Section **20A-2-204** is amended to read:

1836 **20A-2-204 . Registering to vote when applying for or renewing a driver license or**
1837 **other qualifying form.**

1838 (1) As used in this section, "voter registration form" means, when an individual named on a
1839 qualifying form, as defined in Section 20A-2-108, answers "yes" to the question
1840 described in Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(a)(i), the information on the qualifying form that
1841 can be used for voter registration purposes.

1842 (2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a citizen who is qualified to vote may
1843 register to vote, and a citizen who is qualified to preregister to vote may preregister to
1844 vote, by answering "yes" to the question described in Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(a)(i)
1845 and completing the voter registration form.

1846 (b) A citizen who is a program participant in the Safe at Home Program created in
1847 Section 77-38-602 is not eligible to register to vote as described in Subsection (2)(a),
1848 but is eligible to register to vote by any other means described in this part.

1849 (3) The Driver License Division shall:

1850 (a) assist an individual in completing the voter registration form unless the individual
1851 refuses assistance;

1852 (b) electronically transmit each address change to the lieutenant governor on or before
1853 the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on which the
1854 division receives the address change; and

1855 (c) on or before the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on
1856 which the division receives a voter registration form, electronically transmit the form
1857 to the [Office of the Lieutenant Governor] lieutenant governor, including the
1858 following for the individual named on the form:

1859 (i) the name, date of birth, driver license or state identification card number, last four
1860 digits of the social security number, Utah residential address, place of birth, and
1861 signature;

1862 (ii) a mailing address, if different from the individual's Utah residential address;

1863 (iii) an email address and phone number, if available;

1864 (iv) the desired political affiliation, if indicated; and

1865 [(v) an indication of whether the individual requested that the individual's voter
1866 registration record be classified as a private record under Subsection

1867 20A-2-108(2)(b); and]

1868 [(vi)] (v) [a withholding] an at-risk voter request form described in [Subsections
1869 20A-2-104(7) and (8)] Subsection 20A-2-606(5) and any verification submitted
1870 with the form.

1871 (4) Upon receipt of an individual's voter registration form from the Driver License Division
1872 under Subsection (3), the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall:

1873 (a) enter the information into the statewide voter registration database; and

1874 (b) if the individual [requests on the individual's voter registration form that the
1875 individual's voter registration record be classified as a private record or the individual
1876 submits a withholding request form described in Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)]
1877 submits an at-risk voter request form described in Subsection 20A-2-606(5) and any
1878 required verification, classify the individual's voter registration record as a private
1879 record.

1880 (5) The county clerk of an individual whose information is entered into the statewide voter
1881 registration database under Subsection (4) shall:

1882 (a) ensure that the individual meets the qualifications to be registered or preregistered to
1883 vote; and

1884 (b)(i) if the individual meets the qualifications to be registered to vote:

1885 (A) ensure that the individual is assigned to the proper voting precinct; and

1886 (B) send the individual the notice described in Section 20A-2-304; or

1887 (ii) if the individual meets the qualifications to be preregistered to vote, process the
1888 form in accordance with the requirements of Section 20A-2-101.1.

1889 (6)(a) When the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form
1890 under this section, the clerk shall:

1891 (i) comply with the applicable provisions of this Subsection (6); or

1892 (ii) if the individual is preregistering to vote, comply with Section 20A-2-101.1.

1893 (b) If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this
1894 section no later than 5 p.m. or, if submitting the form electronically, midnight, 11
1895 calendar days before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:

1896 (i) accept the voter registration form; and

1897 (ii) unless the individual is preregistering to vote:

1898 (A) enter the individual's name on the list of registered voters for the voting
1899 precinct in which the individual resides; and

1900 (B) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming

election; and

(iii) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section 20A-2-101.1.

(c) If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this section after the deadline described in Subsection (6)(b), the county clerk shall, unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:

- (i) accept the application for registration of the individual;
- (ii) process the voter registration form; and
- (iii) unless the individual is preregistering to vote, and except as provided in Subsection 20A-2-207(6), inform the individual that the individual will not be registered to vote in the pending election, unless the individual registers to vote by provisional ballot during the early voting period, if applicable, or on election day, in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.

(7)(a) If the county clerk determines that an individual's voter registration form received from the Driver License Division is incorrect because of an error, because the form is incomplete, or because the individual does not meet the qualifications to be registered to vote, the county clerk shall mail notice to the individual stating that the individual has not been registered or preregistered because of an error, because the registration form is incomplete, or because the individual does not meet the qualifications to be registered to vote.

(b) If a county clerk believes, based upon a review of a voter registration form, that an individual, who knows that the individual is not legally entitled to register or preregister to vote, may be intentionally seeking to register or preregister to vote, the county clerk shall refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and possible prosecution.

Section 20. Section **20A-2-206** is amended to read:

20A-2-206 . Electronic registration -- Requesting to receive a ballot by mail.

(1) The lieutenant governor shall create and maintain an electronic system that is publicly available on the [Internet] internet for an individual to:

- (a) apply for voter registration or preregistration; or
- (b) beginning no later than July 1, 2025, request to receive a ballot by mail

(2) The electronic system described in Subsection (1) shall require, to register to vote, the applicant to:

(a) enter the applicant's name, address, date of birth, driver license number or state

1935 identification card number, and any other information determined to be necessary by
1936 the lieutenant governor;

1937 (b) provide the information required by Section 20A-2-104, except that the applicant's
1938 signature may be obtained in the manner described in Subsections (2)(d) and (5);
1939 (c) attest to the truth of the information provided; and
1940 (d) authorize the lieutenant governor's and county clerk's use of the applicant's:
1941 (i) driver license or identification card signature, obtained under Title 53, Chapter 3,
1942 Uniform Driver License Act, for voter registration or preregistration purposes; or
1943 (ii) signature on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database
1944 developed under Section 20A-2-502, for voter registration or preregistration
1945 purposes.

1946 (3) Notwithstanding Section 20A-2-104, an applicant using the electronic system described
1947 in Subsection (1) is not required to complete a printed registration form.

1948 (4) A system created and maintained under this section shall provide to an individual who is
1949 registering to vote the notices concerning a voter's presentation of identification
1950 described in Subsection [20A-2-104(2)] 20A-2-104(1).

1951 (5) The lieutenant governor shall, in relation to an individual who is registering to vote:
1952 (a) obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver license signature or identification card
1953 signature from the Driver License Division; or
1954 (b) ensure that the applicant's signature is on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide
1955 voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.

1956 (6) The lieutenant governor shall send the information described in Subsections (2) and (5)
1957 to the county clerk for the county in which the applicant's principal place of residence is
1958 found for further action as required by Section 20A-2-304 after:
1959 (a) receiving all information from an applicant;[-and]
1960 (b)[(i)] receiving all information from the Driver License Division, if applicable; and
1961 [(ii)] (c) ensuring that the applicant's signature is on file in the lieutenant governor's
1962 statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.

1963 (7) The lieutenant governor may use additional security measures to ensure the accuracy
1964 and integrity of information submitted electronically under this section.

1965 (8) If an individual applies to register under this section no later than 11 calendar days
1966 before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:
1967 (a) accept and process the voter registration form;
1968 (b) unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:

1969 (i) enter the applicant's name on the list of registered voters for the voting precinct in
1970 which the applicant resides; and
1971 (ii) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming
1972 election; and
1973 (c) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section
1974 20A-2-101.1.

1975 (9) If an individual applies to register under this section after the deadline described in
1976 Subsection (8), the county clerk shall, unless the individual is preregistering to vote:
1977 (a) accept the application for registration; and
1978 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-2-207(6), if possible, promptly inform the
1979 individual that the individual will not be registered to vote in the pending election,
1980 unless the individual registers to vote by provisional ballot during the early voting
1981 period, if applicable, on election day, in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.

1982 (10) The lieutenant governor shall provide a means by which a registered voter shall sign
1983 the application form.

1984 (11) For an individual who is registering to vote or is already registered to vote, the electronic
1985 system described in Subsection (1) shall include the following:
1986 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:
1987 Mail a ballot to me.
1988 Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."
1989 Section 21. Section **20A-2-304** is amended to read:
1990 **20A-2-304 . County clerk's responsibilities -- Notice of disposition.**
1991 Each county clerk shall:
1992 (1) register to vote each individual who meets the requirements for registration and who:
1993 (a) submits a completed voter registration form to the county clerk;
1994 (b) submits a completed voter registration form, as defined in [Section 20A-2-204]
1995 Subsection 20A-2-204(1), to the Driver License Division;
1996 (c) submits a completed voter registration form to a public assistance agency or a
1997 discretionary voter registration agency; or
1998 (d) mails a completed voter registration form to the county clerk; and
1999 (2) within 30 calendar days after the day on which the county clerk processes a voter
2000 registration form, send a notice to the individual who submits the form that:
2001 (a)(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been
2002 accepted and that the individual is registered to vote;

2003 (ii) informs the individual of the procedure for designating or changing the
2004 individual's political affiliation;

2005 (iii) informs the individual of the procedure to cancel a voter registration;

2006 (iv) provides instructions to the voter on how the voter may sign up to receive
2007 electronic ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in
2008 Section 20A-3a-401.5; and

2009 (v) confirms that the individual has chosen to receive electronic ballot status
2010 notifications if the individual opted to receive electronic ballot status notifications
2011 on the voter registration form;

2012 (b) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been rejected
2013 and the reason for the rejection; or

2014 (c)(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form is being
2015 returned to the individual for further action because the form is incomplete; and
2016 (ii) gives instructions to the individual on how to properly complete the form.

2017 Section 22. Section **20A-2-504** is amended to read:

2018 **20A-2-504 . Removing names from the official register -- General requirements --**

2019 **Deceased individuals.**

2020 (1) The county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register solely
2021 because the voter has failed to vote in an election.

2022 (2) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register if:

2023 (a) the voter dies and the requirements of Subsection ~~(3)~~ (4) are met;

2024 (b) the county clerk, after complying with the requirements of Section 20A-2-505,
2025 receives written confirmation from the voter that the voter no longer resides within
2026 the county clerk's county;

2027 (c)(i) the county clerk obtains evidence that the voter's residence has changed;
2028 (ii) the county clerk mails notice to the voter as required under Section 20A-2-505;
2029 (iii) the county clerk:
2030 (A) receives no response from the voter; or
2031 (B) does not receive information that confirms the voter's residence; and

2032 (iv) the voter does not vote or appear to vote in an election during the period
2033 beginning on the date of the notice described in Section 20A-2-505 and ending on
2034 the day after the date of the second regular general election occurring after the
2035 date of the notice;

2036 (d) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed from the official

2037 register;

2038 (e) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has been convicted of any felony or a
2039 misdemeanor for an offense under this title and the voter's right to vote has not been
2040 restored as provided in Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5; or
2041 (f) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has registered to vote in another state
2042 after the day on which the voter registered to vote in this state.

2043 (3) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk the United States Social
2044 Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased
2045 individuals.

2046 [4] (4) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register within five
2047 business days after the day on which the county clerk[–] :
2048 (a) receives, from the lieutenant governor, the information described in Subsection (3) or
2049 26B-8-114(11) in relation to the voter; or
2050 (b) receives confirmation from the Office of Vital Records and Statistics that the voter is
2051 deceased.

2052 [4] (5) No later than 90 calendar days before each primary election day and general
2053 election day[–] :
2054 (a) the county clerk shall update the official register by reviewing the official register
2055 and taking the actions permitted or required by law under this section, Section
2056 20A-2-503, and Section 20A-2-505[.] ; and
2057 (b) the lieutenant governor shall compare the records that the lieutenant governor
2058 receives under Subsections (3) and 26B-8-114(11) to the official register to ensure
2059 that each county clerk complies with Subsection (4).

2060 Section 23. Section **20A-2-505** is amended to read:

2061 **20A-2-505 . Removing names from the official register -- Determining and**
2062 **confirming change of residence.**

2063 (1) A county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register on the grounds
2064 that the voter has changed residence unless the voter:
2065 (a) confirms in writing that the voter has changed residence to a place outside the
2066 county; or
2067 (b)(i) does not vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the
2068 notice described in Subsection (3), and ending on the day after the date of the
2069 second regular general election occurring after the date of the notice; and
2070 (ii) does not respond to the notice described in Subsection (3).

2071 (2)(a) Within 31 calendar days after the day on which a county clerk obtains information
2072 that a voter's address has changed, if it appears that the voter still resides within the
2073 same county, the county clerk shall:
2074 (i) change the official register to show the voter's new address; and
2075 (ii) send to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3).
2076 (b) When a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed and it
2077 appears that the voter now resides in a different county, the county clerk shall verify
2078 the changed residence by sending to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice
2079 described in Subsection (3), printed on a postage prepaid, preaddressed return form.
2080 (3)(a) Each county clerk shall use substantially the following form to notify voters whose
2081 addresses have changed:

2082 "VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

2083 We have been notified that your residence has changed. Please read, complete, and
2084 return this form so that we can update our voter registration records. What is your current
2085 street address?

2087 Street	2087 City	2087 County	2087 State	2087 Zip
2088 What is your current phone number (optional)?				
2089 What is your current email address (optional)?				

2090 Do you consent to receive communications from the political party with which you
2091 affiliate as follows (optional):

2092 • At the email address you provided above? Yes No
2093 • By text or phone call, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

2094 If you have not changed your residence, or have moved but stayed within the same county,
2095 you must complete and return this form to the county clerk so that it is received by the county
2096 clerk before 5 p.m. no later than 30 calendar days before the date of the election. If you fail to
2097 return this form within that time:

2098 - you may be required to show evidence of your address to the poll worker before being
2099 allowed to vote in either of the next two regular general elections; or

2100 - if you fail to vote at least once, from the date this notice was mailed until the passing of
2101 two regular general elections, you will no longer be registered to vote. If you have changed
2102 your residence and have moved to a different county in Utah, you may register to vote by
2103 contacting the county clerk in your county.

Signature of Voter

PRIVACY INFORMATION

Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as your name, address, and year of birth. Your full date of birth, driver license number, state identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the political party with which you choose to affiliate.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration record be withheld from public disclosure if you or someone you live with:

- is at risk of domestic violence;
- is a law enforcement officer;
- is a member of the military who is deployed away from home;
- is a public figure; or
- is protected by a court order.

To make this request for additional privacy protection, you shall prove that you qualify by submitting an at-risk voter request form, and any required proof, to the county clerk."

[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the requirements of law.]

Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying

2139 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
2140 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
2141 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
2142 paragraphs.

2143 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
2144 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
2145 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
2146 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
2147 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
2148 violence.

2149 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
2150 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
2151 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
2152 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
2153 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
2154 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]

2155 (b) The form described in Subsection (3)(a) shall also include:

2156 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

2157 "-----

2158 BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

2159 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
2160 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

2161 -----";

2162 and

2163 (ii) no later than November 5, 2025, the following, immediately after the question described in
2164 Subsection (3)(b)(i):

2165 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

2166 Mail a ballot to me.

2167 Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

2168 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the county clerk may not remove the
2169 names of any voters from the official register during the 90 calendar days before a
2170 regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before a regular general election.

2171 (b) The county clerk may remove the names of voters from the official register during
2172 the 90 calendar days before a regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before

2173 a regular general election if:

2174 (i) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed; or

2175 (ii) the voter dies.

2176 (c)(i) After a county clerk mails a notice under this section, the county clerk shall,
2177 unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.

2178 (ii) If a county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that
2179 there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further
2180 information to contact the voter, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise
2181 prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.

2182 (iii) An inactive voter may vote, sign petitions, and have all other privileges of a
2183 registered voter.

2184 (iv) A county is not required to:

2185 (A) send routine mailings to an inactive voter; or

2186 (B) count inactive voters when dividing precincts and preparing supplies.

2187 [(5) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk United States Social
2188 Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased
2189 individuals.]

2190 [(6) A county clerk shall, within 10 business days after the day on which the county clerk
2191 receives the information described in Subsection (5) or Subsections 26B-8-114(11) and
2192 (12) relating to a decedent whose name appears on the official register, remove the
2193 decedent's name from the official register.]

2194 [(7) Ninety calendar days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor
2195 shall compare the information the lieutenant governor has received under Subsection
2196 26B-8-114(11) with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have
2197 been removed from the official register.]

2198 Section 24. Section **20A-2-601** is enacted to read:

2199 **20A-2-601 . Definitions.**

2200 As used in this part:

2201 (1)(a) "At-risk voter" means:

2202 (i) a voter who is designated as an at-risk voter under Subsection 20A-2-606(2) or (6),
2203 regardless of whether the voter files a subsequent voter registration form after
2204 receiving the designation, unless the voter loses status as an at-risk voter:

2205 (A) under Subsection 20A-2-606(7)(b); or

2206 (B) by requesting that the lieutenant governor or county clerk remove the voter's

status as an at-risk voter; or

(ii) a preregistered voter.

(b) "At-risk voter," until the lieutenant governor takes the action described in Subsection 20A-2-602(2), includes a voter with a segregated record.

(2)(a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:

(i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;

(ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or

(iii) who is employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual

described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii), who is authorized to act on behalf of the individual described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) for political purposes.

(b) "Candidate for public office" does not include:

(i) an individual described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) who is eliminated as a candidate for:

(A) failure to qualify for the primary election ballot via signature-gathering or convention;

(B) failure to advance to the general election; or

(C) any other reason provided by law; or

(ii) an individual who is employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(i).

(3) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-102 and the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.

(4) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.

(5)(a) "Government entity" means:

(i) the state; or

(ii) a county, city, town, school district, special district, special service district, or other political subdivision of the state.

(b) "Government entity" includes an agency, bureau, office, department, division, board, commission, institution, laboratory, or other instrumentality of an entity described in Subsection (5)(a)

(6) "Government official" means:

(a) an elected or appointed officer of a government entity; or

(b) an employee of a government entity

(7) "Political party" means the same as that term is defined in Section 20A-1-102.

2241 (8) "Public office" means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general,
2242 state auditor, state treasurer, state senator, state representative, state school board
2243 member, or an elective office of a local political subdivision.

2244 (9) "Public registered voter" means a registered voter who is not an at-risk voter.

2245 (10) "Qualified family member," when used in relation to a remotely-deployed member of
2246 the armed forces, means an individual who:

2247 (a) resides with the remotely-deployed member of the armed forces; or

2248 (b) would reside with the remotely-deployed member of the armed forces, but for the
2249 deployment.

2250 (11) "Remotely-deployed member of the armed forces" means a member of the armed
2251 forces, as defined in Section 20A-1-513, who is deployed to a location where the
2252 member of the armed forces would not live but for the deployment.

2253 (12) "Segregated record" means a voter registration record that was classified as a private
2254 record by a voter:

2255 (a) via the method that existed before May 12, 2020; or

2256 (b) via a method that existed on or after May 12, 2020, other than the method of
2257 submitting a withholding request form.

2258 (13) "Standard voter data" means the following information from a voter registration record:

2259 (a) the voter's full legal name;

2260 (b) the voter's voter identification number and federal information processing series
2261 geographic code;

2262 (c) the voter's year of birth;

2263 (d) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;

2264 (e) the voter's county of residence;

2265 (f) the voter's mailing address, including the city;

2266 (g) the voter's precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives district,
2267 state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district, county
2268 council district, and city council district;

2269 (h) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;

2270 (i) the voter's status as active or inactive;

2271 (j) the last day on which the voter's voter registration record was updated; and

2272 (k) the voter's voting history for the preceding eight years.

2273 (14) "Withheld status" means the status granted, before January 1, 2027, to the voter
2274 registration record of a voter that prevented the disclosure of the voter registration

2275 record to a person other than an official or employee of a government entity acting in the
2276 official's or employee's capacity as an official or employee of a government entity.

2277 Section 25. Section **20A-2-602** is enacted to read:

2278 **20A-2-602 . Change of voter registration record privacy status -- Notice --**

2279 **Redesignation of status -- New voter identification number.**

2280 (1) The lieutenant governor shall, on or before January 1, 2027, mail to each voter who has
2281 a segregated record, at the last known address of the voter, a notice that includes the
2282 following information:

2283 (a) that the privacy status of the voter's voter registration record will change on July 1,
2284 2027, and, unless the voter applies for and receives designation as an at-risk voter
2285 before July 1, 2027, the voter will be redesignated as a public registered voter on that
2286 date;

2287 (b) that, as a public registered voter, the following information from the voter's voter
2288 registration record is public:

2289 (i) the voter's full legal name;

2290 (ii) the voter's voter identification number and federal information processing series
2291 geographic code;

2292 (iii) the voter's year of birth;

2293 (iv) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;

2294 (v) the voter's county of residence;

2295 (vi) the voter's mailing address, including the city;

2296 (vii) the voter's precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives
2297 district, state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district,
2298 county council district, and city council district;

2299 (viii) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;

2300 (ix) the voter's status as an active or inactive voter;

2301 (x) the last day on which the voter's voter registration record was updated; and

2302 (xi) the voter's voting history for the preceding eight years;

2303 (c) that:

2304 (i) the voter may apply for designation as an at-risk voter in accordance with Section
2305 20A-2-606; and

2306 (ii) if the voter is designated as an at-risk voter under Section 20A-2-606, the voter's
2307 entire voter registration record will be withheld from all persons other than an
2308 authorized government entity;

2309 (d) instructions on how the voter may apply for designation as an at-risk voter; and
2310 (e) information on how the voter may obtain a copy of the at-risk voter request form,
2311 described in Section 20A-2-606, online or by mail.

2312 (2) Unless, before July 1, 2027, a voter with a segregated record is designated as an at-risk
2313 voter under Section 20A-2-606, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall, on July
2314 1, 2027, designate a voter who has a segregated record as a public registered voter.

2315 (3) On July 1, 2027, each county clerk shall, under the direction of the lieutenant governor:
2316 (a) assign a new voter identification number to each registered voter in Utah; and
2317 (b) ensure that the new voter identification number:
2318 (i) is not the same as a number previously assigned to the registered voter; and
2319 (ii) cannot be used, by the number alone, to identify the voter.

2320 Section 26. Section **20A-2-603** is enacted to read:

2321 **20A-2-603 . General request for voter registration records.**

2322 Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon
2323 receiving a request from a person for voter registration records, the lieutenant governor or a
2324 county clerk:

2325 (1) shall disclose to the person the standard voter data from a public registered voter's voter
2326 registration record; and
2327 (2) may not disclose to the person:
2328 (a) information from a public registered voter's voter registration record that is not
2329 standard voter data; or
2330 (b) any information from an at-risk voter's voter registration record.

2331 Section 27. Section **20A-2-604** is enacted to read:

2332 **20A-2-604 . Request for voter registration records by political party --**

2333 **Confirmation of political party affiliation.**

2334 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon
2335 receiving a request from a political party for voter registration records, the lieutenant
2336 governor or a county clerk:
2337 (a) for each public registered voter who is not affiliated with the political party:
2338 (i) shall provide to the political party the voter's standard voter data; and
2339 (ii) may not provide to the political party any information from the public registered
2340 voter's voter registration record that is not standard voter data;
2341 (b) for each public registered voter who is affiliated with the political party:
2342 (i) shall, subject to Subsections (2) and (3), and except as provided in Subsection (4),

2343 provide to the political party:

2344 (A) subject to Subsection (5), the voter's phone number;

2345 (B) subject to Subsection (5), the voter's email address; and

2346 (C) the voter's standard voter data; and

2347 (ii) may not provide to the political party any information relating to the voter other
2348 than the information provided in accordance with Subsection (1)(b)(i);

2349 (c) may not provide to the political party any information from an at-risk voter's voter
2350 registration record; and

2351 (d) shall provide the following information to the political party:

2352 (i) for the entire state:

2353 (A) the total number of at-risk voters in the state; and

2354 (B) the total number of at-risk voters in the state who are affiliated with the
2355 political party; and

2356 (ii) for each state House of Representatives district in the state:

2357 (A) the total number of at-risk voters in the district; and

2358 (B) the total number of at-risk voters in the district who are affiliated with the
2359 political party.

2360 (2) A political party, or an agent of a political party, that receives information under
2361 Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A) or (B):

2362 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not
2363 be accessed by a person other than the political party or an authorized agent of the
2364 political party;

2365 (b) may only use the information:

2366 (i) to communicate with an individual who is affiliated with the political party in
2367 relation to the business of the political party or for a political purpose;

2368 (ii) to verify that the voter is a member of the political party; or

2369 (iii) to conduct demographic or other analysis for a political purpose;

2370 (c) may not:

2371 (i) use or share the information for a purpose other than a purpose described in
2372 Subsection (2)(b); or

2373 (ii) grant access to the information to a person other than an authorized agent of the
2374 political party;

2375 (d) notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a) or (b), may not grant access to the information or
2376 share the information with a person whom the political party believes:

2377 (i) will use or share the information in a manner other than a manner described in
2378 Subsection (2)(b); or
2379 (ii) will not comply with Subsection (2)(a), (b), or (c)(ii); and
2380 (e) may limit access by an authorized agent to only the portion of the information
2381 needed for the authorized agent to fulfill a purpose for which the authorized agent is:
2382 (i) permitted by law to use the information; and
2383 (ii) authorized by the state political party to use the information.

2384 (3) Before providing the information described in Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A) or (B) to a
2385 political party:

2386 (a) the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that the individual requesting the
2387 information on behalf of the political party is an authorized agent of the political
2388 party; and

2389 (b) the individual requesting the information under Subsection (3)(a) shall sign a request
2390 form that includes:

2391 (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the political party that is seeking the
2392 information;

2393 (ii) the individual's name, address, and telephone number;

2394 (iii) a statement that the individual is an authorized agent of the political party and
2395 has presented to the lieutenant governor or the county clerk valid verification that
2396 the individual is an authorized agent of the political party;

2397 (iv) a statement that the political party and the individual will comply with the
2398 requirements described in Subsection (2);

2399 (v) a statement that the political party, or an agent of the political party, will not
2400 provide or use the information obtained from the list of registered voters in a
2401 manner that is prohibited by law;

2402 (vi) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or
2403 using the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, is punishable as a
2404 class A misdemeanor and by a civil fine; and

2405 (vii) notice that if a person makes a false statement in the request form, the person is
2406 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.

2407 (4) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information described in
2408 Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A) or (B) to a person requesting the information under this section
2409 if the lieutenant governor or county clerk has probable cause to believe that the person:

2410 (a) is not a political party or an agent of the political party; or

2411 (b) will use or share the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2412 (5)(a) A political party with which a public registered voter chooses to affiliate:

2413 (i) will receive the public registered voter's phone number, under Subsection
2414 (1)(b)(i)(A), only if the voter consents, on the voter's voter registration form, to
2415 receive notifications from the political party by text to the phone number indicated
2416 on the form; and

2417 (ii) will receive the public registered voter's email address, under Subsection
2418 (1)(b)(i)(B), only if the voter consents, on the voter's voter registration form, to
2419 receive notifications from the political party to the email address indicated on the
2420 form.

2421 (b) If an at-risk voter consents, on the voter's voter registration form, to provide the
2422 political party with which the voter chooses to affiliate with the voter's phone number
2423 or email address, the county clerk or the lieutenant governor:

2424 (i) may not provide the phone number or email address to the political party; and
2425 (ii) shall notify the at-risk voter that the voter shall contact the political party directly
2426 to provide the voter's phone number or email address to the political party or to
2427 consent to receive communications from the political party.

2428 (6) The lieutenant governor will provide a political party with the capability, on the
2429 lieutenant governor's website, to verify that an individual is affiliated with the political
2430 party by entering only the individual's name and address.

2431 Section 28. Section **20A-2-605** is enacted to read:

2432 **20A-2-605 . Request for voter registration records by a government official.**

2433 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon
2434 request by a government official acting in the government official's capacity as a
2435 government official, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk:

2436 (a) shall disclose to the government official the information in a voter registration record
2437 necessary to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty imposed by law
2438 on the government official; and

2439 (b) may not disclose to the government official the information in a voter registration
2440 record that is not necessary to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty
2441 imposed by law on the government official.

2442 (2) A government official who receives information under Subsection (1)(a):

2443 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not
2444 be accessed by a person other than the government official or the government entity

that the government official represents;

- (b) may only use the information to the extent necessary to fulfill a duty of the government official; and
- (c) may not disclose the information to a person other than a person needing the information to fulfill a duty of the government official or the government entity that the government official represents.

(3) Before providing the information described in Subsection (1)(a) to a government official:

(a) the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that:

- (i) the person requesting the information is a government official; and
- (ii) it is necessary to provide the information requested to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on the government official; and

(b) the government official requesting the information shall sign a request form that includes:

- (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the government official;
- (ii) the government official's position or title;
- (iii) a description of the information requested;
- (iv) a description of the official duty imposed by law on the government official that requires the requested information;

(v) a statement that the government official will ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not be accessed by a person other than the government official or the government entity that the government official represents;

(vi) a statement that the government official will only use the information to the extent necessary to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on the government official;

(vii) an assertion that the government official will not provide or use the information obtained from the voter registration records in a manner that is prohibited by law;

(viii) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or using the information from the voter registration records in a manner that is

prohibited by law, is punishable as a class A misdemeanor and a civil fine; and
(ix) notice that if the person signing the request form makes a false statement in the request form, the person is punishable by law under Section 76.8-504.

(4) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information under this

2479 section if the lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes that the person:
2480 (a) is not a government official;
2481 (b) does not need the information requested to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on
2482 the government official; or
2483 (c) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2484 Section 29. Section **20A-2-606** is enacted to read:

2485 **20A-2-606 . At-risk registered voter -- Application -- Designation -- Change of**
2486 **status.**

2487 (1) Except to the extent expressly authorized in this part or otherwise expressly provided by
2488 law, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose an at-risk voter's voter
2489 registration record, or any information from an at-risk voter's voter registration record.

2490 (2) On January 1, 2027, each county clerk shall designate as an at-risk voter each voter
2491 whose voter registration record had withheld status on December 31, 2026, for one of
2492 the following reasons:

2493 (a) the voter:

2494 (i) submitted a withholding request form:

2495 (A) with the individual's voter registration record; or

2496 (B) directly to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk; and

2497 (ii) indicated on the form that the voter, or an individual who resides with the voter,
2498 is a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of
2499 domestic violence or dating violence; or

2500 (b) the voter:

2501 (i) submitted a withholding request form:

2502 (A) with the individual's voter registration record; or

2503 (B) directly to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk; and

2504 (ii) indicated on the form and provided verification that the voter, or an individual
2505 who resides with the voter, is a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed
2506 forces as defined in Section 20A-1-513, a public figure, or protected by a
2507 protective order or protection order.

2508 (3)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute an at-risk voter request form to
2509 each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration form.

2510 (b) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor may make
2511 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
2512 establishing requirements for providing the proof described in Subsections (5)(a)(ii).

2513 (b)(ii), and (c)(ii).

2514 (4) The following may not encourage an individual to submit, or discourage an individual
2515 from submitting, an at-risk voter request form:

2516 (a) an election officer;

2517 (b) an agency described in Subsection (3)(a); or

2518 (c) an employee of a person described in Subsection (4)(a) or (b).

2519 (5) A voter may apply for designation as an at-risk voter by submitting, either with the
2520 voter's voter registration form, or separately to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk:

2521 (a)(i) an at-risk voter request form indicating that the voter, or an individual who
2522 resides with the voter, is a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is
2523 likely to be a victim of domestic violence or dating violence; and

2524 (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (3)(b), proof of the
2525 indication described in Subsection (5)(a)(i) in the form of a sworn affidavit where
2526 the voter swears to the following statement: "I am applying for designation as an
2527 at-risk voter because either myself, or someone who resides with me, is a victim
2528 of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic
2529 violence or dating violence.";

2530 (b)(i) an at-risk voter request form indicating that the voter, or an individual who
2531 resides with the voter, is a law enforcement officer, a public figure, or protected
2532 by a protective order or protection order; and

2533 (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (3)(b), proof of the
2534 indication described in Subsection (5)(b)(i); or

2535 (c)(i) an at-risk voter request form indicating that the voter is, or is a qualified family
2536 member of, a remotely-deployed member of the armed forces; and

2537 (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (3)(b), proof of the
2538 indication described in Subsection (5)(c)(i).

2539 (6) Beginning on January 1, 2027, a county clerk or the lieutenant governor shall, in
2540 addition to the voters designated as at-risk voters under Subsection (2), designate a voter
2541 as an at-risk voter if the voter:

2542 (a)(i) is a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of
2543 domestic violence or dating violence;

2544 (ii) is, or resides with an individual who is, a law enforcement officer, a public figure,
2545 or protected by a protective order or protection order; or

2546 (iii) is, or is a qualified family member of, a remotely-deployed member of the armed

2547 forces; and

2548 (b) complies with Subsection (5).

2549 (7) A county clerk shall, beginning in 2030, and every five years after 2030, before July 15:

2550 (a) mail to each voter who, for at least the last year, has been designated as an at-risk
2551 voter:

2552 (i) notice that the voter is designated as an at-risk voter and the grounds for the
2553 designation;

2554 (ii) a list of the grounds for designating a voter as an at-risk voter;

2555 (iii) an inquiry regarding whether the voter still qualifies as an at-risk voter; and

2556 (iv) a self-addressed envelope, with postage prepaid, for the voter to mail the voter's
2557 response to the inquiry described in Subsection (7)(a)(iii); and

2558 (b) remove the designation of a voter as an at-risk voter if the voter responds that the
2559 voter no longer qualifies as an at-risk voter.

2560 Section 30. Section **20A-2-607** is enacted to read:

2561 **20A-2-607 . Applicability and enforcement -- Transition.**

2562 (1) This part does not govern or restrict the release of a voter registration record:

2563 (a) to an election officer or an employee of an election officer;

2564 (b) for a government purpose relating to maintaining the voter registration list or the
2565 administration of an election;

2566 (c) to the federal government to comply with, or verify compliance with, the
2567 requirements of law;

2568 (d) in accordance with an order of a court with jurisdiction; or

2569 (e) to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency for a legitimate law enforcement
2570 purpose.

2571 (2) It is unlawful for a person to:

2572 (a) obtain information from the list of registered voters under false pretenses;

2573 (b) obtain or use information from the list of registered voters in a manner that is not
2574 permitted by law; or

2575 (c) knowingly disclose information from the list of registered voters in a manner that is
2576 not permitted by law.

2577 (3)(a) A violation of Subsection (2)(a) is a class A misdemeanor.

2578 (b) A violation of Subsection (2)(b) or (c) is a class B misdemeanor.

2579 (4) Beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on March 1, 2027, a response to a request for
2580 the voter registration list, a voter registration record, or information from the list or

2581 record, may be delayed until the earlier of:

2582 (a) the first business day after the day on which the new software system that will be
2583 implemented by the lieutenant governor on January 1, 2027, is fully functioning; or
2584 (b) March 1, 2027.

2585 Section 31. Section **20A-3a-401** is amended to read:

20A-3a-401 . Custody of voted ballots mailed or deposited in a ballot drop box --

Disposition -- Notice -- Disclosures relating to unresolved ballots.

(1) This section governs ballots returned by mail, via a ballot drop box, or by other legal means.

(2) Poll workers shall process return envelopes containing manual ballots that are in the custody of the poll workers in accordance with this section.

(3) Poll workers shall examine a return envelope to make the determinations described in Subsection (4).

(4) The poll workers shall take the action described in Subsection (5)(a) if the poll workers determine:

(a) for an election held before January 1, 2029:

(i) that the return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security number; or

(ii) if the return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), that:

(A) in accordance with the rules made under Subsection (13), the signature on the affidavit of the return envelope is reasonably consistent with the individual's signature in the voter registration records; or

(B) for an individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v), the signature is verified by alternative means;

(b) for an election held on or after January 1, 2029:

(i) that the return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security number;

(ii) if the return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection (4)(b)(i), that the voter included in the return envelope a copy of the identification described in Subsection 20A-3a-204(2)(c)(ii); or

(iii) for a voter described in Subsection 20A-3a-301(7), that the voter complied with Subsection 20A-3a-301(7);

2615 (c) that the affidavit is sufficient;
2616 (d) that the voter is registered to vote in the correct precinct;
2617 (e) that the voter's right to vote the ballot has not been challenged;
2618 (f) that the voter has not already voted in the election; and
2619 (g) for a voter who has not yet provided valid voter identification with the voter's voter
2620 registration, whether the voter has provided valid voter identification with the return
2621 envelope.

2622 (5)(a) If the poll workers make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the poll
2623 workers shall:
2624 (i) remove the manual ballot from the return envelope in a manner that does not
2625 destroy the affidavit on the return envelope;
2626 (ii) ensure that the ballot is not examined in connection with the return envelope; and
2627 (iii) place the ballot with the other ballots to be counted.

2628 (b) If the poll workers do not make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the
2629 poll workers shall:
2630 (i) disallow the vote;
2631 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (6), without opening the return envelope, record
2632 the ballot as "rejected" and state the reason for the rejection; and
2633 (iii) except as provided in Subsection (6), place the return envelope, unopened, with
2634 the other rejected return envelopes.

2635 (6) A poll worker may open a return envelope, if necessary, to determine compliance with
2636 Subsection (4)(b)(ii), (4)(b)(iii), or (4)(g).

2637 (7)(a) If the poll workers reject an individual's ballot because the poll workers determine
2638 that the return envelope does not comply with Subsection (4), the election officer
2639 shall:
2640 (i) contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (8); and
2641 (ii) inform the individual:
2642 (A) that the identification information provided on the return envelope is in
2643 question;
2644 (B) how the individual may resolve the issue; and
2645 (C) that, in order for the ballot to be counted, the individual is required to deliver
2646 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county
2647 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).
2648 (b) If, under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A), the poll workers reject an individual's ballot

2649 because the poll workers determine, in accordance with rules made under Subsection
2650 (13), that the signature on the return envelope is not reasonably consistent with the
2651 individual's signature in the voter registration records, the election officer shall:

2652 (i) contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (8); and
2653 (ii) inform the individual:
2654 (A) that the individual's signature is in question;
2655 (B) how the individual may resolve the issue; and
2656 (C) that, in order for the ballot to be counted, the individual is required to deliver
2657 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county
2658 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).

2659 (c) The election officer shall ensure that the notice described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b)
2660 includes:

2661 (i) when communicating the notice by mail, a printed copy of the affidavit described
2662 in Subsection (7)(d) and a courtesy reply envelope;
2663 (ii) when communicating the notice electronically, a link to a copy of the affidavit
2664 described in Subsection (7)(d) or information on how to obtain a copy of the
2665 affidavit; or
2666 (iii) when communicating the notice by phone, either during a direct conversation
2667 with the voter or in a voicemail, arrangements for the voter to receive a copy of
2668 the affidavit described in Subsection (7)(d), either in person from the clerk's
2669 office, by mail, or electronically.

2670 (d) An affidavit described in Subsection (7)(a)(ii)(C) or (7)(b)(ii)(C) shall include:

2671 (i) an attestation that the individual voted the ballot;
2672 (ii) a space for the individual to enter the individual's name, date of birth, and driver
2673 license number or the last four digits of the individual's social security number;
2674 (iii) a space for the individual to sign the affidavit;
2675 (iv) a statement that, by signing the affidavit, the individual authorizes the lieutenant
2676 governor's and county clerk's use of the information in the affidavit and the
2677 individual's signature on the affidavit for voter identification purposes; and
2678 (v) a check box accompanied by language in substantially the following form: "I am
2679 a voter with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that
2680 impacts my ability to sign my name consistently. I can provide appropriate
2681 documentation upon request. To discuss accommodations, I can be contacted at
2682 _____".

2683 (e) In order for an individual described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b) to have the
2684 individual's ballot counted, the individual shall deliver the affidavit described in
2685 Subsection (7)(d) to the election officer.

2686 (f) An election officer who receives a signed affidavit under Subsection (7)(e) shall
2687 immediately:

2688 (i) scan the signature on the affidavit electronically and keep the signature on file in
2689 the statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502;

2690 (ii) if the election officer receives the affidavit no later than noon on the last business
2691 day before the day on which the canvass begins, count the individual's ballot; and

2692 (iii) if the check box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v) is checked, comply with the
2693 rules described in Subsection (13)(c).

2694 (8)(a) The election officer shall, within two business days after the day on which an
2695 individual's ballot is rejected, notify the individual of the rejection and the reason for
2696 the rejection, by phone, mail, email, or, if consent is obtained, text message, unless:

2697 (i) the ballot is cured within one business day after the day on which the ballot is
2698 rejected; or

2699 (ii) the ballot is rejected because the ballot is received late or for another reason that
2700 cannot be cured.

2701 (b) If an individual's ballot is rejected for a reason described in Subsection (8)(a)(ii), the
2702 election officer shall notify the individual of the rejection and the reason for the
2703 rejection by phone, mail, email, or, if consent is obtained, text message, within the
2704 later of:

2705 (i) 30 calendar days after the day of the rejection; or

2706 (ii) 30 calendar days after the day of the election.

2707 (c) The election officer may, when notifying an individual by phone under this
2708 Subsection (8), use auto-dial technology.

2709 (9) An election officer may not count the ballot of an individual whom the election officer
2710 contacts under Subsection (7) or (8) unless, no later than noon on the last business day
2711 before the day on which the canvass begins, the election officer:

2712 (a) receives a signed affidavit from the individual under Subsection (7); or

2713 (b)(i) contacts the individual;

2714 (ii) if the election officer has reason to believe that an individual, other than the voter
2715 to whom the ballot was sent, signed the ballot affidavit, informs the individual that
2716 it is unlawful to sign a ballot affidavit for another person, even if the person gives

2717 permission;

2718 (iii) verifies the identity of the individual by:

2719 (A) requiring the individual to provide at least two types of personal identifying
2720 information for the individual; and

2721 (B) comparing the information provided under Subsection (9)(b)(iii)(A) to records
2722 relating to the individual that are in the possession or control of an election
2723 officer; and

2724 (iv) documents the verification described in Subsection (9)(b)(iii), by recording:

2725 (A) the name and voter identification number of the individual contacted;

2726 (B) the name of the individual who conducts the verification;

2727 (C) the date and manner of the communication;

2728 (D) the type of personal identifying information provided by the individual;

2729 (E) a description of the records against which the personal identifying information
2730 provided by the individual is compared and verified; and

2731 (F) other information required by the lieutenant governor.

2732 (10)(a) The election officer shall retain and preserve:

2733 (i) the return envelopes in accordance with Subsection 20A-4-202(2); and

2734 (ii) the documents described in Subsection (9)(b)(iv) in accordance with Subsection
2735 20A-4-202(3).

2736 (b) If the election officer complies with Subsection (10)(a)(ii) by including the
2737 documentation in the voter's voter registration record, the election officer shall make,
2738 retain, and preserve a record of the name and voter identification number of each
2739 voter contacted under Subsection (9)(b).

2740 (11)(a) The election officer shall record the following in the database used in the
2741 verification process:

2742 (i) any initial rejection of a ballot under Subsection (5)(b), within one business day
2743 after the day on which the election officer rejects the ballot; and

2744 (ii) any resolution of a rejection of a ballot under Subsection (9), within one business
2745 day after the day on which the ballot rejection is resolved.

2746 (b) An election officer shall include, in the canvass report, a final report of the
2747 disposition of all rejected and resolved ballots, including, for ballots rejected, the
2748 following:

2749 (i) the number of ballots rejected because the voter did not sign the voter's ballot; and
2750 (ii) the number of ballots rejected because the voter's signatures on the ballot, and in

2751 records on file, do not correspond.

2752 (12) Willful failure to comply with this section constitutes willful neglect of duty under
2753 Section 20A-5-701.

2754 (13) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
2755 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to
2756 establish:

2757 (a) criteria and processes for use by poll workers in determining if a signature
2758 corresponds with the signature on file for the voter under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A);
2759 (b) training and certification requirements for election officers and employees of election
2760 officers regarding the criteria and processes described in Subsection (13)(a); and
2761 (c) in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.
2762 Secs. 12131 through 12165, an alternative means of verifying the identity of an
2763 individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v).

2764 (14)(a) Upon request, and subject to Subsections (14)(b) and (c), an election officer may
2765 disclose the name and address of a voter whose ballot has been rejected and not yet
2766 resolved with:

2767 (i) a candidate in the election;
2768 (ii) an individual who represents the candidate's campaign;
2769 (iii) the sponsors of an initiative or referendum appearing on the ballot; or
2770 (iv) for a ballot proposition appearing on the ballot, an individual who represents a
2771 political issues committee, as defined in Section 20A-11-101, if the political
2772 issues committee supports or opposes the ballot proposition.

2773 (b) If an election officer discloses the information described in Subsection (14)(a), the
2774 election officer shall:

2775 (i) make the disclosure within two business days after the day on which the request is
2776 made;
2777 (ii) respond to each request in the order the requests were made; and
2778 (iii) make each disclosure in a manner, and within a period of time, that does not
2779 reflect favoritism to one requestor over another.

2780 (c) A disclosure described in this Subsection (14) may not include [the name or address
2781 of a protected individual, as defined in Subsection 20A-2-104(1)] any information
2782 relating to an at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601.

2783 Section 32. Section **20A-5-410** is amended to read:

2784 **20A-5-410 . Election officer to provide voting history information and status --**

2785 **Restrictions.**

2786 (1) As used in this section, "voting history record" means the following information relating
2787 to a registered voter:

2788 (a) the information [in the voter's voter registration record] described in Subsections
2789 20A-2-601(a) through (j), in relation to the voter, other than the information
2790 classified as private under Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j);

2791 (b) the voter's privacy status;

2792 [(e) the voter's status as active or inactive;]
2793 [(d) the voter's voter identification number;]
2794 [(e) the voter's federal information processing system code;]
2795 [(f) the voter's precinct;]
2796 [(g) each political district in which the voter is a resident;]
2797 [(h)] (c) a list of elections in which the voter voted;
2798 [(i)] (d) whether the voter voted in person on election day;
2799 [(j)] (e) whether the voter voted in person before election day;
2800 [(k)] (f) whether the voter returned a mailed ballot;
2801 [(l)] (g) whether the voter's ballot was mailed to an alternate address; and
2802 [(m)] (h) the date on which the voter voted or on which the voter returned a mailed ballot.

2803 (2)(a) Each election officer shall maintain, in the election officer's office, a voting
2804 history record of those voters registered to vote in the election officer's jurisdiction.

2805 (b) The voting history record is a public record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government
2806 Records Access and Management Act, except:

2807 (i) as it relates to a voter whose voter registration record is classified as private under
2808 Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l);[or]
2809 (ii) a record or information described in Subsection [63G-2-302(1)(n).]
2810 63G-2-302(1)(m) or (n); or
2811 (iii) as provided in Subsection (3).

2812 (3)(a) When an election officer reports voting history for an election, the election officer
2813 shall, for each [voter whose voter registration is classified as private under
2814 Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(h), report the following, for that election only,] at-risk
2815 voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601, without disclosing the identity of the at-risk
2816 voter, report, for that election only, only the following information:

2817 (i) for voting by mail, the information described in Subsection (4)(a);
2818 (ii) for early voting, the date the individual voted; and

2819 (iii) for voting on election day, the date the individual voted.

2820 (b) In relation to the information of ~~[a voter whose voter registration is classified as~~
2821 ~~private under Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(h)] an at-risk voter, as defined in Section~~
2822 ~~20A-2-601~~, a report described in Subsection (3)(a) may not disclose, by itself or in
2823 conjunction with any other public information, the identity or any other personal
2824 identifying information of the voter.

2825 (4) Subject to Subsection (5), the election officer shall ensure that the voting history record
2826 kept by the election officer for each voting precinct contains:

2827 (a) for voting by mail:

2828 (i) the date that the manual ballot was mailed to the voter; and

2829 (ii) the date that the voted manual ballot was received by the election officer;

2830 (b) for early voting:

2831 (i) the name and address of each individual who participated in early voting; and

2832 (ii) the date the individual voted; and

2833 (c) for voting on election day, the name and address of each individual who voted on
2834 election day.

2835 (5) Subsection (4) does not authorize the disclosure of the information described in
2836 Subsection (4) beyond the extent expressly provided in Subsections (2) and (3).

2837 (6)(a) Notwithstanding the time limits for response to a request for records under
2838 Section 63G-2-204 or the time limits for a request for records established in any
2839 ordinance, the election officer shall ensure that the information required to be
2840 disclosed under this section is recorded and made available to the public no later than
2841 one business day after the day on which the election officer receives the information.

2842 (b) Notwithstanding the fee requirements of Section 63G-2-203 or the fee requirements
2843 established in any ordinance, the election officer shall, subject to Subsection
2844 20A-2-104(1)(c)(v), make copies of the voting history record available to the public,
2845 in accordance with this section, for the actual cost of production or copying.

2846 Section 33. Section **20A-6-105** is amended to read:

2847 **20A-6-105 . Provisional ballot envelopes.**

2848 (1) Each election officer shall ensure that provisional ballot envelopes are printed in
2849 substantially the following form:

2850 (a) the envelope shall include the following statement:

2851 "AFFIRMATION

2852 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

2853 Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? Yes No

2854 If you checked "no" in response to either of the two above questions, do not complete
2855 this form.

2856 Name of Voter _____

2857 First Middle Last

2858 Driver License or Identification Card Number _____

2859 State of Issuance of Driver License or Identification Card Number _____

2860 Date of Birth _____

2861 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence
2862 _____

2863 City County State Zip Code

2864 Telephone Number (optional) _____

2865 Email Address (optional) _____

2866 Do you consent to receive communications from the political party with which you affiliate
2867 as follows (optional):

2868 • At the email address you provided above? Yes No

2869 • By text or phone call, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

2870 Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

2871 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if known)
2872 _____

2873 City County State Zip Code

2874 Voting Precinct (if known) _____

2875 I, (please print your full name) _____ do solemnly swear or
2876 affirm:

2877 That I am eligible to vote in this election; that I have not voted in this election in any
2878 other precinct; that I am eligible to vote in this precinct; and that I request that I be permitted
2879 to vote in this precinct; and

2880 Subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information contained in this form
2881 is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Utah, residing at the above
2882 address; and that I am at least 18 years old and have resided in Utah for the 30 calendar days
2883 immediately before this election.

2884 Signed
2885 _____

2886 Dated

2887

2888 In accordance with Section 20A-3a-506, wilfully providing false information above is a
2889 class B misdemeanor under Utah law and is punishable by imprisonment and by fine.
2890

PRIVACY INFORMATION

2891 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as
2892 your name, address, and year of birth. Your full date of birth, driver license number, state
2893 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized
2894 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an
2895 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
2896 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

2898 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration
2899 record be withheld from public disclosure if you or someone you live with:

- is at risk of domestic violence;
- is a law enforcement officer;
- is a member of the military who is deployed away from home;
- is a public figure; or
- is protected by a court order.

2905 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you shall prove that you qualify by
2906 submitting an at-risk voter request form, and any required proof, to the county clerk.

2907 ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~
2908 ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~
2909 ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~
2910 ~~requirements of law.~~

2911 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~
2912 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~
2913 ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~
2914 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.~~

2915 ~~You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld~~
2916 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~
2917 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:~~

2918 ~~_____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld~~
2919 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~
2920 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.~~

2921 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

2922 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying
2923 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
2924 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
2925 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
2926 paragraphs.

2927 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
2928 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
2929 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
2930 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
2931 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
2932 violence.

2933 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
2934 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
2935 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
2936 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
2937 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
2938 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]

2939 **CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT**

2940 Name:

2941 Name at birth, if different:

2942 Place of birth:

2943 Date of birth:

2944 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

2945 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a
2946 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and
2947 correct.

2949 Signature of Applicant

2950 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or
2951 allowing yourself to be registered to vote if you know you are not entitled to register to vote is
2952 up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.";

2953 (b) the following statement shall appear after the statement described in Subsection (1)(a):

2954 **"BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**

2955 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
2956 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No
2957 "; and

2958 (c) no later than November 5, 2025, after the statement described in Subsection (1)(b), the
2959 following:

2960 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

2961 Mail a ballot to me.

2962 Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

2963 (2) The provisional ballot envelope shall include:

2964 (a) a unique number;

2965 (b) a detachable part that includes the unique number;

2966 (c) a telephone number, internet address, or other indicator of a means, in accordance
2967 with Section 20A-6-105.5, where the voter can find out if the provisional ballot was
2968 counted; and

2969 (d) an insert containing written instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive ballot
2970 status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5.

2971 Section 20A-7-203 is amended to read:

2972 **20A-7-203 . Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative petition and signature**
2973 **sheets.**

2974 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

2975 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

2976 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable , Lieutenant Governor:

2977 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed
2978 law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or rejection at the
2979 regular general election/session to be held/ beginning on (month\day\year);

2980 Each signer says:

2981 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying
2982 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the
2983 initials "AV" as my signature;

2984 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
2985 initiative petition;

2986 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

2987 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

2988 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.

2989 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

2990 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
2991 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
2992 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

2993 **NOTICE TO SIGNERS:**

2994 Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public
2995 hearings.)".

2996 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least
2997 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):
2998 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
2999 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
3000 increase in the current tax rate."[:]
3001 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
3002 proposed law to each initiative petition.
3003 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:
3004 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
3005 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the
3006 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
3007 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,
3008 bold type;
3009 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch
3010 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
3011 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
3012 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
3013 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
3014 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
3015 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
3016 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
3017 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3018 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
3019 type;
3020 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
3021 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3022 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

3023 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
3024 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
3025 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3026 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
3027 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
3028 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3029 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
3030 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
3031 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
3032 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3033 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
3034 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
3035 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3036 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
3037 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
3038 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
3039 and contain the following statement, "By signing this initiative petition, you are
3040 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
3041 petition." in 12-point type;

3042 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
3043 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
3044 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:

3045 (i) the words "Fiscal Impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
3046 12-point, bold type;
3047 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (5), the initial fiscal impact statement issued by
3048 the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with Subsection
3049 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in accordance with Subsection
3050 20A-7-204.1(5), in not less than 12-point type;
3051 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:
3052 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
3053 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
3054 increase in the current tax rate."; and
3055 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not
3056 less than eight-point type:

3057 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
3058 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3059 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
3060 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3061 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
3062 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
3063 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
3064 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3065 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
3066 statement:

3067 Verification of signature collector

3068 State of Utah, County of ____

3069 I, _____, of ____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3070 I am at least 18 years old;

3071 All the names that appear in this initiative packet were signed by individuals who
3072 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed
3073 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying
3074 disability, I have signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the
3075 individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's
3076 signature;

3077 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative
3078 packet by the initials "AV":

3079 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative
3080 petition on the individual's behalf;

3081 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
3082 capacity to give direction or consent;

3083 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
3084 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

3085 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
3086 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

3087 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
3088 sheet;

3089 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by
3090 the initiative;

3091 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
3092 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is
3093 registered to vote in Utah;

3094 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

3095 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this initiative
3096 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3098 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

3099 (5) If the initial fiscal impact statement described in Subsection (3)(f)(ii), as updated in
3100 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), exceeds 200 words, the Office of the
3101 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall prepare a shorter summary statement, for the purpose of
3102 inclusion on an initiative signature sheet, that does not exceed 200 words.
3103 (6) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions
3104 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3105 Section 35. Section **20A-7-215** is amended to read:

20A-7-215 . Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative petition --

Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.

(1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

(2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

"This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, Lieutenant
3111 Governor:

The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following
3113 proposed law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or
3114 rejection at the regular general election/session to be held/beginning on
3115 _____(month\day\year)."

(b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
3117 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3118 understand the information presented on this screen."

(3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
3120 statement:

"Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public
3122 hearings.)".

(b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
3124 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read

3125 and understand the information presented on this screen."

3126 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of
3127 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-202(2)(e)(i), followed by the entire text
3128 of the proposed law.

3129 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
3130 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3131 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."

3132 (5) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the
3133 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to
3134 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement: "By clicking here, I
3135 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":

3136 (a) a description of all proposed sources of funding for the costs associated with the
3137 proposed law, including the proposed percentage of total funding from each source;

3138 (b)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative
3139 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage
3140 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
3141 increase in the current tax rate."; or

3142 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This
3143 initiative does not propose a tax increase.":

3144 (c) the initial fiscal impact statement issued by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal
3145 Analyst in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in
3146 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5)(b);

3147 (d) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition
3148 may be paid for gathering signatures; and

3149 (e) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":
3150 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;
3151 I am personally signing this initiative petition;
3152 I am registered to vote in Utah; and
3153 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
3154 accurate.

3155 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
3156 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3157 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
3158 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3159 [WARNING

3160 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter
3161 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be
3162 made public.]

3163 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3164 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
3165 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3166 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3167 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

3168 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
3169 (5)(e), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your
3170 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."
3171 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
3172 (5)(e), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
3173 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the initiative petition through the
3174 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3175 Section 36. Section **20A-7-303** is amended to read:

3176 **20A-7-303 . Manual referendum process -- Form of referendum petition and
3177 signature sheets.**

3178 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

3179 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3180 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ___, Lieutenant Governor:

3181 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill No.
3182 ___, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth here
3183 the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state of
3184 Utah during the ___ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or rejection
3185 at a regular general election or a statewide special election;

3186 Each signer says:

3187 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a
3188 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer
3189 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

3190 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
3191 referendum petition;

3192 I have personally read the entire statement included with this referendum packet;

3193 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3194 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.[".]

3195 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3196 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
3197 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3198 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

3199 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
3200 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

3201 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

3202 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3203 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [three-fourths ineh] .75 inches from the top, with the
3204 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3205 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
3206 14-point, bold type;

3207 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
3208 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3209 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3210 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
3211 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3212 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

3213 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

3214 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3215 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3216 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
3217 type;

3218 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3219 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3220 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

3221 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3222 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3223 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3224 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

3225 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

3226 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

3227 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
3228 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
3229 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
3230 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3231 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
3232 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
3233 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3234 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
3235 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
3236 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
3237 and contain the following words "By signing this referendum petition, you are
3238 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition
3239 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

3240 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
3241 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
3242 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by
3243 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:
3244 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
3245 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3246 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
3247 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3248 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
3249 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
3250 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
3251 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3252 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed
3253 statement:

3254 Verification of signature collector

3255 State of Utah, County of _____

3256 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3257 I am at least 18 years old;

3258 All the names that appear in this referendum packet were signed by individuals who
3259 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed
3260 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying

3261 disability, I have signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of
3262 the individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's
3263 signature;

3264 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum
3265 packet by the initials "AV":

3266 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum
3267 petition on the individual's behalf;

3268 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
3269 capacity to give direction or consent;

3270 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
3271 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's
3272 behalf;

3273 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
3274 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

3275 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
3276 sheet;

3277 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
3278 seeks to overturn;

3279 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
3280 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each
3281 signer is registered to vote in Utah;

3282 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

3283 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum
3284 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3285
3286 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date).

3287 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
3288 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3289 Section 37. Section **20A-7-313** is amended to read:

3290 **20A-7-313 . Electronic referendum process -- Form of referendum petition --**

3291 **Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3292 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

3293 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3294 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable ____, Lieutenant

3295 Governor:

3296 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill
3297 No.____, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth
3298 here the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state
3299 of Utah during the ____ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or
3300 rejection at a regular general election or a statewide special election."

3301 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
3302 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3303 understand the information presented on this screen."

3304 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text
3305 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

3306 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
3307 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3308 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum
3309 petition."

3310 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement
3311 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be
3312 paid for gathering signatures.

3313 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
3314 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3315 understand the information presented on this screen."

3316 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,
3317 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

3318 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;
3319 I am personally signing this referendum petition;
3320 I am registered to vote in Utah; and
3321 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
3322 accurate.

3323 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
3324 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3325 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
3326 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3327 [WARNING
3328 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter

3329 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this referendum petition will
3330 be made public.]

3331 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3332 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
3333 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3334 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3335 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

3336 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),
3337 the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.
3338 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3339 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),
3340 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
3341 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the
3342 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3343 Section 38. Section **20A-7-503** is amended to read:

3344 **20A-7-503 . Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative petition and signature**
3345 **sheet.**

3346 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

3347 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3348 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town
3349 Clerk:

3350 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed
3351 law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next meeting; and
3352 the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the proposed law or
3353 takes no action on it.

3354 Each signer says:

3355 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying
3356 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the
3357 initials "AV" as my signature;

3358 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
3359 petition;

3360 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3361 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3362 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

3363 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3364 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
3365 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3366 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

3367 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least
3368 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):
3369 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
3370 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
3371 increase in the current tax rate."
3372 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
3373 proposed law to each initiative petition.
3374 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:
3375 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
3376 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the
3377 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
3378 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,
3379 bold type;
3380 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch
3381 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
3382 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
3383 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
3384 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
3385 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
3386 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
3387 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
3388 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3389 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
3390 type;
3391 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
3392 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3393 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
3394 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
3395 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
3396 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

3397 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

3398 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

3399 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

3400 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;

3401 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

3402 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;

3403 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

3404 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;

3405 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;

3406 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

3407 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;

3408 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and

3409 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,

3410 and contain the following words "By signing this initiative petition, you are

3411 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative

3412 petition." in 12-point type;

3413 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at

3414 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

3415 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:

3416 (i) the words "Fiscal and legal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at

3417 least 12-point, bold type;

3418 (ii) the summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by

3419 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost

3420 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition

3421 in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3), in not less than 12-point, bold

3422 type;

3423 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:

3424 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax

3425 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent

3426 increase in the current tax rate."; and

3427 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not

3428 less than eight-point type:

3429 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name

3430 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than

3431 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
3432 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3433 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
3434 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
3435 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
3436 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3437 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
3438 statement:

3439 "Verification of signature collector

3440 State of Utah, County of ____

3441 I, _____, of ____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3442 I am at least 18 years old;

3443 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
3444 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
3445 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have
3446 signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and in
3447 the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

3448 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative
3449 packet by the initials "AV":

3450 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative
3451 petition on the individual's behalf;

3452 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
3453 capacity to give direction or consent;

3454 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
3455 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

3456 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
3457 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

3458 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
3459 sheet;

3460 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by
3461 the initiative; and

3462 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
3463 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is
3464 registered to vote in Utah.

3465

3466 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

3467 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

3468 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to
3469 encourage that individual to sign it.

3470

3471 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

3472 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions
3473 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3474 Section 39. Section **20A-7-514** is amended to read:

20A-7-514 . Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative petition --

Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.

3477 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

3478 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:
3479 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City
3480 Recorder/Town Clerk:

3481 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following
3482 proposed law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next
3483 meeting; and the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the
3484 proposed law or takes no action on it."

3485 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
3486 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3487 understand the information presented on this screen."

3488 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of
3489 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-502(2)(d)(i), followed by the entire text
3490 of the proposed law.

3491 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
3492 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3493 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."

3494 (4) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the
3495 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to
3496 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement, "By clicking here, I
3497 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":

3498 (a)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative

3499 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage
3500 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
3501 increase in the current tax rate. "; or
3502 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This
3503 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";
3504 (b) the summary statement from the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by
3505 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost
3506 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition in
3507 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3);
3508 (c) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition
3509 may be paid for gathering signatures; and
3510 (d) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":
3511 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;
3512 I am personally signing this petition;
3513 I am registered to vote in Utah; and
3514 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
3515 accurate.

3516 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
3517 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3518 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
3519 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3520 **[WARNING**

3521 ~~Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter~~
3522 ~~identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be~~
3523 ~~made public.】~~

3524 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3525 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
3526 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3527 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3528 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

3529 (5)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
3530 (4)(d), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your
3531 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."
3532 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection

3533 (4)(d), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
3534 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the petition through the signature
3535 process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3536 Section 40. Section **20A-7-603** is amended to read:

3537 **20A-7-603 . Manual referendum process -- Form of referendum petition and**
3538 **signature sheet.**

3539 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

3540 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3541 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City
3542 Recorder/Town Clerk:

3543 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that (description of local law or
3544 portion of local law being challenged), passed by the ____ be referred to the voters for their
3545 approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on
3546 _____ (month\day\year);

3547 Each signer says:

3548 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a
3549 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer
3550 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

3551 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
3552 petition;

3553 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3554 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3555 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

3556 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3557 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
3558 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3559 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

3560 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
3561 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

3562 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

3563 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3564 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [three-fourths ineh] .75 inches from the top, with the
3565 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3566 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least

3567 14-point type;

3568 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
3569 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3570 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3571 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
3572 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3573 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

3574 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

3575 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3576 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3577 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
3578 type;

3579 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3580 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3581 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

3582 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3583 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3584 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3585 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

3586 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

3587 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3588 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;

3589 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

3590 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;

3591 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3592 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;

3593 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;

3594 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3595 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;

3596 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and

3597 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
3598 and contain the following words, "By signing this referendum petition, you are
3599 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition
3600 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

3601 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
3602 the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
3603 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by
3604 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:
3605 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
3606 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3607 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
3608 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3609 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
3610 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
3611 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
3612 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3613 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed
3614 statement:

3615 "Verification of signature collector

3616 State of Utah, County of ____

3617 I, _____, of ____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3618 I am at least 18 years old;

3619 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
3620 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
3621 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have
3622 signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and
3623 in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

3624 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum
3625 packet by the initials "AV":

3626 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum
3627 petition on the individual's behalf;

3628 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
3629 capacity to give direction or consent;

3630 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
3631 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's
3632 behalf;

3633 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
3634 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

3635 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
3636 sheet;

3637 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
3638 seeks to overturn; and

3639 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
3640 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each
3641 signer is registered to vote in Utah.

3642 _____
3643 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

3644 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

3645 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum
3646 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3647 _____
3648 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

3649 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
3650 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3651 Section 41. Section **20A-7-614** is amended to read:

20A-7-614 . Electronic referendum process -- Form of referendum petition --

Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.

(1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

(2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

"This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable ____, County
3656 Clerk/City Recorder/Town Clerk:

The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that (description of local
3659 law or portion of local law being challenged), passed by the ____ be referred to the voters for
3660 their approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on
3661 _____ (month\day\year)."

(b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
3663 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3664 understand the information presented on this screen."

(3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text
3666 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

(b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
3668 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read

3669 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum
3670 petition."

3671 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement
3672 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be
3673 paid for gathering signatures.

3674 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
3675 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3676 and understand the information presented on this screen."

3677 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,
3678 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

3679 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;
3680 I am personally signing this referendum petition;
3681 I am registered to vote in Utah; and
3682 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
3683 accurate.

3684 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
3685 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3686 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
3687 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3688 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3689 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
3690 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3691 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3692 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

3693 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),
3694 the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.
3695 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3696 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),
3697 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
3698 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the
3699 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3700 Section 42. Section **20A-8-103** is amended to read:

3701 **20A-8-103 . Petition procedures -- Criminal penalty -- Removal of signature.**

3702 (1) As used in this section, the proposed name or emblem of a registered political party is

3703 "distinguishable" if a reasonable person of average intelligence will be able to perceive a
3704 difference between the proposed name or emblem and any name or emblem currently
3705 being used by another registered political party.

3706 (2) To become a registered political party, an organization of registered voters that is not a
3707 continuing political party shall:

3708 (a) circulate a petition seeking registered political party status beginning no earlier than
3709 the date of the statewide canvass held after the last regular general election and
3710 ending before 5 p.m. no later than November 30 of the year before the year in which
3711 the next regular general election will be held;

3712 (b) file a petition with the lieutenant governor that is signed, with a holographic
3713 signature, by at least 2,000 registered voters before 5 p.m. no later than November 30
3714 of the year in which a regular general election will be held; and

3715 (c) file, with the petition described in Subsection (2)(b), a document certifying:

3716 (i) the identity of one or more registered political parties whose members may vote
3717 for the organization's candidates;

3718 (ii) whether unaffiliated voters may vote for the organization's candidates; and

3719 (iii) whether, for the next election, the organization intends to nominate the
3720 organization's candidates in accordance with the provisions of Section 20A-9-406.

3721 (3) The petition shall:

3722 (a) be on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3723 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [3/4 ineh] .75 inches from the top, with the space
3724 above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3725 (c) contain the name of the political party and the words "Political Party Registration
3726 Petition" printed directly below the horizontal line;

3727 (d) contain the [word "Warning" printed] following statement directly under the words
3728 described in Subsection (3)(c)[;], in at least the same size type as the majority of the
3729 other statements on the page:

3730 [(e) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed in not less
3731 than eight-point, single leaded type:]

3732 **"WARNING**

3733 ["]It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a political party registration
3734 petition signature sheet with any name other than the individual's own name or more than once
3735 for the same party or if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend
3736 to become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant

3737 governor.[";"]

3738 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3739 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
3740 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3741 registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

3742 [(f)] (e) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [
3743 (3)(e)] (3)(d):

3744 "POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION PETITION To the Honorable ____,

3745 Lieutenant Governor:

3746 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, seek registered political party status for ____
3747 (name);

3748 Each signer says:

3749 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

3750 I am registered to vote in Utah or will register to vote in Utah before the petition is
3751 submitted to the lieutenant governor;

3752 I am or desire to become a member of the political party; and

3753 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

3754 [(g)] (f) be vertically divided into columns as follows:

3755 (i) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be 5/8 inch wide, be
3756 headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a light vertical line
3757 down the middle;

3758 (ii) the next column shall be [2-1/2] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's
3759 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";

3760 (iii) the next column shall be [2-1/2] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Holographic Signature
3761 of Registered Voter";

3762 (iv) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age (Optional)";

3763 (v) the final column shall be [4-3/8] 4.375 inches wide, headed "Street Address, City,
3764 Zip Code"; and

3765 (vi) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age
3766 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter
3767 registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
3768 certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures
3769 are certified or if the information you provide does not match your voter
3770 registration records.";

3771 [§11] (g) have a final page bound to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that
3772 contains the following printed statement:

3773 "Verification

3774 State of Utah, County of ____

3775 I, _____, of ____, hereby state that:

3776 I am at least 18 years old;

3777 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by
3778 individuals who professed to be the individuals whose names appear on the signature sheets,
3779 and each individual signed the individual's name on the signature sheets in my presence; and

3780 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
3781 the individual's street address correctly, and that each individual is registered to vote in Utah or
3782 will register to vote in Utah before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant governor.

3783
3784 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)"; and

3785 [§11] (h) be bound to a cover sheet that:

- 3786 (i) identifies the political party's name, which may not exceed four words, and the
3787 emblem of the party;
- 3788 (ii) states the process that the organization will follow to organize and adopt a
3789 constitution and bylaws; and
- 3790 (iii) is signed by a filing officer, who agrees to receive communications on behalf of
3791 the organization.

3792 (4) The filing officer described in Subsection [(3)(i)(iii)] (3)(h)(iii) shall ensure that the
3793 individual in whose presence each signature sheet is signed:

- 3794 (a) is at least 18 years old; and
- 3795 (b) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more
3796 signature sheets that are bound together.

3797 (5) An individual may not sign the verification if the individual signed a signature sheet
3798 bound to the verification.

3799 (6) The lieutenant governor shall:

- 3800 (a) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer is
3801 a registered voter;
- 3802 (b) review the proposed name and emblem to determine if they are "distinguishable"
3803 from the names and emblems of other registered political parties; and
- 3804 (c) certify the lieutenant governor's findings to the filing officer described in Subsection [

(3)(i)(iii)] (3)(h)(iii) within 30 calendar days after the day on which the organization files the petition described in Subsection (2)(b).

(7)(a) If the lieutenant governor determines that the petition meets the requirements of this section, and that the proposed name and emblem are distinguishable, the lieutenant governor shall authorize the filing officer described in Subsection [(3)(i)(iii)] (3)(h)(iii) to organize the prospective political party.

(b) If the lieutenant governor finds that the name, emblem, or both are not distinguishable from the names and emblems of other registered political parties, the lieutenant governor shall notify the filing officer that the filing officer has seven calendar days to electronically submit a new name or emblem to the lieutenant governor.

(8) A registered political party may not change its name or emblem during the regular general election cycle.

(9)(a) It is unlawful for an individual to:

(i) knowingly sign a political party registration petition

(A) with any name other than the individual's own name;

(B) more than once for the same political party; or

(C) if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant governor; or

(ii) sign the verification of a political party registration petition signature sheet if the individual:

(A) has not witnessed the signing by those individuals whose names appear on the political party registration petition signature sheet; or

(B) knows that an individual whose signature appears on the political party registration petition signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state does not intend to become registered to vote in this state.

(b) An individual who violates this Subsection (9) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

(10)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on which the petition is filed with the lieutenant governor, submitting to the lieutenant governor a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

(b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

3839 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection
3840 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a
3841 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

3842 Section 43. Section **20A-9-203** is amended to read:

3843 **20A-9-203 . Declarations of candidacy -- Municipal general elections --**

3844 **Nomination petition -- Removal of signature.**

3845 (1) An individual may become a candidate for any municipal office if:

3846 (a) the individual is a registered voter; and

3847 (b)(i) the individual has resided within the municipality in which the individual seeks
3848 to hold elective office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date
3849 of the election; or

3850 (ii) the territory in which the individual resides was annexed into the municipality,
3851 the individual has resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12
3852 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.

3853 (2)(a) For purposes of determining whether an individual meets the residency
3854 requirement of Subsection (1)(b)(i) in a municipality that was incorporated less than
3855 12 months before the election, the municipality is considered to have been
3856 incorporated 12 months before the date of the election.

3857 (b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), each candidate for a municipal
3858 council position shall, if elected from a district, be a resident of the council district
3859 from which the candidate is elected.

3860 (c) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article IV, Section 6, a mentally incompetent
3861 individual, an individual convicted of a felony, or an individual convicted of treason
3862 or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the
3863 right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5.

3864 (3)(a) An individual seeking to become a candidate for a municipal office shall,
3865 regardless of the nomination method by which the individual is seeking to become a
3866 candidate:

3867 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), [Section 10-2a-214, or Chapter 4, Part 6,
3868 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project], and subject to Subsection
3869 20A-9-404(3)(e), file a declaration of candidacy, in person with the city recorder
3870 or town clerk, during the filing period described in Subsection (3)(d) and the
3871 office hours described in Subsection 10-3-301(3); and
3872 (ii) pay the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.

3873 (b) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), an individual may designate an agent to file a
3874 declaration of candidacy with the city recorder or town clerk if:
3875 (i) the individual is located outside of the state during the entire filing period;
3876 (ii) the designated agent appears in person before the city recorder or town clerk;
3877 (iii) the individual communicates with the city recorder or town clerk using an
3878 electronic device that allows the individual and city recorder or town clerk to see
3879 and hear each other; and
3880 (iv) the individual provides the city recorder or town clerk with an email address to
3881 which the city recorder or town clerk may send the individual the copies described
3882 in Subsection (4).

3883 (c) Any resident of a municipality may nominate a candidate for a municipal office by:
3884 (i) [except as provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods
3885 Pilot Project,] filing a nomination petition with the city recorder or town clerk
3886 during the filing period described in Subsection (3)(d) and the office hours
3887 described in Subsection 10-3-301(3) that includes signatures in support of the
3888 nomination petition of the lesser of at least:
3889 (A) 25 registered voters who reside in the municipality; or
3890 (B) 20% of the registered voters who reside in the municipality; and
3891 (ii) paying the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.

3892 (d) The filing period to file a declaration of candidacy for an elective office that is to be
3893 filled at the next municipal general election:
3894 (i) begins at 8 a.m. on the later of:
3895 (A) June 1 of the year in which the next municipal general election is held; or
3896 (B) if June 1 is not a business day, the first business day after June 1; and
3897 (ii) ends at 5 p.m. on the fourth business day after the day on which the filing period
3898 begins.

3899 (4)(a) Before the filing officer may accept any declaration of candidacy or nomination
3900 petition, the filing officer shall:
3901 (i) read to the prospective candidate or individual filing the petition the constitutional
3902 and statutory qualification requirements for the office that the candidate is seeking;
3903 (ii) require the candidate or individual filing the petition to state whether the
3904 candidate meets the requirements described in Subsection (4)(a)(i); and
3905 (iii) inform the candidate or the individual filing the petition that an individual who
3906 holds a municipal elected office may not, at the same time, hold a county elected

3907 office.

3908 (b) If the prospective candidate does not meet the qualification requirements for the
3909 office, the filing officer may not accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination
3910 petition.

3911 (c) If it appears that the prospective candidate meets the requirements of candidacy, the
3912 filing officer shall:

3913 (i) inform the candidate that, subject to Section 20A-6-109, the candidate's name will
3914 appear on the ballot as it is written on the declaration of candidacy;

3915 (ii) provide the candidate with a copy of the current campaign financial disclosure
3916 laws for the office the candidate is seeking and inform the candidate that failure to
3917 comply will result in disqualification as a candidate and removal of the candidate's
3918 name from the ballot;

3919 (iii) provide the candidate with a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide
3920 Electronic Voter Information Website Program and inform the candidate of the
3921 submission deadline under Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a);

3922 (iv) inform the candidate that the candidate must provide the filing officer with an
3923 email address that the candidate actively monitors:
3924 (A) to receive a communication from a filing officer or an election officer; and
3925 (B) if the candidate wishes to display a candidate profile on the Statewide
3926 Electronic Voter Information Website, to submit to the website the
3927 biographical and other information described in Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a)(ii);

3928 (v) inform the candidate that the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv) is
3929 not a record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and
3930 Management Act;

3931 (vi) obtain from the candidate the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv);
3932 (vii) provide the candidate with a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices
3933 described under Section 20A-9-206 and inform the candidate that:
3934 (A) signing the pledge is voluntary; and
3935 (B) signed pledges shall be filed with the filing officer; and
3936 (viii) accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition.

3937 (d) If the candidate elects to sign the pledge of fair campaign practices, the filing officer
3938 shall:

3939 (i) accept the candidate's pledge; and
3940 (ii) if the candidate has filed for a partisan office, provide a certified copy of the

3941 candidate's pledge to the chair of the county or state political party of which the
3942 candidate is a member.

3943 (5)(a) The declaration of candidacy shall be in substantially the following form:

3944 "I, (print name) ____, being first sworn and under penalty of perjury, say that I reside at
3945 _____ Street, City of ____, County of ____, state of Utah, Zip Code ____, Telephone Number
3946 (if any) ____; that I am a registered voter; and that I am a candidate for the office of ____
3947 (stating the term). I will meet the legal qualifications required of candidates for this office. If
3948 filing via a designated agent, I attest that I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire
3949 candidate filing period. I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law
3950 and I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this
3951 office and removal of my name from the ballot. I request that my name be printed upon the
3952 applicable official ballots. (Signed) _____

3953 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by ____ on this
3954 _____ (month\day\year).

3955 (Signed) _____ (Clerk or other officer qualified to administer oath)."

3956 (b) An agent designated under Subsection (3)(b) to file a declaration of candidacy may
3957 not sign the form described in Subsection (5)(a).

3958 (c)(i) A nomination petition shall be in substantially the following form:

3959 "NOMINATION PETITION

3960 The undersigned residents of (name of municipality), being registered voters, nominate
3961 (name of nominee) for the office of (name of office) for the (length of term of office).["]

3962 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3963 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
3964 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3965 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

3966 (ii) The remainder of the petition shall contain lines and columns for the signatures of
3967 individuals signing the petition and each individual's address and phone number.

3968 (6) If the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition fails to state whether the
3969 nomination is for the two-year or four-year term, the clerk shall consider the nomination
3970 to be for the four-year term.

3971 (7)(a) The clerk shall verify with the county clerk that all candidates are registered
3972 voters.

3973 (b) With the assistance of the county clerk, and using the procedures described in
3974 Section 20A-1-1002, the municipal clerk shall determine whether the required

number of signatures of registered voters appears on a nomination petition.

(8) Immediately after expiration of the period for filing a declaration of candidacy, the clerk shall:

- (a) publicize a list of the names of the candidates as they will appear on the ballot by publishing the list for the municipality, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, for seven calendar days; and
- (b) notify the lieutenant governor of the names of the candidates as they will appear on the ballot.

(9) Except as provided in Subsection (10)(c), an individual may not amend a declaration of candidacy or nomination petition filed under this section after the candidate filing period ends.

(10)(a) A declaration of candidacy or nomination petition that an individual files under this section is valid unless a person files a written objection with the clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the first business day that is at least 10 calendar days after the last day for filing.

(b) If a person files an objection, the clerk shall:

- (i) mail or personally deliver notice of the objection to the affected candidate immediately; and
- (ii) decide any objection within 48 hours after the objection is filed.

(c) If the clerk sustains the objection, the candidate may, no later than 5 p.m. on the first business day that is at least three calendar days after the day on which the clerk sustains the objection, correct the problem for which the objection is sustained by amending the candidate's declaration of candidacy or nomination petition, or by filing a new declaration of candidacy.

(d)(i) The clerk's decision upon objections to form is final.

- (ii) The clerk's decision upon substantive matters is reviewable by a district court if prompt application is made to the district court.
- (iii) The decision of the district court is final unless the Supreme Court, in the exercise of its discretion, agrees to review the lower court decision.

(11) A candidate who qualifies for the ballot under this section may withdraw as a candidate by filing a written affidavit with the municipal clerk.

(12)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after the day on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or municipal clerk,

4009 submitting to the municipal clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
4010 removed.

4011 (b) A statement described in Subsection (12)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4012 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4013 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in
4014 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the municipal clerk shall determine whether to remove an
4015 individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid statement
4016 requesting removal of the signature.

4017 Section 44. Section **20A-9-404** is amended to read:

4018 **20A-9-404 . Municipal primary elections.**

4019 (1)(a) [Except as otherwise provided in this section or Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal
4020 Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, candidates] Candidates for municipal office
4021 in all municipalities shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.

4022 (b) Municipal primary elections shall be held:

4023 (i) consistent with Section 20A-1-201.5, on the second Tuesday following the first
4024 Monday in the August before the regular municipal election; and

4025 (ii) whenever possible, at the same polling places as the regular municipal election.

4026 (c) Subsections (3) through (5) do not apply to an election to elect local school board
4027 members under Section 53G-3-302.

4028 [(d) Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, does not apply
4029 to an election to elect local school board members under Section 53G-3-302.]

4030 (2) [Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting
4031 Methods Pilot Project, if] If the number of candidates for a particular municipal office
4032 does not exceed twice the number of individuals needed to fill that office, a primary
4033 election for that office may not be held and the candidates are considered nominated.

4034 (3)(a) For purposes of this Subsection (3), "convention" means an organized assembly of
4035 voters or delegates.

4036 (b)(i) By ordinance adopted before the May 1 that falls before a regular municipal
4037 election, any third, fourth, or fifth class city or town may exempt itself from a
4038 primary election by providing that the nomination of candidates for municipal
4039 office to be voted upon at a municipal election be nominated by a municipal party
4040 convention or committee.

4041 (ii) The municipal party convention or committee described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)
4042 shall be held on or before May 30 of an odd-numbered year.

4043 (iii) Any primary election exemption ordinance adopted under this Subsection (3)
4044 remains in effect until repealed by ordinance.

4045 (c)(i) A convention or committee may not nominate more than one candidate for each
4046 of the municipal offices to be voted upon at the municipal election.

4047 (ii) A convention or committee may not nominate an individual who has accepted the
4048 nomination of a different convention or committee.

4049 (iii) A municipal party may not have more than one group of candidates placed upon
4050 the ballot and may not group the same candidates on different tickets by the same
4051 party under a different name or emblem.

4052 (d)(i) On or before May 31 of an odd-numbered year, a convention or committee
4053 shall prepare and submit to the filing officer a certificate of nomination for each
4054 individual nominated.

4055 (ii) The certificate of nomination shall:

4056 (A) contain the name of the office for which each individual is nominated, the
4057 name, post office address, and, if in a city, the street number of residence and
4058 place of business, if any, of each individual nominated;

4059 (B) designate in not more than five words the party that the convention or
4060 committee represents;

4061 (C) contain a copy of the resolution passed at the convention that authorized the
4062 committee to make the nomination;

4063 (D) contain a statement certifying that the name of the candidate nominated by the
4064 political party will not appear on the ballot as a candidate for any other
4065 political party;

4066 (E) be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention or
4067 committee; and

4068 (F) contain a statement identifying the residence and post office address of the
4069 presiding officer and secretary and certifying that the presiding officer and
4070 secretary were officers of the convention or committee and that the certificates
4071 are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

4072 (iii) A candidate nominated by a municipal party convention or committee shall file a
4073 declaration with the filing officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-9-203(3)
4074 that includes:

4075 (A) the name of the municipal party or convention that nominated the candidate;
4076 and

4077 (B) the office for which the convention or committee nominated the candidate.

4078 (e) A committee appointed at a convention, if authorized by an enabling resolution, may

4079 also make nominations or fill vacancies in nominations made at a convention if the

4080 committee makes the nomination before the deadline for a write-in candidate to file a

4081 declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-601.

4082 (f) The election ballot shall substantially comply with the form prescribed in Chapter 6,

4083 Part 4, Ballot Form Requirements for Municipal Elections, but the party name shall

4084 be included with the candidate's name.

4085 (4)(a) Any third, fourth, or fifth class city or a town may adopt an ordinance before the

4086 May 1 that falls before the regular municipal election that:

4087 (i) exempts the city or town from the other methods of nominating candidates to

4088 municipal office provided in this section; and

4089 (ii) provides for a municipal partisan convention method of nominating candidates as

4090 provided in this Subsection (4).

4091 (b)(i) Any party that was a registered political party at the last regular general

4092 election or regular municipal election is a municipal political party under this

4093 section.

4094 (ii) Any political party may qualify as a municipal political party by presenting a

4095 petition to the city recorder that:

4096 (A) is signed, with a holographic signature, by registered voters within the

4097 municipality equal to at least 20% of the number of votes cast for all

4098 candidates for mayor in the last municipal election at which a mayor was

4099 elected;

4100 (B) is filed with the city recorder or town clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the last

4101 business day before the day on which the municipal party holds a convention to

4102 nominate a candidate under this Subsection (4);

4103 (C) is substantially similar to the form of the signature sheets described in Section

4104 20A-7-303;[-and]

4105 (D) contains the name of the municipal political party using not more than five

4106 words[-] ; and

4107 (E) includes the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the

4108 same size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:

4109 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION

4110 RECORDS

4111 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
4112 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
4113 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
4114 record."

4115 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk, the city recorder or town clerk shall use
4116 the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether each signer
4117 is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition.

4118 (c)(i) If the number of candidates for a particular office does not exceed twice the
4119 number of offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, no primary
4120 election for that office shall be held and the candidates are considered to be
4121 nominated.

4122 (ii) If the number of candidates for a particular office exceeds twice the number of
4123 offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, those candidates for
4124 municipal office shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.

4125 (d) The clerk shall ensure that the partisan municipal primary ballot is similar to the
4126 ballot forms required by Section 20A-6-401 and, as applicable, Section 20A-6-401.1.

4127 (e) After marking a municipal primary ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot in the
4128 blank ballot box.

4129 (f) Immediately after the canvass, the election judges shall, without examination, destroy
4130 the tickets deposited in the blank ballot box.

4131 (5)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (4)(b)(ii) may have the voter's
4132 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after
4133 the day on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or town clerk, submitting
4134 to the city recorder or town clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
4135 removed.

4136 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4137 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4138 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in
4139 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the city recorder or town clerk shall determine whether to
4140 remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid
4141 statement requesting removal of the signature.

4142 Section 45. Section **20A-9-405** is amended to read:

4143 **20A-9-405 . Nomination petitions for regular primary elections.**

4144 (1) This section applies to the form and circulation of nomination petitions for regular

4145 primary elections described in Subsection 20A-9-403(3)(a).

4146 (2) A candidate for elective office, and the agents of the candidate, may not circulate
4147 nomination petitions until the candidate has submitted a declaration of candidacy in
4148 accordance with Subsection 20A-9-202(1).

4149 (3) For the manual candidate qualification process, the nomination petitions shall be in
4150 substantially the following form:

4151 (a) the petition shall be printed on paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

4152 (b) the petition shall be ruled with a horizontal line [3/4 ineh] .75 inches from the top,
4153 with the space above that line blank for purposes of binding;

4154 (c) the petition shall be headed by a caption stating the purpose of the petition and the
4155 name of the proposed candidate;

4156 (d) the petition shall feature the [word "Warning" followed by the] following statement
4157 in no less than eight-point, single leaded type:["]

4158 **"WARNING**

4159 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition
4160 with any name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same
4161 candidate, or if the person is not registered to vote in this state.[";]

4162 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION**

4163 **RECORDS**

4164 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
4165 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
4166 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
4167 record.";

4168 (e) the petition shall feature 10 lines spaced [one-half ineh] .5 inches apart and
4169 consecutively numbered one through 10;

4170 (f) the signature portion of the petition shall be divided into columns headed by the
4171 following titles:

4172 (i) Registered Voter's Printed Name;

4173 (ii) Signature of Registered Voter;

4174 (iii) Party Affiliation of Registered Voter;

4175 (iv) Birth Date or Age (Optional);

4176 (v) Street Address, City, Zip Code; and

4177 (vi) Date of Signature; and

4178 (g) a photograph of the candidate may appear on the nomination petition.

4179 (4) For the electronic candidate qualification process, the lieutenant governor shall design
4180 an electronic form, using progressive screens, that includes:

4181 (a) the following [warning] statement:

4182 "[Warning:] **WARNING**

4183 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition with any
4184 name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same candidate, or if the
4185 person is not registered to vote in this state.["; and]

4186 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

4187 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
4188 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
4189 registration record that has been classified as a private record. "; and

4190 (b) the following information for each individual who signs the petition:

4191 (i) name;

4192 (ii) party affiliation;

4193 (iii) date of birth or age, (optional);

4194 (iv) street address, city, zip code;

4195 (v) date of signature;

4196 (vi) other information required under Section 20A-21-201; and

4197 (vii) other information required by the lieutenant governor.

4198 (5) For the manual candidate qualification process, if one or more nomination petitions are
4199 bound together, a page shall be bound to the nomination petition(s) that features the following
4200 printed verification statement to be signed and dated by the petition circulator:

4201 "Verification

4202 State of Utah, County of ____

4203 I, ____, of ____, hereby state that:

4204 I am at least 18 years old;

4205 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were, to the best of
4206 my knowledge, signed by the persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on
4207 the signature sheets, and each of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my
4208 presence;

4209 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's
4210 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah."

4211 (6) The lieutenant governor shall prepare and make public model nomination petition forms
4212 and associated instructions.

4213 (7) A nomination petition circulator:

4214 (a) must be at least 18 years old; and

4215 (b) may affiliate with any political party.

4216 (8) It is unlawful for any person to:

4217 (a) knowingly sign the nomination petition described in this section or Section
4218 20A-9-408:

4219 (i) with any name other than the person's own name;

4220 (ii) more than once for the same candidate; or

4221 (iii) if the person is not registered to vote in this state;

4222 (b) sign the verification of a signature for a nomination petition if the person:

4223 (i) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the
4224 nomination petition; or

4225 (ii) knows that a person whose signature appears on the nomination petition is not
4226 registered to vote in this state;

4227 (c) pay compensation to any person to sign a nomination petition; or

4228 (d) pay compensation to any person to circulate a nomination petition, if the
4229 compensation is based directly on the number of signatures submitted to a filing
4230 officer rather than on the number of signatures verified or on some other basis.

4231 (9) Any person violating Subsection (8) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

4232 (10)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition may have the voter's signature removed
4233 from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on which the
4234 candidate files the petition with the appropriate filing officer, submitting to the filing
4235 officer a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

4236 (b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4237 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4238 (c) The filing officer shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
4239 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a nomination petition
4240 after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4241 Section 46. Section **20A-9-408** is amended to read:

4242 **20A-9-408 . Signature-gathering process to seek the nomination of a qualified
4243 political party -- Removal of signature.**

4244 (1) This section describes the requirements for a member of a qualified political party who
4245 is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office through
4246 the signature-gathering process described in this section.

4247 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-201(7)(a), the form of the declaration of candidacy
4248 for a member of a qualified political party who is nominated by, or who is seeking the
4249 nomination of, the qualified political party under this section shall be substantially as
4250 described in Section 20A-9-408.5.

4251 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(a), and except as provided in Subsection
4252 20A-9-202(4), a member of a qualified political party who, under this section, is seeking
4253 the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office that is to be filled at
4254 the next general election shall:

4255 (a) except to the extent otherwise provided in Subsection (13)(a), during the applicable
4256 declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, and before
4257 gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing officer on a form approved
4258 by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy that
4259 includes:

4260 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered
4261 political party under this section;

4262 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking
4263 nomination;

4264 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;

4265 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and

4266 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;

4267 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in
4268 person, with the filing officer during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing
4269 period described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and

4270 (c) pay the filing fee.

4271 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(2)(a), a member of a qualified political party
4272 who, under this section, is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for the
4273 office of district attorney within a multicounty prosecution district that is to be filled at
4274 the next general election shall:

4275 (a) during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section
4276 20A-9-201.5, and before gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing
4277 officer on a form approved by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather
4278 signatures for candidacy that includes:

4279 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered
4280 political party under this section;

4281 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking
4282 nomination;

4283 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;

4284 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and

4285 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;

4286 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in
4287 person, with the filing officer during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing
4288 period described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and

4289 (c) pay the filing fee.

4290 (5) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(3)(a)(iii), a lieutenant governor candidate who
4291 files as the joint-ticket running mate of an individual who is nominated by a qualified
4292 political party, under this section, for the office of governor shall, during the applicable
4293 declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, file a
4294 declaration of candidacy and submit a letter from the candidate for governor that names
4295 the lieutenant governor candidate as a joint-ticket running mate.

4296 (6) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that the certification described in Subsection
4297 20A-9-701(1) also includes the name of each candidate nominated by a qualified
4298 political party under this section.

4299 (7) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-701(2), the ballot shall, for each candidate who is
4300 nominated by a qualified political party under this section, designate the qualified
4301 political party that nominated the candidate.

4302 (8) A member of a qualified political party may seek the nomination of the qualified
4303 political party for an elective office by:

4304 (a) complying with the requirements described in this section; and

4305 (b) collecting signatures, on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies
4306 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), during the period beginning on the day on which the
4307 member files a notice of intent to gather signatures and ending at the applicable
4308 deadline described in Subsection (12), in the following amounts:

4309 (i) for a statewide race, 28,000 signatures of registered voters in the state who are
4310 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's
4311 candidates in a primary election;

4312 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (13)(b), for a congressional district race, 7,000
4313 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the congressional district and
4314 are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political

4315 party's candidates in a primary election;

4316 (iii) for a state Senate district race, 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are

4317 residents of the state Senate district and are permitted by the qualified political

4318 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;

4319 (iv) for a state House district race, 1,000 signatures of registered voters who are

4320 residents of the state House district and are permitted by the qualified political

4321 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;

4322 (v) for a State Board of Education race, the lesser of:

4323 (A) 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the State Board of

4324 Education district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for

4325 the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election; or

4326 (B) 3% of the registered voters of the qualified political party who are residents of

4327 the applicable State Board of Education district; and

4328 (vi) for a county office race, signatures of 3% of the registered voters who are

4329 residents of the area permitted to vote for the county office and are permitted by

4330 the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in

4331 a primary election.

4332 (9)(a) This Subsection (9) applies only to the manual candidate qualification process.

4333 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the

4334 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, using

4335 the manual candidate qualification process, the member shall:

4336 (i) collect the signatures on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies

4337 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), using the same circulation and verification

4338 requirements described in Sections 20A-7-105 and 20A-7-204; and

4339 (ii) in accordance with Section 20A-9-408.3, submit the signatures to the election

4340 officer before the applicable deadline described in Subsection (12).

4341 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), and in

4342 accordance with Section 20A-9-408.3, the election officer shall, no later than the

4343 earlier of 14 calendar days after the day on which the election officer receives the

4344 signatures, or one day before the day on which the qualified political party holds the

4345 convention to select a nominee for the elective office to which the signature packets

4346 relate:

4347 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature

4348 packet to determine whether each individual is at least 18 years old;

4349 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (9)(c)(i) who is not at
4350 least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney;

4351 (iii) with the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, determine whether each
4352 signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition, using the same
4353 method, described in Section 20A-1-1002, used to verify a signature on a petition;
4354 and

4355 (iv) certify whether each name is that of a registered voter who is qualified to sign the
4356 signature packet.

4357 (d)(i) A registered voter who physically signs a form under Subsections (8) and (9)(b)
4358 may have the voter's signature removed from the form by, no later than 5 p.m.
4359 three business days after the day on which the member submits the signature form
4360 to the election officer, submitting to the election officer a statement requesting
4361 that the voter's signature be removed.

4362 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (9)(d)(i) shall comply with the requirements
4363 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4364 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, the election officer shall
4365 use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether
4366 to remove an individual's signature after receiving a timely, valid statement
4367 requesting removal of the signature.

4368 (e)(i) An election officer shall, in accordance with this Subsection (9)(e) and rules
4369 made under Section 20A-3a-106, conduct regular audits of signature comparisons
4370 made between signatures gathered under this section and voter signatures
4371 maintained by the election officer.

4372 (ii) An individual who conducts an audit of signature comparisons under this section
4373 may not audit the individual's own work.

4374 (iii) The election officer shall:

4375 (A) audit 1% of all signature comparisons described in Subsection (9)(e)(i) to
4376 determine the accuracy of the comparisons made;

4377 (B) record the individuals who conducted the audit;

4378 (C) record the audit results;

4379 (D) provide additional training or staff reassignments, as needed, based on the
4380 results of an audit described in Subsection (9)(e)(i); and

4381 (E) record any remedial action taken.

4382 (iv) The audit results described in Subsection (9)(e)(iii)(C) are a public record.

4383 (f) An election officer who certifies signatures under Subsection (9)(c) or
4384 20A-9-403(3)(d) shall, after certifying enough signatures to establish that a candidate
4385 has reached the applicable signature threshold described in Subsection (8) or
4386 20A-9-403(3)(a), as applicable, continue to certify signatures submitted for the
4387 candidate in excess of the number of signatures required, until the election officer
4388 either:
4389 (i) certifies signatures equal to 110% of the applicable signature threshold; or
4390 (ii) has reviewed all signatures submitted for the candidate before reaching an
4391 amount equal to 110% of the applicable signature threshold.

4392 (10)(a) This Subsection (10) applies only to the electronic candidate qualification
4393 process.

4394 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the
4395 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, the
4396 member shall, before the deadline described in Subsection (12), collect signatures
4397 electronically:
4398 (i) in accordance with Section 20A-21-201; and
4399 (ii) using progressive screens, in a format approved by the lieutenant governor, that
4400 complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(4).

4401 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), the
4402 election officer shall, no later than the earlier of 14 calendar days after the day on
4403 which the election officer receives the signatures, or one day before the day on which
4404 the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee for the elective
4405 office to which the signature packets relate:
4406 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature
4407 to determine whether each individual is at least 18 years old; and
4408 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (10)(c)(i) who is not
4409 at least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney.

4410 (11)(a) An individual may not gather signatures under this section until after the
4411 individual files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this
4412 section.

4413 (b) An individual who files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy,
4414 described in Subsection (3)(a) or (4)(a), is, beginning on the day on which the
4415 individual files the notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy:
4416 (i) required to comply with the reporting requirements that a candidate for office is

4417 required to comply with; and

4418 (ii) subject to the same enforcement provisions, and civil and criminal penalties, that
4419 apply to a candidate for office in relation to the reporting requirements described
4420 in Subsection (11)(b)(i).

4421 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), or
4422 Subsections (8) and (10)(b), the election officer shall, no later than the day before the
4423 day on which the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee
4424 for the elective office to which the signature packets relate, notify the qualified
4425 political party and the lieutenant governor of the name of each member of the
4426 qualified political party who qualifies as a nominee of the qualified political party,
4427 under this section, for the elective office to which the convention relates.

4428 (d) Upon receipt of a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this
4429 section, the lieutenant governor shall post the notice of intent to gather signatures for
4430 candidacy on the lieutenant governor's website in the same location that the
4431 lieutenant governor posts a declaration of candidacy.

4432 (12) The deadline before which a member of a qualified political party must collect and
4433 submit signatures to the election officer under this section is 5 p.m. on the last business
4434 day that is at least 14 calendar days before the day on which the qualified political
4435 party's convention for the office begins.

4436 (13) For the 2026 election year only, an individual who desires to gather signatures to seek
4437 the nomination of a qualified political party for the office of United States representative
4438 shall:

4439 (a) in accordance with Subsection (3)(a), file a notice of intent to gather signatures
4440 during the period beginning at 8 a.m. on the first business day of January and ending
4441 at 5 p.m. on March 13, 2026; and

4442 (b) during the period beginning on the day on which the individual files the notice of
4443 intent to gather signatures and ending at 5 p.m. on March 13, 2026, on a form
4444 approved by the lieutenant governor that complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(3),
4445 collect 7,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the state and are
4446 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's
4447 candidates in a primary election.

4448 Section 47. Section **20A-9-502** is amended to read:

4449 **20A-9-502 . Certificate of nomination -- Contents -- Circulation -- Verification --**

4450 **Criminal penalty -- Removal of petition signature.**

4451 (1) The candidate shall:

4452 (a) prepare a certificate of nomination in substantially the following form:

4453 "State of Utah, County of _____

4454 I, _____, declare my intention of becoming an unaffiliated candidate for the

4455 political group designated as _____ for the office of _____. I do solemnly swear that I can

4456 qualify to hold that office both legally and constitutionally if selected, and that I reside at _____

4457 Street, in the city of _____, county of _____, state of _____, zip code _____, phone _____, and

4458 that I am providing, or have provided, the required number of holographic signatures of

4459 registered voters required by law; that as a candidate at the next election I will not knowingly

4460 violate any election or campaign law; that, if filing via a designated agent for an office other

4461 than president of the United States, I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate

4462 filing period; I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and I

4463 understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office

4464 and removal of my name from the ballot.

4465

4466 Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ (month\day\year).

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4468 Notary Public (or other officer

4469 qualified to administer oaths);

4470 (b) for each signature packet, bind signature sheets to a copy of the certificate of

4471 nomination and the circulator verification, that:

4472 (i) are printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

4473 (ii) are ruled with a horizontal line [3/4 inch] .75 inches from the top, with the space

4474 above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

4475 (iii) contain the name of the proposed candidate and the words "Unaffiliated

4476 Candidate Certificate of Nomination Petition" printed directly below the

4477 horizontal line;

4478 (iv) contain the [word "Warning" printed] following statement, directly under the

4479 words described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii)[;],

4480 [({v}) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed] in not less
4481 than eight-point, single leaded type:

4482 **"WARNING**

4483 ["]It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a certificate of nomination
4484 signature sheet with any name other than the person's own name or more than once for the
4485 same candidate or if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
4486 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the signatures.[";]

4487 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

4488 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly disclosed if
4489 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
4490 registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

4491 [({vi})] (v) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [
4492 (1)(b)({v})] (1)(b)(iv):

4493 "Each signer says:

4494 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

4495 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
4496 county clerk certifies my signature; and

4497 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

4498 [({vii})] (vi) contain horizontally ruled lines, [3/8 ineh] .375 inches apart under the
4499 statement described in Subsection [({1})(b)({vi})] (1)(b)(v); and

4500 [({viii})] (vii) be vertically divided into columns as follows:

4501 (A) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be [5/8 ineh] .625
4502 inches wide, be headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a
4503 light vertical line down the middle;

4504 (B) the next column shall be [2-1/2] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's
4505 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";

4506 (C) the next column shall be [2-1/2] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Holographic
4507 Signature of Registered Voter";

4508 (D) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age
4509 (Optional)";

4510 (E) the final column shall be [4-3/8] 4.375 inches wide, headed "Street Address,
4511 City, Zip Code"; and

4512 (F) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age
4513 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with

4514 voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may
4515 not be certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition
4516 signatures are certified or if the information you provide does not match your
4517 voter registration records. "; and

4518 (c) bind a final page to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that contains,
4519 except as provided by Subsection (3), the following printed statement:

4520 "Verification

4521 State of Utah, County of ____

4522 I, _____, of ____, hereby state that:

4523 I am at least 18 years old;

4524 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by
4525 persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on the signature sheets, and each
4526 of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my presence;

4527 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's
4528 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah or will register to
4529 vote in Utah before the county clerk certifies the signatures on the signature sheet.

4531 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)".

4532 (2) An agent designated to file a certificate of nomination under Subsection
4533 20A-9-503(2)(b) or (4)(b) may not sign the form described in Subsection (1)(a).

4534 (3)(a) The candidate shall circulate the nomination petition and ensure that the person in
4535 whose presence each signature sheet is signed:

4536 (i) is at least 18 years old; and

4537 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more
4538 signature sheets that are bound together.

4539 (b) A person may not sign the circulator verification if the person signed a signature
4540 sheet bound to the verification.

4541 (4)(a) It is unlawful for any person to:

4542 (i) knowingly sign a certificate of nomination signature sheet:

4543 (A) with any name other than the person's own name;

4544 (B) more than once for the same candidate; or

4545 (C) if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
4546 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the
4547 signatures; or

4548 (ii) sign the verification of a certificate of nomination signature sheet if the person:
4549 (A) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the
4550 certificate of nomination signature sheet; or
4551 (B) knows that a person whose signature appears on the certificate of nomination
4552 signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
4553 become registered to vote in this state.

4554 (b) Any person violating this Subsection (4) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

4555 (5)(a) To qualify for placement on the general election ballot, the candidate shall, no
4556 earlier than the start of the applicable declaration of candidacy period described in
4557 Section 20A-9-201.5 and no later than 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in which the
4558 election will be held:

4559 (i) comply with Subsection 20A-9-503(1); and

4560 (ii) submit each signature packet to the county clerk where the majority of the
4561 signatures in the packet were collected, with signatures totaling:

4562 (A) at least 1,000 registered voters residing within the state when the nomination
4563 is for an office to be filled by the voters of the entire state; or
4564 (B) at least 300 registered voters residing within a political division or at least 5%
4565 of the registered voters residing within a political division, whichever is less,
4566 when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the voters of any political
4567 division smaller than the state.

4568 (b) A candidate has not complied with Subsection (5)(a)(ii), unless the county clerks
4569 verify that each required signature is a valid signature of a registered voter who is
4570 eligible to sign the signature packet and has not signed a signature packet to nominate
4571 another candidate for the same office.

4572 (c) In reviewing the signature packets, the county clerk shall count and certify only those
4573 persons who signed with a holographic signature, who:

4574 (i) are registered voters within the political division that the candidate seeks to
4575 represent; and

4576 (ii) did not sign any other certificate of nomination for that office.

4577 (d) The county clerk shall count and certify the number of registered voters who validly
4578 signed a signature packet, no later than 30 calendar days after the day on which the
4579 candidate submits the signature packet.

4580 (e) The candidate may supplement the signatures or amend the certificate of nomination
4581 or declaration of candidacy at any time on or before 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in

4582 which the election will be held.

4583 (f) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to
4584 determine whether a signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the signature
4585 packet.

4586 (6)(a) A voter who signs a signature packet under this section may have the voter's
4587 signature removed from the signature packet by, no later than 5 p.m. three business
4588 days after the day on which the candidate submits the signature packet to the county
4589 clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature
4590 be removed.

4591 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4592 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4593 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
4594 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a signature packet after
4595 receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4596 Section 48. Section **20A-11-1604** is amended to read:

4597 **20A-11-1604 . Failure to disclose conflict of interest -- Failure to comply with
4598 reporting requirements.**

4599 (1)(a) Before or during the execution of any order, settlement, declaration, contract, or
4600 any other official act of office in which a state constitutional officer has actual
4601 knowledge that the state constitutional officer has a conflict of interest that is not
4602 stated in the conflict of interest disclosure, the state constitutional officer shall
4603 publicly declare that the state constitutional officer may have a conflict of interest
4604 and what that conflict of interest is.

4605 (b) Before or during any vote on legislation or any legislative matter in which a
4606 legislator has actual knowledge that the legislator has a conflict of interest that is not
4607 stated in the conflict of interest disclosure, the legislator shall orally declare to the
4608 committee or body before which the matter is pending that the legislator may have a
4609 conflict of interest and what that conflict is.

4610 (c) Before or during any vote on any rule, resolution, order, or any other board matter in
4611 which a member of the State Board of Education has actual knowledge that the
4612 member has a conflict of interest that is not stated in the conflict of interest
4613 disclosure, the member shall orally declare to the board that the member may have a
4614 conflict of interest and what that conflict of interest is.

4615 (2) Any public declaration of a conflict of interest that is made under Subsection (1) shall

4616 be noted:

- 4617 (a) on the official record of the action taken, for a state constitutional officer;
- 4618 (b) in the minutes of the committee meeting or in the Senate or House Journal, as
4619 applicable, for a legislator; or
- 4620 (c) in the minutes of the meeting or on the official record of the action taken, for a
4621 member of the State Board of Education.

4622 (3) A state constitutional officer shall make a complete conflict of interest disclosure on the
4623 website:

- 4624 (a)(i) no sooner than January 1 each year, and before January 11 each year; or
- 4625 (ii) if the state constitutional officer takes office after January 10, within 10 calendar
4626 days after the day on which the state constitutional officer takes office; and
- 4627 (b) each time the state constitutional officer changes employment.

4628 (4) A legislator shall make a complete conflict of interest disclosure on the website:

- 4629 (a)(i) no sooner than January 1 each year, and before January 11 each year; or
- 4630 (ii) if the legislator takes office after January 10, within 10 calendar days after the
4631 day on which the legislator takes office; and
- 4632 (b) each time the legislator changes employment.

4633 (5) A member of the State Board of Education shall make a complete conflict of interest
4634 disclosure on the website:

- 4635 (a)(i) no sooner than January 1 each year, and before January 11 each year; or
- 4636 (ii) if the member takes office after January 10, within 10 calendar days after the day
4637 on which the member takes office; and
- 4638 (b) each time the member changes employment.

4639 (6) A conflict of interest disclosure described in Subsection (3), (4), or (5) shall include:

- 4640 (a) the regulated officeholder's name;
- 4641 (b) subject to Subsection (7):
 - 4642 (i) the name and address of each of the regulated officeholder's current employers and
4643 each of the regulated officeholder's employers during the preceding year; and
 - 4644 (ii) for each employer described in this Subsection (6)(b), a brief description of the
4645 employment, including the regulated officeholder's occupation and, as applicable,
4646 job title;
- 4647 (c) for each entity in which the regulated officeholder is an owner or officer, or was an
4648 owner or officer during the preceding year:
 - 4649 (i) the name of the entity;

4650 (ii) a brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity; and
4651 (iii) the regulated officeholder's position in the entity;

4652 (d) in accordance with Subsection (8), for each individual from whom, or entity from
4653 which, the regulated officeholder has received \$5,000 or more in income during the
4654 preceding year:
4655 (i) the name of the individual or entity; and
4656 (ii) a brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the individual
4657 or entity;

4658 (e) for each entity in which the regulated officeholder holds any stocks or bonds having
4659 a fair market value of \$5,000 or more as of the date of the disclosure form or during
4660 the preceding year, but excluding funds that are managed by a third party, including
4661 blind trusts, managed investment accounts, and mutual funds:
4662 (i) the name of the entity; and
4663 (ii) a brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity;

4664 (f) for each entity not listed in Subsections (6)(c) through (e) in which the regulated
4665 officeholder currently serves, or served in the preceding year, in a paid leadership
4666 capacity or in a paid or unpaid position on a board of directors:
4667 (i) the name of the entity or organization;
4668 (ii) a brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity; and
4669 (iii) the type of position held by the regulated officeholder;

4670 (g) at the option of the regulated officeholder, a description of any real property in which
4671 the regulated officeholder holds an ownership or other financial interest that the
4672 regulated officeholder believes may constitute a conflict of interest, including a
4673 description of the type of interest held by the regulated officeholder in the property;

4674 (h) subject to Subsection (7):
4675 (i) the name of the regulated officeholder's spouse; and
4676 (ii) the name of each of the regulated officeholder's spouse's current employers and
4677 each of the regulated officeholder's spouse's employers during the preceding year,
4678 if the regulated officeholder believes the employment may constitute a conflict of
4679 interest;

4680 (i) the name of any adult residing in the regulated officeholder's household who is not
4681 related to the officeholder by blood;

4682 (j) for each adult described in Subsection (6)(i), a brief description of the adult's
4683 employment or occupation, if the regulated officeholder believes the adult's presence

4684 in the regulated officeholder's household may constitute a conflict of interest;

4685 (k) at the option of the regulated officeholder, a description of any other matter or

4686 interest that the regulated officeholder believes may constitute a conflict of interest;

4687 (l) the date the form was completed;

4688 (m) a statement that the regulated officeholder believes that the form is true and accurate

4689 to the best of the regulated officeholder's knowledge; and

4690 (n) the signature of the regulated officeholder.

4691 (7)(a) In making the disclosure described in Subsection (6)(b) or (h), if a regulated

4692 officeholder or regulated officeholder's spouse is an at-risk government employee, as

4693 that term is defined in Subsection [63G-2-303(1)(a)] 63G-2-303(2)(a), the regulated

4694 officeholder may request the filing officer to redact from the conflict of interest

4695 disclosure:

4696 (i) the regulated officeholder's employment information under Subsection (6)(b); and

4697 (ii) the regulated officeholder's spouse's name and employment information under

4698 Subsection (6)(h).

4699 (b) A filing officer who receives a redaction request under Subsection (7)(a) shall redact

4700 the disclosures made under Subsection (6)(b) or (h) before the filing officer makes

4701 the conflict of interest disclosure available for public inspection.

4702 (8) In making the disclosure described in Subsection (6)(d), a regulated officeholder who

4703 provides goods or services to multiple customers or clients as part of a business or a

4704 licensed profession is only required to provide the information described in Subsection

4705 (6)(d) in relation to the entity or practice through which the regulated officeholder

4706 provides the goods or services and is not required to provide the information described

4707 in Subsection (6)(d) in relation to the regulated officeholder's individual customers or

4708 clients.

4709 (9) The disclosure requirements described in this section do not prohibit a regulated

4710 officeholder from voting or acting on any matter.

4711 (10) A regulated officeholder may amend a conflict of interest disclosure described in this

4712 part at any time.

4713 (11) A regulated officeholder who violates the requirements of Subsection (1) is guilty of a

4714 class B misdemeanor.

4715 (12)(a) A regulated officeholder who intentionally or knowingly violates a provision of

4716 this section, other than Subsection (1), is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

4717 (b) In addition to the criminal penalty described in Subsection (12)(a), the lieutenant

4718 governor shall impose a civil penalty of \$100 against a regulated officeholder who
4719 violates a provision of this section, other than Subsection (1).

4720 Section 49. Section **20A-15-103** is amended to read:

4721 **20A-15-103 . Delegates -- Candidacy -- Qualifications -- Nominating procedures**

4722 **-- Removal of petition signature.**

4723 (1) Candidates for the office of delegate to the ratification convention shall be citizens,
4724 residents of Utah, and at least 21 years old.

4725 (2) Persons wishing to be delegates to the ratification convention shall:

4726 (a) circulate a nominating petition meeting the requirements of this section; and
4727 (b) obtain the signature of at least 100 registered voters.

4728 (3)(a) A single nominating petition may nominate any number of candidates up to 21,
4729 the total number of delegates to be elected.

4730 (b) Nominating petitions may not contain anything identifying a candidate's party or
4731 political affiliation.

4732 (c) Each nominating petition shall contain a written statement signed by each nominee,
4733 indicating either that the candidate will:

4734 (i) vote for ratification of the proposed amendment; or
4735 (ii) vote against ratification of the proposed amendment.

4736 (d) A nominating petition containing the names of more than one nominee may not
4737 contain the name of any nominee whose stated position in the nominating petition is
4738 inconsistent with that of any other nominee listed in the petition.

4739 (e) The first page of a nominating petition described in this section shall include the
4740 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other
4741 statements on the page:

4742 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
4743 RECORDS

4744 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
4745 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
4746 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
4747 record."

4748 (4)(a) A candidate shall file the candidate's nominating petition with the lieutenant
4749 governor no later than 5 p.m. on the last business day that is at least 40 calendar days
4750 before the proclaimed date of the election.

4751 (b) Within 10 calendar days after the last day for filing the petitions, the lieutenant

4752 governor shall:

4753 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer
4754 is a registered voter;

4755 (ii) declare nominated the 21 nominees in favor of ratification and the 21 nominees
4756 against ratification whose nominating petitions have been signed by the largest
4757 number of registered voters;

4758 (iii) decide any ties by lot drawn by the lieutenant governor; and

4759 (iv) certify the nominated candidates of each group to the county clerk of each county
4760 within the state.

4761 (5)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's
4762 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after
4763 the last day for filing the petitions, submitting to the lieutenant governor a statement
4764 requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

4765 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4766 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4767 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection
4768 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a
4769 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4770 Section 53G-3-301.1 is amended to read:

4771 **53G-3-301.1 . Creation of a new school district -- Citizens' petition -- Procedures
4772 to follow -- Removal or reinstatement of signature.**

4773 (1) Citizens may file a petition to create a new school district in accordance with this
4774 section and Section 53G-3-301.

4775 (2)(a) The county clerk shall ensure that a petition described in Subsection (1) is signed
4776 by registered voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new
4777 school district in an amount equal to at least 10% of all votes cast within the
4778 geographic boundaries of the proposed new school district for all candidates for
4779 president of the United States at the last regular general election at which a president
4780 of the United States was elected.

4781 (b) The sponsors of a petition described in Subsection (1) shall file the petition with the
4782 clerk of each county in which any part of the proposed new school district is located.

4783 (c) The petition sponsors shall ensure that the petition described in Subsection (1):

4784 (i) indicates the typed or printed name and current residence address of each voter
4785 who signs the petition;

4786 (ii) describes the proposed new school district boundaries; and
4787 (iii) designates up to five signers of the petition as sponsors, designating one as the
4788 contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of each.

4789 (d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
4790 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
4791 page:

4792 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
4793 RECORDS

4794 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
4795 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
4796 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
4797 record."

4798 (3)(a)(i) A signer of a petition described in Subsection (1) may remove or, once
4799 removed, reinstate the signer's signature by filing a written statement requesting
4800 removal or reinstatement with the county clerk no later than three business days
4801 after the day on which the petition is filed with the county clerk.
4802 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) shall comply with the requirements
4803 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
4804 (iii) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3)
4805 to determine whether to remove or reinstate an individual's signature from a
4806 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement.
4807 (b) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to
4808 determine whether the petition has been signed by the required number of registered
4809 voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new school
4810 district.
4811 (4) Within 14 days after the day on which a petition described in Subsection (1) is filed, the
4812 clerk of each county with which the request or petition is filed shall:
4813 (a) determine whether the petition complies with Subsections (2) and (3), as applicable,
4814 and Section 53G-3-301; and
4815 (b)(i) if the county clerk determines that the request or petition complies with the
4816 applicable requirements:
4817 (A) certify the petition and deliver the certified petition to the county legislative
4818 body; and
4819 (B) mail or deliver written notification of the certification to the contact sponsor;

or

(ii) if the county clerk determines that the petition fails to comply with any of the applicable requirements, reject the petition and notify the contact sponsor in writing of the rejection and reasons for the rejection.

(5)(a) If the county clerk fails to certify or reject a petition within the time specified in Subsection (4), the petition is considered to be certified.

(b) If the county clerk rejects a petition, the individual who submitted the petition may amend the petition to correct the deficiencies for which the county clerk rejected the petition and refile the petition.

(6) Within 10 days after the day on which a county legislative body receives a certified petition as described in Subsection (4) or (5), the county legislative body shall request a feasibility study.

(7)(a) The county legislative body shall:

- (i) provide for a 30-day public comment period to begin on the day the county legislative body receives the study under Subsection (6); and
- (ii) hold at least two public hearings on the study and recommendations.

(b) Within five business days after the day on which the public comment period ends, the legislative body of each county with which a petition is filed shall vote on the creation of the proposed new school district.

(c) A county legislative body approves a petition proposing a new school district if a majority of the members of the legislative body vote in favor of the petition.

(8)(a) Within five business days after the day on which a county legislative body approves a petition proposing a new school district under Subsection (7), the county legislative body shall provide notice of the approval and a copy of the petition to which the approval relates to the county clerk of each county described in Subsection (2)(b).

(b) If each county described in Subsection (2)(b) approves a petition proposing a new school district, the county clerks of the counties shall submit the proposal for the creation of a new school district to all legal voters in the proposed new school district for approval or rejection at the next regular general election that is at least 65 days after the day on which all of the counties described in Subsection (2)(b) have complied with Subsection (8)(a).

(c) The new school district proposed in the petition and the reorganized new school district are created if a majority of the voters in the proposed new school district vote

4854 in favor of creating the new school district.

4855 Section 51. Section **53G-3-401** is amended to read:

4856 **53G-3-401 . Consolidation of school districts -- Resolution by local school board**
4857 **members -- Petition by electors -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of**
4858 **signature -- Election.**

4859 (1) Two or more school districts may unite and form a single school district in one of the
4860 following ways:

4861 (a) a majority of the members of each of the local school boards of the affected districts
4862 shall approve and present to the county legislative body of the affected counties a
4863 resolution to consolidate the districts. Once this is done, consolidation shall be
4864 established under this chapter; or

4865 (b) a majority of the members of the local school board of each affected district, or 15%
4866 of the registered voters in each of the affected districts, shall sign and present a
4867 petition to the county legislative body of each affected county. The question shall be
4868 voted upon at an election called for that purpose, which shall be the next general or
4869 municipal election. Consolidation shall occur if a majority of those voting on the
4870 question in each district favor consolidation.

4871 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
4872 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
4873 page:

4874 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
4875 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
4876 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk
4877 voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

4878 [({2})] (3) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under
4879 Subsection (1)(b):

4880 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body
4881 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the
4882 county clerk; and

4883 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
4884 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:

4885 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
4886 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1)(b) for a registered voter
4887 petition;

4888 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the
4889 affected districts; and

4890 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

4891 [(3)] (4)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection (1)(b) may
4892 have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business
4893 days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the
4894 county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's
4895 signature be removed.

4896 (b) A statement described in Subsection [(3)(a)] (4)(a) shall comply with the
4897 requirements described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4898 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
4899 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
4900 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4901 [(4)] (5) The elections required under Subsection (1)(b) shall be conducted and the returns
4902 canvassed as provided by election laws.

4903 Section 52. Section **53G-3-501** is amended to read:

4904 **53G-3-501 . Transfer of a portion of a school district -- Required boundary
4905 adjustments -- Local school board petition -- Elector petition -- Certification of petition
4906 signatures -- Removal of signature -- Transfer election.**

4907 (1)(a) Part of a school district may be transferred to another district in one of the
4908 following ways:

4909 [(a)] (i) presentation to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of
4910 a resolution requesting the transfer, approved by at least four-fifths of the
4911 members of the local school board of each affected school district;

4912 [(b)] (ii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a
4913 petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by a majority of the
4914 members of the local school board of each affected school district;

4915 [(e)] (iii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a
4916 petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by 15% of the
4917 registered voters in each of the affected school districts within that county; or

4918 [(d)] (iv) for a boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2) or (3), submission
4919 to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of a resolution
4920 requesting the transfer from the local school board of the school district that is
4921 required to initiate the boundary adjustment.

4922 (b) The first page of a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii) shall include the
4923 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other
4924 statements on the page:

4925 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
4926 RECORDS

4927 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
4928 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
4929 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
4930 record."

4931 (2)(a) As used in this Subsection (2):

4932 (i) "Expansion area" means the area of land approved for annexation and located
4933 outside the boundaries of a specified school district.

4934 (ii) "Municipality" means a city or town.

4935 (iii) "Originating school district" means the school district whose boundaries an
4936 expansion area is located within prior to the boundary adjustment required under
4937 Subsection (2)(b).

4938 (iv) "Specified school district" means a school district:

4939 (A) that serves residents within a single municipality; and

4940 (B) for which the municipality whose residents the school district serves enacts an
4941 ordinance in accordance with [Title 10, Chapter 2, Part 4, Annexation] Title 10,
4942 Chapter 2, Part 8, Annexation, approving the annexation of an area of land
4943 located outside the boundaries of the school district.

4944 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter and except as provided in
4945 Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the local school board of a specified school district shall initiate
4946 boundary adjustment proceedings under Subsection [(1)(d)] (1)(a)(iv):

4947 (i) to request the expansion area to be transferred to the specified school district from
4948 the originating school district; and

4949 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [(1)(d)] (1)(a)(iv), within 60 days after the day on which the municipality enacts the
4950 ordinance approving annexation of the expansion area.

4952 (c)(i) Before initiating the boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2)(b), the
4953 local school board presidents of the specified school district and the originating
4954 school district shall, within the timeframe described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), meet
4955 to determine whether allowing the expansion area to remain within the boundaries

4956 of the originating school district is in the best interests of the municipality's
4957 residents.

4958 (ii) The requirements of Subsection (2)(b) do not apply to a specified school district
4959 if, upon meeting under Subsection (2)(c)(i), the presidents of the local school
4960 boards mutually agree that allowing the expansion area to remain within the
4961 boundaries of the originating school district is in the best interests of the
4962 municipality's residents.

4963 (3)(a) This Subsection (3) applies to a school district that:

4964 (i) serves residents within a single municipality; and
4965 (ii) in calendar year 2018, completed construction on a secondary school within an
4966 area of land located outside the boundaries of the school district.

4967 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the local school board of a
4968 school district described in Subsection (3)(a) shall initiate boundary adjustment
4969 proceedings under Subsection [~~(1)(d)~~ (1)(a)(iv)]:

4970 (i) to request the land described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii) to be transferred to the school
4971 district from the school district whose boundaries the land is located within; and
4972 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [
4973 ~~(1)(d)~~ (1)(a)(iv)], on or before June 1, 2024.

4974 (4) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under Subsection [
4975 ~~(1)(e)~~ (1)(a)(iii)]:

4976 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body
4977 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the
4978 county clerk; and

4979 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
4980 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:

4981 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
4982 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection ~~(1)(e)~~ (1)(a)(iii) for a registered
4983 voter petition;
4984 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the
4985 affected districts; and
4986 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

4987 (5)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection ~~(1)(e)~~ (1)(a)(iii)

4988 may have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three
4989 business days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition

4990 to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the
4991 voter's signature be removed.

4992 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4993 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4994 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
4995 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
4996 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4997 (6)(a) The voters of each affected district shall vote on the transfer requested under
4998 Subsection ~~(1)(b) or (e)~~ (1)(a)(ii) or (iii) at an election called for that purpose, which
4999 may be the next general election.

5000 (b) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed as provided by election
5001 law.

5002 (c) A transfer is effected only if a majority of votes cast by the voters in both the
5003 proposed transferor district and in the proposed transferee district are in favor of the
5004 transfer.

5005 Section 53. Section **63G-2-202** is amended to read:

5006 **63G-2-202 . Access to private, controlled, and protected documents.**

5007 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (11)(a), a governmental entity:

5008 (a) shall, upon request, disclose a private record to:

5009 (i) the subject of the record;
5010 (ii) the parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor who is the subject of the
5011 record;
5012 (iii) the legal guardian of a legally incapacitated individual who is the subject of the
5013 record;
5014 (iv) any other individual who:

5015 (A) has a power of attorney from the subject of the record;

5016 (B) submits a notarized release from the subject of the record or the individual's
5017 legal representative dated no more than 90 days before the date the request is
5018 made; or

5019 (C) if the record is a medical record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(b), is a
5020 health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, if releasing the record or
5021 information in the record is consistent with normal professional practice and
5022 medical ethics; or

5023 (v) any person to whom the record must be provided pursuant to:

5024 (A) court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
5025 (B) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative
5026 Subpoena Powers; and
5027 (b) may disclose a private record described in Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (n),
5028 without complying with Section 63G-2-206, to another governmental entity for a
5029 purpose related to administering:
5030 (i) the voter registration list; or
5031 (ii) [the administration of] an election.
5032 (2)(a) Upon request, a governmental entity shall disclose a controlled record to:
5033 (i) a physician, physician assistant, psychologist, certified social worker, insurance
5034 provider or producer, or a government public health agency upon submission of:
5035 (A) a release from the subject of the record that is dated no more than 90 days
5036 prior to the date the request is made; and
5037 (B) a signed acknowledgment of the terms of disclosure of controlled information
5038 as provided by Subsection (2)(b); and
5039 (ii) any person to whom the record must be disclosed pursuant to:
5040 (A) a court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
5041 (B) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative
5042 Subpoena Powers.
5043 (b) A person who receives a record from a governmental entity in accordance with
5044 Subsection (2)(a)(i) may not disclose controlled information from that record to any
5045 person, including the subject of the record.
5046 (3) If there is more than one subject of a private or controlled record, the portion of the
5047 record that pertains to another subject shall be segregated from the portion that the
5048 requester is entitled to inspect.
5049 (4) Upon request, and except as provided in Subsection (11)(b), a governmental entity shall
5050 disclose a protected record to:
5051 (a) the person that submitted the record;
5052 (b) any other individual who:
5053 (i) has a power of attorney from all persons, governmental entities, or political
5054 subdivisions whose interests were sought to be protected by the protected
5055 classification; or
5056 (ii) submits a notarized release from all persons, governmental entities, or political
5057 subdivisions whose interests were sought to be protected by the protected

5058 classification or from their legal representatives dated no more than 90 days prior
5059 to the date the request is made;

5060 (c) any person to whom the record must be provided pursuant to:
5061 (i) a court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
5062 (ii) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative Subpoena
5063 Powers; or
5064 (d) the owner of a mobile home park, subject to the conditions of Subsection
5065 41-1a-116(5).

5066 (5) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a governmental entity may disclose a private,
5067 controlled, or protected record to another governmental entity, political subdivision,
5068 state, the United States, or a foreign government only as provided by Section 63G-2-206.

5069 (6) Before releasing a private, controlled, or protected record, the governmental entity shall
5070 obtain evidence of the requester's identity.

5071 (7) A governmental entity shall disclose a record pursuant to the terms of a court order
5072 signed by a judge from a court of competent jurisdiction, provided that:
5073 (a) the record deals with a matter in controversy over which the court has jurisdiction;
5074 (b) the court has considered the merits of the request for access to the record;
5075 (c) the court has considered and, where appropriate, limited the requester's use and
5076 further disclosure of the record in order to protect:

5077 (i) privacy interests in the case of private or controlled records;
5078 (ii) business confidentiality interests in the case of records protected under
5079 Subsection 63G-2-305(1), (2), (40)(a)(ii), or (40)(a)(vi); and
5080 (iii) privacy interests or the public interest in the case of other protected records;

5081 (d) to the extent the record is properly classified private, controlled, or protected, the
5082 interests favoring access, considering limitations thereon, are greater than or equal to
5083 the interests favoring restriction of access; and

5084 (e) where access is restricted by a rule, statute, or regulation referred to in Subsection
5085 63G-2-201(3)(b), the court has authority independent of this chapter to order
5086 disclosure.

5087 (8)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(d), a governmental entity may disclose or
5088 authorize disclosure of private or controlled records for research purposes if the
5089 governmental entity:

5090 (i) determines that the research purpose cannot reasonably be accomplished without
5091 use or disclosure of the information to the researcher in individually identifiable

5092 form;

5093 (ii) determines that:

5094 (A) the proposed research is bona fide; and

5095 (B) the value of the research is greater than or equal to the infringement upon
5096 personal privacy;

5097 (iii)(A) requires the researcher to assure the integrity, confidentiality, and security
5098 of the records; and

5099 (B) requires the removal or destruction of the individual identifiers associated
5100 with the records as soon as the purpose of the research project has been
5101 accomplished;

5102 (iv) prohibits the researcher from:

5103 (A) disclosing the record in individually identifiable form, except as provided in
5104 Subsection (8)(b); or

5105 (B) using the record for purposes other than the research approved by the
5106 governmental entity; and

5107 (v) secures from the researcher a written statement of the researcher's understanding
5108 of and agreement to the conditions of this Subsection (8) and the researcher's
5109 understanding that violation of the terms of this Subsection (8) may subject the
5110 researcher to criminal prosecution under Section 63G-2-801.

5111 (b) A researcher may disclose a record in individually identifiable form if the record is
5112 disclosed for the purpose of auditing or evaluating the research program and no
5113 subsequent use or disclosure of the record in individually identifiable form will be
5114 made by the auditor or evaluator except as provided by this section.

5115 (c) A governmental entity may require indemnification as a condition of permitting
5116 research under this Subsection (8).

5117 (d) A governmental entity may not disclose or authorize disclosure of a private record
5118 for research purposes as described in this Subsection (8) if the private record is a
5119 record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(x).

5120 (9)(a) Under Subsections 63G-2-201(5)(b) and 63G-2-401(6), a governmental entity
5121 may disclose to persons other than those specified in this section records that are:
5122 (i) private under Section 63G-2-302; or
5123 (ii) protected under Section 63G-2-305, subject to Section 63G-2-309 if a claim for
5124 business confidentiality has been made under Section 63G-2-309.
5125 (b) Under Subsection 63G-2-403(11)(b), the State Records Committee may require the

5126 disclosure to persons other than those specified in this section of records that are:
5127 (i) private under Section 63G-2-302;
5128 (ii) controlled under Section 63G-2-304; or
5129 (iii) protected under Section 63G-2-305, subject to Section 63G-2-309 if a claim for
5130 business confidentiality has been made under Section 63G-2-309.

5131 (c) Under Subsection 63G-2-404(7), the court may require the disclosure of records that
5132 are private under Section 63G-2-302, controlled under Section 63G-2-304, or
5133 protected under Section 63G-2-305 to persons other than those specified in this
5134 section.

5135 (10)(a) A private record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(2)(f) may only be disclosed
5136 as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(v).
5137 (b) A protected record described in Subsection 63G-2-305(43) may only be disclosed as
5138 provided in Subsection (4)(c) or Section 26B-6-212.

5139 (11)(a) A private, protected, or controlled record described in Section 26B-1-506 shall
5140 be disclosed as required under:
5141 (i) Subsections 26B-1-506(1)(b) and (2); and
5142 (ii) Subsections 26B-1-507(1) and (6).
5143 (b) A record disclosed under Subsection (11)(a) shall retain its character as private,
5144 protected, or controlled.

5145 Section 54. Section **63G-2-301** is amended to read:

5146 **63G-2-301 . Public records.**

5147 (1) As used in this section:
5148 (a) "Business address" means a single address of a governmental agency designated for
5149 the public to contact an employee or officer of the governmental agency.
5150 (b) "Business email address" means a single email address of a governmental agency
5151 designated for the public to contact an employee or officer of the governmental
5152 agency.
5153 (c) "Business telephone number" means a single telephone number of a governmental
5154 agency designated for the public to contact an employee or officer of the
5155 governmental agency.
5156 (d) "Correctional facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-16b-102.
5157 (2) The following records are public except to the extent they contain information expressly
5158 permitted to be treated confidentially under the provisions of Subsections
5159 63G-2-201(3)(b) and (6)(a):

5160 (a) laws;

5161 (b) the name, gender, gross compensation, job title, job description, business address,

5162 business email address, business telephone number, number of hours worked per pay

5163 period, dates of employment, and relevant education, previous employment, and

5164 similar job qualifications of a current or former employee or officer of the

5165 governmental entity, excluding:

5166 (i) undercover law enforcement personnel; and

5167 (ii) investigative personnel if disclosure could reasonably be expected to impair the

5168 effectiveness of investigations or endanger any individual's safety;

5169 (c) final opinions, including concurring and dissenting opinions, and orders that are

5170 made by a governmental entity in an administrative, adjudicative, or judicial

5171 proceeding except that if the proceedings were properly closed to the public, the

5172 opinion and order may be withheld to the extent that they contain information that is

5173 private, controlled, or protected;

5174 (d) final interpretations of statutes or rules by a governmental entity unless classified as

5175 protected as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(17) or (18);

5176 (e) information contained in or compiled from a transcript, minutes, or report of the open

5177 portions of a meeting of a governmental entity as provided by Title 52, Chapter 4,

5178 Open and Public Meetings Act, including the records of all votes of each member of

5179 the governmental entity;

5180 (f) judicial records unless a court orders the records to be restricted under the rules of

5181 civil or criminal procedure or unless the records are private under this chapter;

5182 (g) unless otherwise classified as private under Section 63G-2-303, records or parts of

5183 records filed with or maintained by county recorders, clerks, treasurers, surveyors,

5184 zoning commissions, the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the School and

5185 Institutional Trust Lands Administration, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the

5186 Division of Water Rights, or other governmental entities that give public notice of:

5187 (i) titles or encumbrances to real property;

5188 (ii) restrictions on the use of real property;

5189 (iii) the capacity of persons to take or convey title to real property; or

5190 (iv) tax status for real and personal property;

5191 (h) records of the Department of Commerce that evidence incorporations, mergers, name

5192 changes, and uniform commercial code filings;

5193 (i) data on individuals that would otherwise be private under this chapter if the

5194 individual who is the subject of the record has given the governmental entity written
5195 permission to make the records available to the public;

5196 (j) documentation of the compensation that a governmental entity pays to a contractor or
5197 private provider;

5198 (k) summary data;

5199 [l) ~~voter registration records, including an individual's voting history, except for a voter~~
5200 ~~registration record or those parts of a voter registration record that are classified as~~
5201 ~~private under Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (n) or withheld under Subsection~~
5202 ~~20A-2-104(7);]~~

5203 (l) standard voter data, as defined in Section 20A-2-601, in the voter registration record
5204 of a public registered voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601;

5205 (m) for an elected official, as defined in Section 11-47-102, a telephone number, if
5206 available, and email address, if available, where that elected official may be reached
5207 as required in Title 11, Chapter 47, Access to Elected Officials;

5208 (n) for a school community council member, a telephone number, if available, and email
5209 address, if available, where that elected official may be reached directly as required
5210 in Section 53G-7-1203;

5211 (o) annual audited financial statements of the Utah Educational Savings Plan described
5212 in Section 53H-10-210; and

5213 (p) an initiative packet, as defined in Section 20A-7-101, and a referendum packet, as
5214 defined in Section 20A-7-101, after the packet is submitted to a county clerk.

5215 (3) The following records are normally public, but to the extent that a record is expressly
5216 exempt from disclosure, access may be restricted under Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b),
5217 Section 63G-2-302, 63G-2-304, or 63G-2-305:

5218 (a) administrative staff manuals, instructions to staff, and statements of policy;

5219 (b) records documenting a contractor's or private provider's compliance with the terms
5220 of a contract with a governmental entity;

5221 (c) records documenting the services provided by a contractor or a private provider to
5222 the extent the records would be public if prepared by the governmental entity;

5223 (d) contracts entered into by a governmental entity;

5224 (e) any account, voucher, or contract that deals with the receipt or expenditure of funds
5225 by a governmental entity;

5226 (f) records relating to government assistance or incentives publicly disclosed, contracted
5227 for, or given by a governmental entity, encouraging a person to expand or relocate a

5228 business in Utah, except as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(35);

5229 (g) chronological logs and initial contact reports;

5230 (h) correspondence by and with a governmental entity in which the governmental entity

5231 determines or states an opinion upon the rights of the state, a political subdivision,

5232 the public, or any person;

5233 (i) empirical data contained in drafts if:

5234 (i) the empirical data is not reasonably available to the requester elsewhere in similar

5235 form; and

5236 (ii) the governmental entity is given a reasonable opportunity to correct any errors or

5237 make nonsubstantive changes before release;

5238 (j) drafts that are circulated to anyone other than:

5239 (i) a governmental entity;

5240 (ii) a political subdivision;

5241 (iii) a federal agency if the governmental entity and the federal agency are jointly

5242 responsible for implementation of a program or project that has been legislatively

5243 approved;

5244 (iv) a government-managed corporation; or

5245 (v) a contractor or private provider;

5246 (k) drafts that have never been finalized but were relied upon by the governmental entity

5247 in carrying out action or policy;

5248 (l) original data in a computer program if the governmental entity chooses not to

5249 disclose the program;

5250 (m) arrest warrants after issuance, except that, for good cause, a court may order

5251 restricted access to arrest warrants prior to service;

5252 (n) search warrants after execution and filing of the return, except that a court, for good

5253 cause, may order restricted access to search warrants prior to trial;

5254 (o) records that would disclose information relating to formal charges or disciplinary

5255 actions against a past or present governmental entity employee if:

5256 (i) the disciplinary action has been completed and all time periods for administrative

5257 appeal have expired; and

5258 (ii) the charges on which the disciplinary action was based were sustained;

5259 (p) records maintained by the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the School and

5260 Institutional Trust Lands Administration, or the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining that

5261 evidence mineral production on government lands;

5262 (q) final audit reports;

5263 (r) occupational and professional licenses;

5264 (s) business licenses;

5265 (t) a notice of violation, a notice of agency action under Section 63G-4-201, or similar
5266 records used to initiate proceedings for discipline or sanctions against persons
5267 regulated by a governmental entity, but not including records that initiate employee
5268 discipline; and

5269 (u)(i) records that disclose a standard, regulation, policy, guideline, or rule regarding
5270 the operation of a correctional facility or the care and control of inmates
5271 committed to the custody of a correctional facility; and

5272 (ii) records that disclose the results of an audit or other inspection assessing a
5273 correctional facility's compliance with a standard, regulation, policy, guideline, or
5274 rule described in Subsection (3)(u)(i).

5275 (4) The list of public records in this section is not exhaustive and should not be used to limit
5276 access to records.

5277 Section 55. Section **63G-2-302** is amended to read:

5278 **63G-2-302 . Private records.**

5279 (1) The following records are private:

5280 (a) records concerning an individual's eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits,
5281 social services, welfare benefits, or the determination of benefit levels;

5282 (b) records containing data on individuals describing medical history, diagnosis,
5283 condition, treatment, evaluation, or similar medical data;

5284 (c) records of publicly funded libraries that when examined alone or with other records
5285 identify a patron;

5286 (d) records received by or generated by or for:

5287 (i) the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission, except for:

5288 (A) the commission's summary data report that is required under legislative rule;
5289 and

5290 (B) any other document that is classified as public under legislative rule; or

5291 (ii) a Senate or House Ethics Committee in relation to the review of ethics
5292 complaints, unless the record is classified as public under legislative rule;

5293 (e) records received by, or generated by or for, the Independent Executive Branch Ethics
5294 Commission, except as otherwise expressly provided in Title 63A, Chapter 14,
5295 Review of Executive Branch Ethics Complaints;

5296 (f) records received or generated for a Senate confirmation committee concerning
5297 character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual:
5298 (i) if, prior to the meeting, the chair of the committee determines release of the
5299 records:
5300 (A) reasonably could be expected to interfere with the investigation undertaken by
5301 the committee; or
5302 (B) would create a danger of depriving a person of a right to a fair proceeding or
5303 impartial hearing; and
5304 (ii) after the meeting, if the meeting was closed to the public;

5305 (g) employment records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for
5306 employment with, a governmental entity that would disclose that individual's home
5307 address, home telephone number, social security number, insurance coverage, marital
5308 status, or payroll deductions;

5309 (h) records or parts of records under Section 63G-2-303 that a current or former
5310 employee identifies as private according to the requirements of that section;

5311 (i) that part of a record indicating a person's social security number or federal employer
5312 identification number if provided under Section 31A-23a-104, 31A-25-202,
5313 31A-26-202, 58-1-301, 58-55-302, 61-1-4, or 61-2f-203;

5314 (j) that part of a voter registration record identifying a voter's:
5315 (i) driver license or identification card number;
5316 (ii) social security number, or last four digits of the social security number;
5317 (iii) email address;
5318 (iv) [date] day and month of birth; or
5319 (v) phone number;

5320 (k) a voter registration record that is classified as a private record by the lieutenant
5321 governor or a county clerk under Subsection 20A-2-101.1(5)(a)[, 20A-2-104(4)(h)],
5322 or 20A-2-204(4)(b);

5323 (l) a voter registration record [that is withheld under Subsection 20A-2-104(7)] of an
5324 at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601;

5325 (m) the following forms and supporting verification:
5326 (i) a withholding request form used, before January 1, 2027, to request that a voter's
5327 voter registration be withheld as a private record, and any verification submitted
5328 in support of the form; and
5329 (ii) an at-risk voter request form described in [Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)]

Subsection 20A-2-606(5) and any verification submitted in support of the form;

- (n) a record or information regarding whether a voter returned a ballot with postage attached;
- (o) a record that:
 - (i) contains information about an individual;
 - (ii) is voluntarily provided by the individual; and
 - (iii) goes into an electronic database that:
 - (A) is designated by and administered under the authority of the [Chief Information Officer] chief information officer; and
 - (B) acts as a repository of information about the individual that can be electronically retrieved and used to facilitate the individual's online interaction with a state agency;
- (p) information provided to the [Commissioner of Insurance] commissioner of insurance under:
 - (i) Subsection 31A-23a-115(3)(a);
 - (ii) Subsection 31A-23a-302(4); or
 - (iii) Subsection 31A-26-210(4);
- (q) information obtained through a criminal background check under Title 11, Chapter 40, Criminal Background Checks by Political Subdivisions Operating Water Systems;
- (r) information provided by an offender that is:
 - (i) required by the registration requirements of Title 53, Chapter 29, Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry; and
 - (ii) not required to be made available to the public under Subsection 53-29-404(3)(a);
- (s) a statement and any supporting documentation filed with the attorney general in accordance with Section 34-45-107, if the federal law or action supporting the filing involves homeland security;
- (t) electronic toll collection customer account information received or collected under Section 72-6-118 and customer information described in Section 17B-2a-815 received or collected by a public transit district, including contact and payment information and customer travel data;
- (u) an email address provided by a military or overseas voter under Section 20A-16-501;
- (v) a completed military-overseas ballot that is electronically transmitted under Title 20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act;
- (w) records received by or generated by or for the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review

Commission established in Section 63A-15-201, except for:

- (i) the commission's summary data report that is required in Section 63A-15-202; and
- (ii) any other document that is classified as public in accordance with Title 63A, Chapter 15, Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission;
- (x) a record described in Section 53G-9-604 that verifies that a parent was notified of an incident or threat;
- (y) a criminal background check or credit history report conducted in accordance with Section 63A-3-201;
- (z) a record described in Subsection 53-5a-104(7);
- (aa) on a record maintained by a county for the purpose of administering property taxes, an individual's:
 - (i) email address;
 - (ii) phone number; or
 - (iii) personal financial information related to a person's payment method;
- (bb) a record submitted by a taxpayer to establish the taxpayer's eligibility for an exemption, deferral, abatement, or relief under:
 - (i) Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 11, Exemptions; or
 - (ii) Title 59, Chapter 2a, Tax Relief Through Property Tax;
- (cc) a record provided by the State Tax Commission in response to a request under Subsection 59-1-403(4)(y)(iii);
- (dd) a record of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel regarding an individual child welfare case, as described in Subsection 36-33-103(3);
- (ee) a record relating to drug or alcohol testing of a state employee under Section 63A-17-1004;
- (ff) a record relating to a request by a state elected official or state employee who has been threatened to the Division of Technology Services to remove personal identifying information from the open web under Section 63A-16-109;
- (gg) a record including confidential information as that term is defined in Section 67-27-106; and
- (hh) a record or notice received or generated under Title 53, Chapter 30, Security Improvements Act, relating to:
 - (i) an application for certification described in Section 53-30-201; or
 - (ii) a security improvement, including a building permit application or building permit for a security improvement described in Section 53-30-301.

5398 (2) The following records are private if properly classified by a governmental entity:

5399 (a) records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for employment
5400 with a governmental entity, including performance evaluations and personal status
5401 information such as race, religion, or disabilities, but not including records that are
5402 public under Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(b) or 63G-2-301(3)(o) or private under
5403 Subsection (1)(b);

5404 (b) records describing an individual's finances, except that the following are public:
5405 (i) records described in Subsection 63G-2-301(2);
5406 (ii) information provided to the governmental entity for the purpose of complying
5407 with a financial assurance requirement; or
5408 (iii) records that must be disclosed in accordance with another statute;

5409 (c) records of independent state agencies if the disclosure of those records would
5410 conflict with the fiduciary obligations of the agency;

5411 (d) other records containing data on individuals the disclosure of which constitutes a
5412 clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

5413 (e) records provided by the United States or by a government entity outside the state that
5414 are given with the requirement that the records be managed as private records, if the
5415 providing entity states in writing that the record would not be subject to public
5416 disclosure if retained by it;

5417 (f) any portion of a record in the custody of the Division of Aging and Adult Services,
5418 created in Section 26B-6-102, that may disclose, or lead to the discovery of, the
5419 identity of a person who made a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a
5420 vulnerable adult; and

5421 (g) audio and video recordings created by a body-worn camera, as defined in Section
5422 77-7a-103, that record sound or images inside a home or residence except for
5423 recordings that:
5424 (i) depict the commission of an alleged crime;
5425 (ii) record any encounter between a law enforcement officer and a person that results
5426 in death or bodily injury, or includes an instance when an officer fires a weapon;
5427 (iii) record any encounter that is the subject of a complaint or a legal proceeding
5428 against a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency;
5429 (iv) contain an officer-involved critical incident as defined in Subsection
5430 76-2-408(1)(f); or
5431 (v) have been requested for reclassification as a public record by a subject or

authorized agent of a subject featured in the recording.

(3)(a) As used in this Subsection (3), "medical records" means medical reports, records, statements, history, diagnosis, condition, treatment, and evaluation.

(b) Medical records in the possession of the University of Utah Hospital, its clinics, doctors, or affiliated entities are not private records or controlled records under Section 63G-2-304 when the records are sought:

- (i) in connection with any legal or administrative proceeding in which the patient's physical, mental, or emotional condition is an element of any claim or defense; or
- (ii) after a patient's death, in any legal or administrative proceeding in which any party relies upon the condition as an element of the claim or defense.

(c) Medical records are subject to production in a legal or administrative proceeding according to state or federal statutes or rules of procedure and evidence as if the medical records were in the possession of a nongovernmental medical care provider.

Section 56. Section **63G-2-303** is amended to read:

63G-2-303 . Private information concerning certain government employees.

(1) As used in this section:

(2)(a) "At-risk government employee" means a current or former:

(i) peace officer as specified in Section 53-13-102;

(ii) state or federal judge of an appellate, district, justice, or juvenile court, or court commissioner;

(iii) judge authorized by Title 39A, Chapter 5, Utah Code of Military Justice;

(iv) judge authorized by Armed Forces, Title 10, United States Code;

(v) federal prosecutor;

(vi) prosecutor appointed pursuant to Armed Forces, Title 10, United States Code;

(vii) law enforcement official as defined in Section 53-5a-311;

(viii) prosecutor authorized by Title 39A, Chapter 5, Utah Code of Military Justice; or

(ix) state or local government employee who, because of the unique nature of the employee's regular work assignments or because of one or more recent credible threats directed to or against the employee, would be at immediate and substantial risk of physical harm if the employee's personal information is disclosed.

(b) "Family member" means the spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of an at-risk government employee who is living with the employee.

(c) "Personal information" means the employee's or the employee's family member's home address, home telephone number, personal mobile telephone number, personal

5466 pager number, personal email address, social security number, insurance coverage,
5467 marital status, or payroll deductions.

5468 [(2)] (3)(a) Pursuant to Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(h), an at-risk government employee
5469 may file a written application that:

5470 (i) gives notice of the employee's status as an at-risk government employee to each
5471 agency of a government entity holding a record or a part of a record that would
5472 disclose the employee's personal information; and
5473 (ii) requests that the government agency classify those records or parts of records as
5474 private.

5475 (b) An at-risk government employee desiring to file an application under this section
5476 may request assistance from the government agency to identify the individual records
5477 containing personal information.

5478 (c) Each government agency shall develop a form that:

5479 (i) requires the at-risk government employee to designate each specific record or part
5480 of a record containing the employee's personal information that the applicant
5481 desires to be classified as private;
5482 (ii) affirmatively requests that the government entity holding those records classify
5483 them as private;
5484 (iii) informs the employee that by submitting a completed form the employee may
5485 not receive official announcements affecting the employee's property, including
5486 notices about proposed municipal annexations, incorporations, or zoning
5487 modifications; and
5488 (iv) contains a place for the signature required under Subsection [(2)(d)] (3)(d).

5489 (d) A form submitted by an employee under Subsection [(2)(e)] (3)(c) shall be signed by
5490 the highest ranking elected or appointed official in the employee's chain of command
5491 certifying that the employee submitting the form is an at-risk government employee.

5492 [(3)] (4) A county recorder, county treasurer, county auditor, or a county tax assessor may
5493 fully satisfy the requirements of this section by:

5494 (a) providing a method for the assessment roll and index and the tax roll and index that
5495 will block public access to the home address, home telephone number, situs address,
5496 and Social Security number; and
5497 (b) providing the at-risk government employee requesting the classification with a
5498 disclaimer informing the employee that the employee may not receive official
5499 announcements affecting the employee's property, including notices about proposed

5500 annexations, incorporations, or zoning modifications.

5501 [4] (5) A government agency holding records of an at-risk government employee classified
5502 as private under this section may release the record or part of the record if:

5503 (a) the employee or former employee gives written consent;

5504 (b) a court orders release of the records; or

5505 (c) the government agency receives a certified death certificate for the employee or
5506 former employee[; or] .

5507 [d] as it relates to the employee's voter registration record:]

5508 [i) the person to whom the record or part of the record is released is a qualified
5509 person under Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(n); and]

5510 [ii) the government agency's release of the record or part of the record complies with
5511 the requirements of Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(o).]

5512 [5] (6)(a) If the government agency holding the private record receives a subpoena for
5513 the records, the government agency shall attempt to notify the at-risk government
5514 employee or former employee by mailing a copy of the subpoena to the employee's
5515 last-known mailing address together with a request that the employee either:

5516 (i) authorize release of the record; or

5517 (ii) within 10 days of the date that the copy and request are mailed, deliver to the
5518 government agency holding the private record a copy of a motion to quash filed
5519 with the court who issued the subpoena.

5520 (b) The government agency shall comply with the subpoena if the government agency
5521 has:

5522 (i) received permission from the at-risk government employee or former employee to
5523 comply with the subpoena;

5524 (ii) not received a copy of a motion to quash within 10 days of the date that the copy
5525 of the subpoena was mailed; or

5526 (iii) received a court order requiring release of the records.

5527 [6] (7)(a) Except as provided in Subsection [6](b) (7)(b), a form submitted under this
5528 section remains in effect until the earlier of:

5529 (i) four years after the date the employee signs the form, whether or not the
5530 employee's employment terminates before the end of the four-year period; and

5531 (ii) one year after the government agency receives official notice of the death of the
5532 employee.

5533 (b) A form submitted under this section may be rescinded at any time by:

5534 (i) the at-risk government employee who submitted the form; or
5535 (ii) if the at-risk government employee is deceased, a member of the employee's
5536 immediate family.

5537 Section 57. Section **73-10d-4** is amended to read:

73-10d-4 . Notice of intention to enter privatization project -- Petition for election

-- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election procedures --

Powers of political subdivision -- Public bidding laws not to apply.

5541 (1)(a) The governing authority of any political subdivision considering entering into a
5542 privatization project agreement shall issue a notice of intention setting forth a brief
5543 summary of the agreement provisions and the time within which and place at which
5544 petitions may be filed requesting the calling of an election in the political subdivision
5545 to determine whether the agreement should be approved.

5546 (b) The notice of intention shall specify the form of the petitions.

5547 (c) If, within 30 days after the publication of the notice of intention, petitions are filed
5548 with the clerk, recorder, or similar officer of the political subdivision, signed by at
5549 least 5% of the registered voters of the political subdivision (as certified by the
5550 county clerks of the respective counties within which the political subdivision is
5551 located pursuant to Subsections (7) and (8)) requesting an election be held to
5552 authorize the agreement, [then-]the governing authority shall proceed to call and hold
5553 an election.

5554 (d) If an adequate petition is not filed within 30 days, the governing authority may adopt
5555 a resolution so finding and may proceed to enter into the agreement.

5556 (e) The first page of a petition described in this Subsection (1) shall include the
5557 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other
5558 statements on the page:

5559 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
5560 RECORDS

5561 Your name, address, and certain other personal information may be publicly
5562 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
5563 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
5564 record."

5565 (2) If, under Subsection (1), the governing authority of a political subdivision is required to
5566 call an election to authorize an agreement, the governing authority shall adopt a
5567 resolution directing that an election be held in the political subdivision for the purpose of

5568 determining whether the political subdivision may enter into the agreement. The
5569 resolution calling the election shall be adopted, notice of the election shall be given,
5570 voting precincts shall be established, the election shall be held, voters' qualifications
5571 shall be determined, and the results shall be canvassed in the manner and subject to the
5572 conditions provided for in Title 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act.

5573 (3) A political subdivision may, upon approval of an agreement as provided by Subsections
5574 (1) and (2) and subject to the powers and rules of the supervising agency:

5575 (a) supervise and regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of all
5576 privatization projects within its jurisdiction or in which it has a contractual interest;

5577 (b) contract, by entry into agreements with private owner/operators for the provision
5578 within its jurisdiction of the services of privatization projects;

5579 (c) levy and collect taxes, as otherwise provided by law, and impose and collect
5580 assessments, fees, or charges for services provided by privatization projects, as
5581 appropriate, and, subject to any limitation imposed by the constitution, pledge,
5582 assign, or otherwise convey as security for the payment of its obligations under any
5583 agreements any revenues and receipts derived from any assessments, fees, or charges
5584 for services provided by privatization projects;

5585 (d) require the private owner/operator to obtain any and all licenses as appropriate under
5586 federal, state, and local law and impose other requirements which are necessary or
5587 desirable to discharge the responsibility of the political subdivision to supervise and
5588 regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of any privatization
5589 project;

5590 (e) control the right to contract, maintain, own, and operate any privatization project and
5591 the services provided in connection with that project within its jurisdiction;

5592 (f) purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire all or any part of a privatization project;

5593 (g) with respect to the services of any privatization project, control the right to establish
5594 or regulate the rates paid by the users of the services within the jurisdiction of the
5595 political subdivision;

5596 (h) agree that the sole and exclusive right to provide the services within its jurisdiction
5597 related to privatization projects be assumed by any private owner/operator;

5598 (i) contract for the lease or purchase of land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles for the
5599 operation of privatization projects;

5600 (j) lease, sell, or otherwise convey, as permitted by state and local law, but without any
5601 requirement of competitive public bidding, land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles,

5602 previously used in connection with privatization projects, to private owner/operators;
5603 and

5604 (k) establish policies for the operation of any privatization project within its jurisdiction
5605 or with respect to which it has a contractual interest, including hours of operation, the
5606 character and kinds of services, and other rules necessary for the safety of operating
5607 personnel.

5608 (4) Any political subdivision may enter into agreements with respect to privatization
5609 projects. Agreements may contain provisions relating to, without limitation, any matter
5610 provided for in this section or consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

5611 (5) Any agreement entered into between a political subdivision and a private
5612 owner/operator for the provision of the services of a privatization project is considered
5613 an exercise of that political subdivision's business or proprietary power binding upon its
5614 succeeding governing authorities. Any agreement made by a political subdivision with a
5615 private owner/operator for payment for services provided or to be provided may not be
5616 construed to be an indebtedness or a lending of credit of the political subdivision within
5617 the meaning of any constitutional or statutory restriction.

5618 (6) The provisions of the various laws of the state and the rules or ordinances of a political
5619 subdivision which would otherwise require public bidding in respect to any matter
5620 provided for in this chapter shall have no application to that matter.

5621 (7) If a petition is presented to the clerk of a political subdivision under Subsection (1):
5622 (a) as applicable, within three business days after the day on which the clerk receives the
5623 petition, the clerk shall provide the petition to the county clerk for the county in
5624 which the political subdivision is located; and
5625 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition under this
5626 section, the county clerk shall:
5627 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
5628 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1) for a registered voter petition;
5629 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
5630 affected political subdivision; and
5631 (iii) as applicable, deliver the certified petition to the governing authority of the
5632 affected political subdivision.

5633 (8)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (1) may have the voter's signature
5634 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
5635 which the petition is provided to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a

5636 statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

5637 (b) A statement described in Subsection (8)(a) shall comply with the requirements
5638 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5639 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
5640 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
5641 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5642 **Section 58. Effective Date.**

5643 This bill takes effect on January 1, 2027.