

John D. Johnson proposes the following substitute bill:

Voter Registration Records Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

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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 capacity 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 April 6, 2026, was classified as private without requiring a reason for the classification will be reclassified as a public voter registration record, unless the voter takes certain action to obtain additional protection for the voter's voter registration record;
- requires an election officer to notify a voter whose voter registration is subject to reclassification as described in the preceding paragraph in order to give the voter an opportunity to apply for additional protection for the voter's voter registration record;
- modifies the voter registration form to reflect the changes made in this bill and to give a voter the option of authorizing disclosure of the voter's telephone number or email address to the political party with which the voter affiliates;
- requires the lieutenant governor to post information relating to the number of at-risk voters in the state and in individual state House of Representatives districts;
- establishes additional requirements to ensure the removal of deceased individuals from voter registration records;
- modifies penalties that may be imposed in relation to the unlawful disclosure of a voter registration record;

- 29 ▶ places restrictions on the use and disclosure of information from the voter registration list;
- 30 ▶ provides criminal penalties for unlawfully obtaining, using, or disclosing information
- 31 from the voter 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 voter identification, together
- 34 with the voter's address, may be publicly disclosed to the same extent, and in the same
- 35 manner, as the name and address of a voter signing the petition who does not have a
- 36 private voter 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.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

10-2-602 (Effective upon governor's approval), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 400

10-2-701.5 (Effective upon governor's approval), as enacted by Laws of Utah 1981, Chapter 55

10-2a-208 (Effective upon governor's approval), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38

17-60-302 (Effective upon governor's approval), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 13

17-61-201 (Effective upon governor's approval), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 13

17-61-301 (Effective upon governor's approval), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 13

17-61-401 (Effective upon governor's approval), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 13

17-62-303 (Effective upon governor's approval), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 13

17-62-505 (Effective upon governor's approval), as renumbered and amended by Laws of

63 Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 13
64 **17B-1-205 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
65 Chapter 38
66 **17B-1-506 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
67 Chapter 38
68 **17B-1-1304 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah
69 2023, Chapter 15
70 **17D-2-502 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023,
71 Chapter 116
72 **20A-1-102 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
73 First Special Session, Chapter 6
74 **20A-2-101.1 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448
75 **20A-2-104 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,
76 448
77 **20A-2-108 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381
78 **20A-2-204 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,
79 448
80 **20A-2-206 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381
81 **20A-2-304 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
82 Chapter 448
83 **20A-2-504 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
84 Chapter 448
85 **20A-2-505 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,
86 448
87 **20A-3a-401 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special
88 Session, Chapter 6
89 **20A-6-105 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,
90 448
91 **20A-7-203 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,
92 Chapter 442
93 **20A-7-215 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,
94 Chapter 442
95 **20A-7-303 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,
96 Chapter 442

97 **20A-7-313 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,
98 Chapter 442

99 **20A-7-503 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,
100 Chapter 442

101 **20A-7-514 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,
102 Chapter 442

103 **20A-7-603 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,
104 Chapter 442

105 **20A-7-614 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,
106 Chapter 442

107 **20A-8-103 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
108 Chapters 38, 448

109 **20A-9-203 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
110 Chapters 38, 39 and 448

111 **20A-9-404 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
112 Chapter 448

113 **20A-9-405 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
114 Chapter 38

115 **20A-9-408 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
116 Second Special Session, Chapter 2

117 **20A-9-502 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
118 Second Special Session, Chapter 2

119 **20A-15-103 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah
120 2025, Chapter 448

121 **53G-3-301.1 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah
122 2025, Chapter 38

123 **53G-3-401 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023,
124 Chapter 116

125 **53G-3-501 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,
126 Chapter 528

127 **63G-2-202 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
128 Chapter 188

129 **63G-2-210 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025,
130 Chapter 188

131 **63G-2-301 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special
 132 Session, Chapter 9

133 **63G-2-302 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

134 **63G-2-303 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 208

135 **73-10d-4 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023,
 136 Chapter 116

137 ENACTS:

138 **20A-1-1004 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

139 **20A-2-601 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

140 **20A-2-602 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

141 **20A-2-603 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

142 **20A-2-604 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

143 **20A-2-605 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

144 **20A-2-606 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

145 **20A-2-607 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

146 RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

147 **20A-2-608 (Effective 04/06/26)**, (Renumbered from 20A-5-410, as last amended by
 148 Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 188, 448)

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

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

152 **10-2-602 (Effective upon governor's approval). Contents of resolution or petition.**

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

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

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

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

158 (2)(a) The resolution or petition shall state the population of each of the municipalities
 159 within the area of the proposed consolidated municipality and the total population of
 160 the proposed consolidated municipality.

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

162 (i) the estimate of the Utah Population Committee created in Section 63C-20-103; or

163 (ii) if the Utah Population Committee estimate is not available, the most recent
 164 official census or census estimate of the United States Bureau of the Census.

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

168 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
169 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
170 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk
171 voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

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

173 **10-2-701.5 (Effective upon governor's approval). Form of petition.**

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

176 PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL DISINCORPORATION

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

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

185 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
186 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
187 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
188 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

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

190 **10-2a-208 (Effective upon governor's approval). Petition for incorporation --**
191 **Requirements and form -- Removal of signature.**

192 (1) At any time within one year after the day on which the county clerk completes the
193 public hearings required under Section 10-2a-207, individuals within the proposed
194 municipality may proceed with the incorporation process by circulating, and submitting
195 to the county clerk, a petition for incorporation that, to be certified under Subsection
196 10-2a-209(1)(b)(i), is required to be signed by:

197 (a) 10% of all registered voters within the area proposed to be incorporated as a
198 municipality, as of the day on which the petition for incorporation is filed;

- 199 (b) if the petition for incorporation proposes the incorporation of a city, and subject to
200 Subsection (5), 10% of all registered voters within 90% of the voting precincts within
201 the area proposed to be incorporated as a city, as of the day on which the petition for
202 incorporation is filed; and
- 203 (c) the owners of private real property that:
- 204 (i) is located within the proposed municipality;
- 205 (ii) covers at least 10% of the total private land area within the proposed
206 municipality; and
- 207 (iii) on January 1 of the current year, was equal in assessed fair market value to at
208 least 7% of the assessed fair market value of all private real property within the
209 proposed municipality.
- 210 (2) The petition for incorporation shall:
- 211 (a) include the typed or printed name and current residence address of each voter who
212 signs the petition for incorporation;
- 213 (b) describe the area proposed to be incorporated as a municipality, as described in the
214 feasibility request or the modified feasibility request that complies with Subsection
215 10-2a-205(5)(a);
- 216 (c) state the proposed name for the proposed municipality;
- 217 (d) designate five signers of the petition for incorporation as petition sponsors, one of
218 whom is designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone
219 number of each;
- 220 (e) if the sponsors propose the incorporation of a city, state that the signers of the
221 petition for incorporation appoint the sponsors, if the incorporation measure passes,
222 to represent the signers in:
- 223 (i) selecting the number of commission or council members the new city will have;
224 and
- 225 (ii) drawing district boundaries for the election of council members, if the voters
226 decide to elect council members by district;
- 227 (f) be accompanied by and circulated with an accurate plat or map, prepared by a
228 licensed surveyor, showing the boundaries of the proposed municipality; and
- 229 (g) substantially comply with and be circulated in the following form:
- 230 PETITION FOR INCORPORATION OF (insert the proposed name of the proposed
231 municipality)
- 232 To the Honorable Lieutenant Governor and the [name of county legislative body]:

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

240 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

241 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
242 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
243 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

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

246 (3)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a valid signature on a feasibility request
247 described in Section 10-2a-202 or a modified feasibility request described in Section
248 10-2a-206 may be used toward fulfilling the signature requirement described in
249 Subsection (1) if the feasibility request notified the signer in conspicuous language
250 that the signature, unless removed, would also be used for a petition for incorporation
251 under this section.

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

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

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

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

266 (5)(a) A signature does not qualify under Subsection (1)(b) if the signature is gathered

267 from a voting precinct that:

268 (i) except in a proposed municipality that will be a city of the fifth class, is not
269 located entirely within the boundaries of a proposed city; or

270 (ii) includes less than 50 registered voters.

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

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

274 **17-60-302 (Effective upon governor's approval). Initiating a petition to move a**
275 **county seat -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Limitation.**

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

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

283 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
284 RECORDS

285 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
286 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
287 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
288 record."

289 ~~(b)~~ (c) If the county legislative body receives a petition that complies with this section,
290 the county legislative body shall submit the question of moving the county seat to the
291 county's voters at the next general election.

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

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

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

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

- 301 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 302 (3)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
- 303 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
- 304 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
- 305 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
- 306 be removed.
- 307 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 308 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 309 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 310 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
- 311 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 312 (4) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed in all respects as provided by
- 313 law for the conducting of general elections and canvassing the returns.
- 314 (5) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article XI, Section 2, a proposition to move the
- 315 county seat may not be submitted in the same county more than once in four years, or
- 316 within four years after the day on which a proposition to move the county seat is
- 317 submitted to the voters.

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

319 **17-61-201 (Effective upon governor's approval). Consolidation of counties --**
 320 **Petition -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballot.**

- 321 (1)(a) A voter of a county who desires to have the county joined to and consolidated
- 322 with an adjoining county may petition the county legislative body of the county in
- 323 which the voter resides and the county legislative body of the adjoining county, as
- 324 described in this section.
- 325 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
- 326 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
- 327 page:
- 328 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
- 329 RECORDS
- 330 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
- 331 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
- 332 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
- 333 record."
- 334 (2) Each petition under Subsection (1) shall be:

- 335 (a) signed by a majority of the voters who reside in the originating county;
- 336 (b) signed by a majority of the voters who reside in the consolidating county; and
- 337 (c) presented to the county legislative body of the originating county and the county
- 338 legislative body of the consolidating county before the first Monday in June of any
- 339 year.
- 340 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body
- 341 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the
- 342 petition to the county clerk.
- 343 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
- 344 county legislative body under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk shall:
- 345 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
- 346 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2) in regard to the voters of the
- 347 county in which the county clerk is an officer;
- 348 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
- 349 county in which the county clerk is an officer; and
- 350 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 351 (4)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
- 352 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
- 353 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
- 354 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
- 355 be removed.
- 356 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 357 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 358 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 359 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
- 360 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 361 (5) If the county clerks of the originating county and consolidating county each determine
- 362 that the petition meets the requirements of Subsection (2)(a), each county clerk shall
- 363 ensure that the petition is submitted to the voters of the respective counties as described
- 364 in Subsection (6).
- 365 (6)(a) If a petition under Subsection (1) is presented in a year during which a regular
- 366 general election is held, the county legislative body of the originating county and the
- 367 county legislative body of the consolidating county shall cause the proposition to be
- 368 submitted to the legal voters of the respective counties at the next regular general

369 election.

370 (b) If a petition under Subsection (1) is presented during a year in which there is no
371 regular general election, the county legislative body of the originating county and the
372 county legislative body of the consolidating county shall:

373 (i) call a special election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
374 November following the presentation of the petition; and

375 (ii) cause the proposition to be submitted to the voters of the respective counties
376 during the special election.

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

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

381 For combining ____ county with ____ county.

382 Against combining ____ county with ____ county.

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

384 **17-61-301 (Effective upon governor's approval). Annexation of portion of county**
385 **to adjoining county -- Petition -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of**
386 **signature -- Election -- Ballot.**

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

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

394 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
395 RECORDS

396 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
397 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
398 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
399 record."

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

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

- 403 (b) presented before the first Monday in June of a year during which a general election is
404 held.
- 405 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body
406 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the
407 petition to the county clerk.
- 408 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk of an initiating county receives
409 a petition from the county legislative body under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk
410 shall:
- 411 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
412 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2);
- 413 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a voter in the portion of the
414 initiating county that is proposed to be annexed; and
- 415 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 416 (4)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
417 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
418 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
419 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
420 be removed.
- 421 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements
422 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 423 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
424 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
425 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 426 (5)(a) If the county clerk of the initiating county determines that the petition meets the
427 requirements of Subsection (2), the county clerk of the initiating county and the
428 county clerk of the annexing county shall ensure the petition is submitted to the
429 voters of the respective counties at the next regular general election as described in
430 this Subsection (5).
- 431 (b) Except as otherwise provided, the election shall be held, the results canvassed, and
432 returns made under the provisions of the general election laws of the state.
- 433 (c) The ballot language to be used in an election held under this Subsection (5) shall be:
- 434 For annexing a portion of ____ county to ____ county.
- 435 Against annexing a portion of ____ county to ____ county.
- 436 Section 7. Section **17-61-401** is amended to read:

437 **17-61-401 (Effective upon governor's approval). Creating a new county --**
 438 **Petition -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election --**
 439 **Ballots.**

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

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

447 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 448 RECORDS

449 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
 450 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
 451 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
 452 record."

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

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

455 (ii) be signed:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 471 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2);
- 472 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
- 473 seceding county; and
- 474 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 475 (5)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's
- 476 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day
- 477 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,
- 478 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature
- 479 be removed.
- 480 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
- 481 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 482 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
- 483 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
- 484 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 485 (6) The seceding county legislative body shall cause the proposition to be submitted to the
- 486 voters residing in the seceding county at a special election to be held according to the
- 487 dates established in Section 20A-1-204, first causing 30 days' notice of the election to be
- 488 given in the manner provided by law for giving notice of general elections.
- 489 (7) The county clerk shall ensure that the special election is held, the result canvassed, and
- 490 returns made under the provisions of the general election laws.
- 491 (8) The form of ballot to be used at the special election shall be:
- 492 For the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.
- 493 Against the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.
- 494 (9)(a) Subject to Subsection (9)(b), the expenses of any special election described in this
- 495 section shall be paid out of the general fund of the seceding county.
- 496 (b) If the voters approve the creation of the new county, the new county shall reimburse
- 497 the seceding county for half of the cost of the special election within one year of the
- 498 effective date of the new county from the general fund of the new county.
- 499 Section 8. Section **17-62-303** is amended to read:
- 500 **17-62-303 (Effective upon governor's approval). Registered voter initiation of**
- 501 **adoption of optional plan -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature --**
- 502 **Procedure.**
- 503 (1)(a) Registered voters of a county may initiate the process of adopting an optional plan
- 504 by filing with the county clerk a notice of intent to gather signatures for a petition:

- 505 (i) for the establishment of a study committee described in Section 17-62-402; or
506 (ii) to adopt an optional plan that:
- 507 (A) accompanies the petition during the signature gathering process and
508 accompanies the petition in the submission to the county clerk under
509 Subsection (2)(b); and
- 510 (B) complies with the requirements described in Sections 17-62-403 and
511 17-62-404.
- 512 (b) A notice of intent described in Subsection (1)(a) shall:
- 513 (i) designate five sponsors for the petition;
- 514 (ii) designate a contact sponsor to serve as the primary contact for the petition
515 sponsors;
- 516 (iii) list the mailing address and telephone number of each of the sponsors; and
517 (iv) be signed by each of the petition sponsors.
- 518 (c) Registered voters of a county may not file a notice of intent to gather signatures in
519 bad faith.
- 520 (d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
521 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
522 page:
- 523 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
524 RECORDS
- 525 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
526 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
527 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
528 record."
- 529 (2)(a) The sponsors of a petition may circulate the petition after filing a notice of intent
530 to gather signatures under Subsection (1).
- 531 (b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), the petition is valid if the petition
532 contains the number of legal signatures required under Subsection 20A-7-501(2).
- 533 (ii) For a county of the fifth or sixth class, the petition is valid if the petition contains
534 at least the number of legal signatures equal to 30% of the number of active
535 voters, as defined in Section 20A-7-501, in the county.
- 536 (iii) The county clerk may not count a signature that was collected for the petition
537 before the petition sponsors filed a notice of intent under Subsection (1)(a).
- 538 (iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual may not sign a petition

- 539 circulated under this section by electronic signature as defined in Section
540 20A-1-202.
- 541 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b)(ii), the sponsors of the petition shall submit
542 the completed petition and any amended or supplemental petition described in
543 Subsection (4) with the county clerk not more than 180 days after the day on which
544 the sponsors file the notice described in Subsection (1).
- 545 (d)(i) Within 30 days after the day on which the sponsors submit a petition, the
546 sponsors shall submit financial disclosures to the county clerk that include:
- 547 (A) a list of each contribution received by the sponsors and the name of the donor;
548 and
549 (B) a list of each expenditure for purposes of furthering or sponsoring the petition
550 and the recipient of each expenditure.
- 551 (ii) The county clerk shall publish the financial disclosures described in Subsection
552 (2)(d)(i).
- 553 (iii) All sponsors of a petition shall date and sign each list described in Subsection
554 (2)(d)(i).
- 555 (3) Within 30 days after the day on which the sponsors submit a petition under Subsection
556 (2)(c) or an amended or supplemental petition under Subsection (4), the county clerk
557 shall:
- 558 (a)(i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a
559 signer is a registered voter; and
- 560 (ii) determine whether the petition or amended or supplemental petition has been
561 signed by the required number of registered voters;
- 562 (b)(i) if the petition was signed by a sufficient number of registered voters:
- 563 (A) certify the petition;
564 (B) deliver the petition to the county legislative body and county executive; and
565 (C) notify the contact sponsor in writing of the certification; or
- 566 (ii) if the petition was not signed by a sufficient number of registered voters:
- 567 (A) reject the petition; and
568 (B) notify the county legislative body and the contact sponsor in writing of the
569 rejection and the reasons for the rejection; and
- 570 (c) for a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), no later than 10 days after the day on
571 which the county clerk certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i), the county
572 clerk shall send a copy of the optional plan that accompanied the petition to the

- 573 county attorney for review in accordance with Section 17-62-405.
- 574 (4) The sponsors of a petition circulated under this section may submit supplemental
575 signatures for the petition:
- 576 (a) if the county clerk rejects the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(ii); and
577 (b) before the earlier of:
- 578 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (2)(c); or
579 (ii) 20 days after the day on which the county clerk rejects the petition under
580 Subsection (3)(b)(ii).
- 581 (5) With the unanimous approval of petition sponsors, a petition filed under this section
582 may be withdrawn at any time within 90 days after the day on which the county clerk
583 certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i) and no later than 45 days before an
584 election under Section 17-62-501 if the petition included a notification to petition
585 signers, in conspicuous language and in a conspicuous location, that the petition
586 sponsors are authorized to withdraw the petition.
- 587 (6)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
588 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
589 which the sponsors submit the petition to the county clerk, submitting to the county
590 clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 591 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements
592 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 593 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
594 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
595 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 596 Section 9. Section **17-62-505** is amended to read:
- 597 **17-62-505 (Effective upon governor's approval). Repeal of optional plan --**
598 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature.**
- 599 (1) An optional plan that the voters in an election adopt under this chapter may be repealed
600 as provided in this section.
- 601 (2) Registered voters of a county that has adopted an optional plan may initiate the process
602 of repealing an optional plan by filing a petition for the repeal of the optional plan.
- 603 (3)(a) Registered voters of a county may not file a petition to repeal an optional plan
604 sooner than four years or more than five years after the election of county officers
605 under Section 17-62-503.
- 606 (b)(i) If the registered voters file a petition to repeal an optional plan under this

607 section, the petition is certified, and the optional plan is not repealed at an election
 608 described in Subsection (9), the voters may not circulate or file a subsequent
 609 petition to repeal until at least four, and not more than five, years after the
 610 certification of the original petition.

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

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

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

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

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

619 (i) equal in number to at least 15% of the total number of votes cast in each precinct
 620 described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii) for all candidates for president of the United
 621 States at the most recent election in which a president of the United States was
 622 elected; and

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

624 (b) designate up to five of the petition signers as sponsors, designating one petition
 625 signer as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of each;[
 626 and]

627 (c) include the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the same
 628 size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:

629 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 630 RECORDS

631 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
 632 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
 633 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
 634 record."; and

635 [(e)] (d) be filed in the office of the clerk of the county in which the petition signers
 636 reside.

637 (5) Within 30 days after the filing of a petition under Subsection (2) or an amended petition
 638 under Subsection (6), the county clerk shall:

639 (a)(i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a
 640 signer is a registered voter; and

- 641 (ii) determine whether the required number of voters have signed the petition or
642 amended petition has been signed by the required number of registered voters; and
- 643 (b)(i) if a sufficient number of voters have signed the petition, certify the petition or
644 amended petition and deliver it to the county legislative body, and notify in
645 writing the contact sponsor of the certification; or
- 646 (ii) if a sufficient number of voters have not signed the petition, reject the petition or
647 the amended petition and notify the county legislative body and the contact
648 sponsor in writing of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection.
- 649 (6) If a county clerk rejects a petition or an amended petition under Subsection (5)(b)(ii),
650 the petition may be amended or an amended petition may be further amended with
651 additional signatures and refiled within 20 days of the date of rejection.
- 652 (7)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
653 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
654 which the sponsors file the petition in the office of the county clerk, submitting to the
655 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 656 (b) A statement described in Subsection (7)(a) shall comply with the requirements
657 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 658 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
659 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
660 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 661 (8) If a county clerk certifies a petition under Subsection (2), the county legislative body
662 shall hold an election on the proposal to repeal the optional plan at the next regular
663 general election that is at least 60 days after the day on which the county clerk certifies
664 the petition.
- 665 (9) If, at an election held under Subsection (8), a majority of voters voting on the proposal
666 to repeal the optional plan vote in favor of repealing:
- 667 (a) the optional plan is repealed, effective January 1 of the year following the election of
668 county officers under Subsection (9)(c);
- 669 (b) upon the effective date of the repeal under Subsection (9)(a), the form of government
670 under which the county operates reverts to the form it had before the optional plan
671 was adopted; and
- 672 (c) the county officers under the form of government to which the county reverts, who
673 are different than the county officers under the repealed optional plan, shall be
674 elected at the next regular general election following the election under Subsection (8).

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

676 **17B-1-205 (Effective upon governor's approval). Petition and request**
677 **requirements -- Removal or reinstatement of signature.**

678 (1) Each petition and request shall:

679 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each property
680 owner, groundwater right owner, or registered voter signing the petition;

681 (b)(i) if it is a property owner request or petition, indicate the address of the property
682 as to which the owner is signing the request or petition; or

683 (ii) if it is a groundwater right owner request or petition, indicate the location of the
684 diversion of the groundwater as to which the owner is signing the groundwater
685 right owner request or petition;

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

687 (d) be accompanied by a map showing the boundaries of the entire proposed special
688 district;

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

690 (f) if the petition or request proposes the creation of a specialized special district, specify
691 the type of specialized special district proposed to be created;

692 (g) for a proposed basic special district:

693 (i) state whether the members of the board of trustees will be elected or appointed or
694 whether some members will be elected and some appointed, as provided in
695 Section 17B-1-1402;

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

698 (iii) if applicable, explain how the election or appointment of board members will
699 transition from one method to another based on stated milestones or events, as
700 provided in Section 17B-1-1402;

701 (h) for a proposed improvement district whose remaining area members or county
702 members, as those terms are defined in Section 17B-2a-404, are to be elected, state
703 that those members will be elected;

704 (i) for a proposed service area that is entirely within the unincorporated area of a single
705 county, state whether the initial board of trustees will be:

706 (i) the county legislative body;

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

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

- 709 (j) designate up to five signers of the petition or request as sponsors, one of whom shall
710 be designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number
711 of each;
- 712 (k) if the petition or request is a groundwater right owner petition or request proposing
713 the creation of a special district to acquire a groundwater right under Section
714 17B-1-202, explain the anticipated method:
715 (i) of paying for the groundwater right acquisition; and
716 (ii) of addressing blowing dust created by the reduced use of water;
- 717 (l) if the petition or request is a groundwater right owner petition or request proposing
718 the creation of a special district to assess a groundwater right under Section
719 17B-1-202, explain the anticipated method:
720 (i) of assessing the groundwater right and securing payment of the assessment; and
721 (ii) of addressing blowing dust created by the reduced use of water; and
- 722 (m) for a proposed infrastructure financing district:
723 (i) state whether the members of the board of trustees will be elected or appointed or
724 whether some members will be elected and some appointed;
725 (ii) if one or more members will be elected, state the basis upon which each elected
726 member will be elected;
727 (iii) explain how appointed board member positions will transition to elected board
728 member positions based on stated milestones or events, as provided in Section
729 17B-2a-1303;
730 (iv) state whether divisions will be established within the boundary of the
731 infrastructure financing district so that some or all board members represent a
732 division rather than the district at large and, if so, describe the boundary of each
733 division; and
734 (v) if applicable, be accompanied by the governing document prepared according to
735 Section 17B-2a-1303.

736 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
737 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
738 page:
739 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
740 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
741 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk
742 voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

743 [(2)] (3)(a) Subject to Subsection [(2)(b)] (3)(b), a signer of a request or petition may
 744 remove or, once removed, reinstate the signer's signature at any time before the filing
 745 of the request or petition by filing a written statement for removal or reinstatement
 746 with:

747 (i) in the case of a request:

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

751 (B) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose
 752 applicable area the signer's groundwater diversion point is located, if the
 753 request is a groundwater right owner request; or

754 (C) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose
 755 applicable area the signer resides, if the request is a registered voter request; or

756 (ii) in the case of a petition, the responsible clerk.

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

760 [(3)] (4)(a) A clerk of the county who receives a timely, valid written statement for
 761 removal or reinstatement from a signer of a registered voter request or registered
 762 voter petition shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
 763 determine whether to remove or reinstate the individual's signature.

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

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

770 **17B-1-506 (Effective upon governor's approval). Withdrawal petition**
 771 **requirements -- Removal or reinstatement of signature.**

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

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

776 (b) separately group signatures by municipality and, in the case of unincorporated areas,

- 777 by county;
- 778 (c) if it is a petition signed by the owners of land, the assessment of which is based on
779 acre-feet of water, indicate the address of the property and the property tax
780 identification parcel number of the property as to which the owner is signing the
781 request;
- 782 (d) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, or in the case of a petition
783 filed under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv), designate a governmental representative
784 as a sponsor, and in each case, designate one sponsor as the contact sponsor with the
785 mailing address and telephone number of each;
- 786 (e) state the reasons for withdrawal; [~~and~~]
- 787 (f) when the petition is filed with the special district board of trustees, be accompanied
788 by a map generally depicting the boundaries of the area proposed to be withdrawn
789 and a legal description of the area proposed to be withdrawn[-] ; and
- 790 (g) include the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the same
791 size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:
792 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
793 RECORDS
794 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
795 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
796 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
797 record."
- 798 (2)(a) The special district may prepare an itemized list of expenses, other than attorney
799 expenses, that will necessarily be incurred by the special district in the withdrawal
800 proceeding. The itemized list of expenses may be submitted to the contact sponsor.
801 If the list of expenses is submitted to the contact sponsor within 21 days after receipt
802 of the petition, the contact sponsor on behalf of the petitioners shall be required to
803 pay the expenses to the special district within 90 days of receipt. Until funds to cover
804 the expenses are delivered to the special district, the district will have no obligation to
805 proceed with the withdrawal and the time limits on the district stated in this part will
806 be tolled. If the expenses are not paid within the 90 days, or within 90 days from the
807 conclusion of any arbitration under Subsection (2)(b), the petition requesting the
808 withdrawal shall be considered to have been withdrawn.
- 809 (b) If there is no agreement between the board of trustees of the special district and the
810 contact sponsor on the amount of expenses that will necessarily be incurred by the

811 special district in the withdrawal proceeding, either the board of trustees or the
812 contact sponsor may submit the matter to binding arbitration in accordance with Title
813 78B, Chapter 6, Part 2, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act[;] , provided that, if the
814 parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator and the rules and procedures that will control
815 the arbitration, either party may pursue arbitration under Title 78B, Chapter 11, Utah
816 Uniform Arbitration Act.

817 (3)(a) A signer of a petition may remove or, once removed, reinstate the signer's
818 signature at any time before the public hearing under Section 17B-1-508 by
819 submitting a written statement requesting removal or reinstatement with the board of
820 trustees of the special district in which the area proposed to be withdrawn is located.
821 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements
822 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
823 (c) As applicable and using the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the
824 county clerk shall assist the board of trustees to determine whether to remove or
825 reinstate a registered voter's signature after the voter submits a timely, valid statement
826 described in Subsection (3)(a).

827 (4) If it reasonably appears that, if the withdrawal which is the subject of a petition filed
828 under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(i) or (ii) is granted, it will be necessary for a
829 municipality to provide to the withdrawn area the service previously supplied by the
830 special district, the board of trustees of the special district may, within 21 days after
831 receiving the petition, notify the contact sponsor in writing that, before it will be
832 considered by the board of trustees, the petition shall be presented to and approved by
833 the governing body of the municipality as provided in Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv)
834 before it will be considered by the special district board of trustees. If the notice is
835 timely given to the contact sponsor, the petition shall be considered to have been
836 withdrawn until the municipality files a petition with the special district under
837 Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv).

838 (5)(a) After receiving the notice required by Subsection 17B-1-504(2), unless
839 specifically allowed by law, a public entity may not make expenditures from public
840 funds to support or oppose the gathering of signatures on a petition for withdrawal.
841 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits a public entity from providing factual information
842 and analysis regarding a withdrawal petition to the public, so long as the information
843 grants equal access to both the opponents and proponents of the petition for
844 withdrawal.

- 845 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a public official from speaking, campaigning,
 846 contributing personal money, or otherwise exercising the public official's
 847 constitutional rights.
- 848 (6) Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) do not apply to a petition seeking the withdrawal of an
 849 area from an infrastructure financing district.

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

851 **17B-1-1304 (Effective upon governor's approval). Petition requirements.**

- 852 (1) Each petition under Subsection 17B-1-1303(1)(a) or (2) shall:
- 853 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each owner of
 854 acre-feet of water, property owner, or registered voter signing the petition;
- 855 (b) if it is a petition signed by the owners of acre-feet of water or property owners,
 856 indicate the address of the property as to which the owner is signing;
- 857 (c) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, one of whom shall be
 858 designated the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of
 859 each; and
- 860 (d) be filed with the clerk.
- 861 (2) A signer of a petition to dissolve a special district may withdraw, or, once withdrawn,
 862 reinstate the signer's signature at any time until 30 days after the public hearing under
 863 Section 17B-1-1306.
- 864 (3) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
 865 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
 866 page:
 867 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
 868 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
 869 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk
 870 voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

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

872 **17D-2-502 (Effective upon governor's approval). Required process for issuance**
 873 **of local building authority bonds -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of**
 874 **signature.**

- 875 (1) A local building authority may not issue bonds unless the creating local entity's
 876 governing body approves the issuance and terms of the bonds.
- 877 (2)(a) Before issuing bonds, the authority board of a local building authority shall give
 878 public notice of the authority board's intent to issue bonds.

- 879 (b)(i) A local building authority may not issue bonds without the approval of the
 880 creating local entity's voters if, within 30 days after the notice under Subsection
 881 (2)(a) is given, a written petition requesting an election is filed with the local
 882 building authority, signed by at least 20% of the active voters, as defined in
 883 Section 20A-1-102, within the creating local entity.
- 884 (ii) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
 885 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on
 886 the page:
 887 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 888 RECORDS
 889 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
 890 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
 891 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
 892 record."
- 893 ~~[(ii)]~~ (iii) Each election under Subsection (2)(b)(i) shall be held as provided in Title
 894 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act, in the same manner as an
 895 election for general obligation bonds issued by the creating local entity.
- 896 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a local building authority
 897 receives a petition under Subsection (2)(b)(i), the local building authority shall
 898 provide the petition to the county clerk of the county in which the creating local
 899 entity is located.
- 900 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
 901 local building authority under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk shall:
 902 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
 903 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2)(b)(i);
 904 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of an active voter within the
 905 creating local entity; and
 906 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the local building authority.
- 907 (4)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
 908 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
 909 which the local building authority provides the petition to the county clerk,
 910 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
 911 removed.
- 912 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements

913 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
914 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in [~~Section~~] Subsection
915 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a
916 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

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

918 **20A-1-102 (Effective upon governor's approval). Definitions.**

919 As used in this title:

920 (1) "Active voter" means a registered voter who has not been classified as an inactive voter
921 by the county clerk.

922 (2) "Automatic tabulating equipment" means apparatus that automatically examines and
923 counts votes recorded on ballots and tabulates the results.

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

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

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

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

930 (b) a constitutional amendment;

931 (c) an initiative;

932 (d) a referendum;

933 (e) a bond proposition;

934 (f) a judicial retention question;

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

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

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

940 (6) "Board of canvassers" means the entities established by Sections 20A-4-301 and
941 20A-4-306 to canvass election returns.

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

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

946 (9) "Business reply mail envelope" means an envelope that may be mailed free of charge by

- 947 the sender.
- 948 (10) "Calendar day" means any day, regardless of whether the day is a weekend, a holiday,
949 a business day, or any other type of day.
- 950 (11) "Canvass" means the review of election returns and the official declaration of election
951 results by the board of canvassers.
- 952 (12) "Canvassing judge" means a poll worker designated to assist in counting ballots at the
953 canvass.
- 954 (13) "Contracting election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or
955 interlocal agreement with a provider election officer.
- 956 (14) "Convention" means the political party convention at which party officers and
957 delegates are selected.
- 958 (15) "Counting center" means one or more locations selected by the election officer in
959 charge of the election for the automatic counting of ballots.
- 960 (16) "Counting judge" means a poll worker designated to count the ballots during election
961 day.
- 962 (17) "Counting room" means a suitable and convenient private place or room for use by the
963 poll workers and counting judges to count ballots.
- 964 (18) "County officers" means those county officers that are required by law to be elected.
- 965 (19) "Date of the election" or "election day" or "day of the election":
- 966 (a) means the day that is specified in the calendar year as the day on which the election
967 occurs; and
- 968 (b) does not include:
- 969 (i) deadlines established for voting by mail, military-overseas voting, or emergency
970 voting; or
- 971 (ii) any early voting or early voting period as provided under Chapter 3a, Part 6,
972 Early Voting.
- 973 (20) "Elected official" means:
- 974 (a) a person elected to an office under Section 20A-1-303 or Chapter 4, Part 6,
975 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project;
- 976 (b) a person who is considered to be elected to a municipal office in accordance with
977 Subsection 20A-1-206(1)(c)(ii); or
- 978 (c) a person who is considered to be elected to a special district office in accordance
979 with Subsection 20A-1-206(3)(b)(ii).
- 980 (21) "Election" means a regular general election, a municipal general election, a statewide

981 special election, a local special election, a regular primary election, a municipal primary
982 election, and a special district election.

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

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

987 (24) "Election judge" means a poll worker that is assigned to:

988 (a) preside over other poll workers at a polling place;

989 (b) act as the presiding election judge; or

990 (c) serve as a canvassing judge, counting judge, or receiving judge.

991 (25) "Election material" includes:

992 (a) the verification documentation described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(9)(b)(iv);

993 (b) the list of voters contacted to cure a ballot described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(10)(b);

994 (c) the record of rejected and resolved ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(11)(a);

995 (d) any chain of custody documentation described in Section 20A-3a-401.1, including:

996 (i) the count of ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(3); and

997 (ii) the batch log described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(5);

998 (e) the record of signature verification audits described in Subsection 20A-3a-402.5(4);

999 (f) the affidavit of compliance described in Subsection 20A-3a-404(2);

1000 (g) the physical and electronic log of replicated ballots described in Subsection

1001 20A-4-104(3);

1002 (h) the physical or electronic log of adjudicated ballots described in Section 20A-5-802.5;

1003 (i) the record of voter database access described in Subsection 20A-5-905(2);

1004 (j) the reports on military and overseas voters described in Section 20A-16-202;

1005 (k) scanned copies of return envelopes;

1006 (l) a copy of the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5; and

1007 (m) the materials used in the programming of the automatic tabulating equipment.

1008 (26) "Election officer" means:

1009 (a) the lieutenant governor, for all statewide ballots and elections;

1010 (b) the county clerk for:

1011 (i) a county ballot and election; and

1012 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section

1013 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;

1014 (c) the municipal clerk for:

- 1015 (i) a municipal ballot and election; and
- 1016 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 1017 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;
- 1018 (d) the special district clerk or chief executive officer for:
- 1019 (i) a special district ballot and election; and
- 1020 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 1021 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5; or
- 1022 (e) the business administrator or superintendent of a school district for:
- 1023 (i) a school district ballot and election; and
- 1024 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section
- 1025 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5.
- 1026 (27) "Election official" means any election officer, election judge, or poll worker.
- 1027 (28) "Election results" means:
- 1028 (a) for an election other than a bond election, the count of votes cast in the election and
- 1029 the election returns requested by the board of canvassers; or
- 1030 (b) for bond elections, the count of those votes cast for and against the bond proposition
- 1031 plus any or all of the election returns that the board of canvassers may request.
- 1032 (29) "Election results database" means the following information generated by voting
- 1033 equipment:
- 1034 (a) one or more electronic files that contains a digital interpretation of each ballot that is
- 1035 counted in an election;
- 1036 (b) a ballot image; and
- 1037 (c) other information related to a ballot that is adjudicated under Section 20A-4-105.
- 1038 (30) "Election returns" means:
- 1039 (a) the pollbook;
- 1040 (b) the military and overseas absentee voter registration and voting certificates;
- 1041 (c) one of the tally sheets;
- 1042 (d) any unprocessed ballots;
- 1043 (e) all counted ballots;
- 1044 (f) all excess ballots;
- 1045 (g) all unused ballots;
- 1046 (h) all spoiled ballots;
- 1047 (i) all ballot disposition forms, including any provisional ballot disposition forms;
- 1048 (j) the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5;

- 1049 (k) all return envelopes;
- 1050 (l) any provisional ballot envelopes; and
- 1051 (m) the total votes cast form.
- 1052 (31) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or
- 1053 logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to
- 1054 sign the record.
- 1055 (32) "Holiday" means a legal holiday described in Subsections 63G-1-301(1) and (2).
- 1056 (33) "Inactive voter" means a registered voter who is listed as inactive by a county clerk
- 1057 under Subsection 20A-2-505(4)(c)(i) or (ii).
- 1058 (34) "Judicial office" means the office filled by any judicial officer.
- 1059 (35) "Judicial officer" means any justice or judge of a court of record or any county court
- 1060 judge.
- 1061 (36) "Local election" means a regular county election, a regular municipal election, a
- 1062 municipal primary election, a local special election, a special district election, and a
- 1063 bond election.
- 1064 (37) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a special district, or a
- 1065 local school district.
- 1066 (38) "Local special election" means a special election called by the governing body of a
- 1067 local political subdivision in which all registered voters of the local political subdivision
- 1068 may vote.
- 1069 (39) "Manual ballot" means a paper document produced by an election officer on which an
- 1070 individual records an individual's vote by directly placing a mark on the paper document
- 1071 using a pen or other marking instrument.
- 1072 (40) "Mechanical ballot" means a record, including a paper record, electronic record, or
- 1073 mechanical record, that:
- 1074 (a) is created via electronic or mechanical means; and
- 1075 (b) records an individual voter's vote cast via a method other than an individual directly
- 1076 placing a mark, using a pen or other marking instrument, to record an individual
- 1077 voter's vote.
- 1078 (41) "Municipal executive" means:
- 1079 (a) the mayor in the council-mayor form of government defined in Section 10-3b-102; or
- 1080 (b) the mayor in the council-manager form of government defined in Subsection
- 1081 10-3b-103(6).
- 1082 (42) "Municipal general election" means the election held in municipalities and, as

- 1083 applicable, special districts on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of
1084 each odd-numbered year for the purposes established in Section 20A-1-202.
- 1085 (43) "Municipal legislative body" means the council of the city or town in any form of
1086 municipal government.
- 1087 (44) "Municipal office" means an elective office in a municipality.
- 1088 (45) "Municipal officers" means those municipal officers that are required by law to be
1089 elected.
- 1090 (46) "Municipal primary election" means an election held to nominate candidates for
1091 municipal office.
- 1092 (47) "Municipality" means a city or town.
- 1093 (48) "Official ballot" means the ballots distributed by the election officer for voters to
1094 record their votes.
- 1095 (49) "Official endorsement" means the information on the ballot that identifies:
1096 (a) the ballot as an official ballot;
1097 (b) the date of the election; and
1098 (c)(i) for a ballot prepared by an election officer other than a county clerk, the
1099 facsimile signature required by Subsection 20A-6-401(1)(a)(iii); or
1100 (ii) for a ballot prepared by a county clerk, the words required by Subsection
1101 20A-6-301(1)(b)(iii).
- 1102 (50) "Official register" means the official record furnished to election officials by the
1103 election officer that contains the information required by Section 20A-5-401.
- 1104 (51) "Political party" means an organization of registered voters that has qualified to
1105 participate in an election by meeting the requirements of Chapter 8, Political Party
1106 Formation and Procedures.
- 1107 (52)(a) "Poll worker" means a person assigned by an election official to assist with an
1108 election, voting, or counting votes.
1109 (b) "Poll worker" includes election judges.
1110 (c) "Poll worker" does not include a watcher.
- 1111 (53) "Pollbook" means a record of the names of voters in the order that the voters appear to
1112 cast votes.
- 1113 (54) "Polling place" means a building where voting is conducted.
- 1114 (55) "Position" means a square, circle, rectangle, or other geometric shape on a ballot in
1115 which the voter marks the voter's choice.
- 1116 (56) "Presidential Primary Election" means the election established in Chapter 9, Part 8,

- 1117 Presidential Primary Election.
- 1118 (57) "Primary convention" means the political party conventions held during the year of the
1119 regular general election.
- 1120 (58) "Protective counter" means a separate counter, which cannot be reset, that:
- 1121 (a) is built into a voting machine; and
- 1122 (b) records the total number of movements of the operating lever.
- 1123 (59) "Provider election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or
1124 interlocal agreement with a contracting election officer to conduct an election for the
1125 contracting election officer's local political subdivision in accordance with Section
1126 20A-5-400.1.
- 1127 (60) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot voted provisionally by a person:
- 1128 (a) whose name is not listed on the official register at the polling place;
- 1129 (b) whose legal right to vote is challenged as provided in this title; or
- 1130 (c) whose identity was not sufficiently established by a poll worker.
- 1131 (61) "Provisional ballot envelope" means an envelope printed in the form required by
1132 Section 20A-6-105 that is used to identify provisional ballots and to provide information
1133 to verify a person's legal right to vote.
- 1134 (62)(a) "Public figure" means an individual who, due to the individual being considered
1135 for, holding, or having held a position of prominence in a public or private capacity,
1136 or due to the individual's celebrity status, has an increased risk to the individual's
1137 safety.
- 1138 ~~[(b) "Public figure" does not include an individual:]~~
- 1139 ~~[(i) elected to public office; or]~~
- 1140 ~~[(ii) appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected public office.]~~
- 1141 (b) "Public figure" includes an individual who is elected to public office, appointed to
1142 fill a vacancy in an elected public office, or employed by a government entity if, in
1143 relation to the individual's service in public office or employment as an employee of
1144 a government entity, the individual has received a threat of harm to a person or
1145 property.
- 1146 (63) "Qualify" or "qualified" means to take the oath of office and begin performing the
1147 duties of the position for which the individual was elected.
- 1148 (64) "Receiving judge" means the poll worker that checks the voter's name in the official
1149 register at a polling place and provides the voter with a ballot.
- 1150 (65) "Registration form" means a form by which an individual may register to vote under

- 1151 this title.
- 1152 (66) "Regular ballot" means a ballot that is not a provisional ballot.
- 1153 (67) "Regular general election" means the election held throughout the state on the first
1154 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year for the
1155 purposes established in Section 20A-1-201.
- 1156 (68) "Regular primary election" means the election, held on the date specified in Section
1157 20A-1-201.5, to nominate candidates of political parties and candidates for nonpartisan
1158 local school board positions to advance to the regular general election.
- 1159 (69) "Resident" means a person who resides within a specific voting precinct in Utah.
- 1160 (70) "Return envelope" means the envelope, described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(4),
1161 provided to a voter with a manual ballot:
- 1162 (a) into which the voter places the manual ballot after the voter has voted the manual
1163 ballot in order to preserve the secrecy of the voter's vote; and
- 1164 (b) that includes the voter affidavit and a place for the voter's signature.
- 1165 (71) "Sample ballot" means a mock ballot similar in form to the official ballot, published as
1166 provided in Section 20A-5-405.
- 1167 (72) "Special district" means a local government entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose
1168 Local Government Entities - Special Districts, and includes a special service district
1169 under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.
- 1170 (73) "Special district officers" means those special district board members who are required
1171 by law to be elected.
- 1172 (74) "Special election" means an election held as authorized by Section 20A-1-203.
- 1173 (75) "Spoiled ballot" means each ballot that:
- 1174 (a) is spoiled by the voter;
- 1175 (b) is unable to be voted because it was spoiled by the printer or a poll worker; or
- 1176 (c) lacks the official endorsement.
- 1177 (76) "Statewide special election" means a special election called by the governor or the
1178 Legislature in which all registered voters in Utah may vote.
- 1179 (77) "Tabulation system" means a device or system designed for the sole purpose of
1180 tabulating votes cast by voters at an election.
- 1181 (78) "Ticket" means a list of:
- 1182 (a) political parties;
- 1183 (b) candidates for an office; or
- 1184 (c) ballot propositions.

- 1185 (79) "Transfer case" means the sealed box used to transport voted ballots to the counting
1186 center.
- 1187 (80) "Vacancy" means:
- 1188 (a) except as provided in Subsection (80)(b), the absence of an individual to serve in a
1189 position created by state constitution or state statute, whether that absence occurs
1190 because of death, disability, disqualification, resignation, or other cause; or
- 1191 (b) in relation to a candidate for a position created by state constitution or state statute,
1192 the removal of a candidate due to the candidate's death, resignation, or
1193 disqualification.
- 1194 (81) "Valid voter identification" means:
- 1195 (a) a form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter which may
1196 include:
- 1197 (i) a currently valid Utah driver license;
- 1198 (ii) a currently valid identification card issued under Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 8,
1199 Identification Card Act;
- 1200 (iii) a currently valid identification card that is issued by:
- 1201 (A) the state; or
- 1202 (B) a branch, department, or agency of the United States;
- 1203 (iv) a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;
- 1204 (v) a currently valid United States passport; or
- 1205 (vi) a currently valid United States military identification card;
- 1206 (b) one of the following identification cards, regardless of whether the card includes a
1207 photograph of the voter:
- 1208 (i) a valid tribal identification card;
- 1209 (ii) a Bureau of Indian Affairs card; or
- 1210 (iii) a tribal treaty card; or
- 1211 (c) two forms of identification not listed under Subsection (81)(a) or (b) but that bear the
1212 name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct,
1213 which may include:
- 1214 (i) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a current utility bill, dated no more
1215 than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1216 (ii) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a bank or other financial account
1217 statement, dated no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1218 (iii) a certified birth certificate;

- 1219 (iv) a valid social security card;
- 1220 (v) an original or copy of a check issued by the state or the federal government, dated
- 1221 no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1222 (vi) an original or copy of a paycheck from the voter's employer, dated no more than
- 1223 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1224 (vii) a currently valid Utah hunting or fishing license;
- 1225 (viii) certified naturalization documentation;
- 1226 (ix) a currently valid license issued by an authorized agency of the United States;
- 1227 (x) a certified copy of court records showing the voter's adoption or name change;
- 1228 (xi) a valid Medicaid card, Medicare card, or Electronic Benefits Transfer [~~Card~~] card;
- 1229 (xii) a currently valid identification card issued by:
- 1230 (A) a local government within the state;
- 1231 (B) an employer for an employee; or
- 1232 (C) a college, university, technical school, or professional school located within
- 1233 the state; or
- 1234 (xiii) a current Utah vehicle registration.
- 1235 (82) "Valid write-in candidate" means a candidate who has qualified as a write-in candidate
- 1236 by following the procedures and requirements of this title.
- 1237 (83) "Vote by mail" means to vote, using a manual ballot that is mailed to the voter, by:
- 1238 (a) mailing the ballot to the location designated in the mailing; or
- 1239 (b) depositing the ballot in a ballot drop box designated by the election officer.
- 1240 (84) "Voter" means an individual who:
- 1241 (a) meets the requirements for voting in an election;
- 1242 (b) meets the requirements of election registration;
- 1243 (c) is registered to vote; and
- 1244 (d) is listed in the official register.
- 1245 (85) "Voter registration deadline" means the registration deadline provided in Section
- 1246 20A-2-102.5.
- 1247 (86) "Voting area" means the area within six feet of the voting booths, voting machines,
- 1248 and ballot box.
- 1249 (87) "Voting booth" means:
- 1250 (a) the space or compartment within a polling place that is provided for the preparation
- 1251 of ballots, including the voting enclosure or curtain; or
- 1252 (b) a voting device that is free standing.

- 1253 (88) "Voting device" means any device provided by an election officer for a voter to vote a
1254 mechanical ballot.
- 1255 (89) "Voting precinct" means the smallest geographical voting unit, established under
1256 Chapter 5, Part 3, Duties of the County and Municipal Legislative Bodies.
- 1257 (90) "Watcher" means an individual who complies with the requirements described in
1258 Section 20A-3a-801 to become a watcher for an election.
- 1259 (91) "Write-in ballot" means a ballot containing any write-in votes.
- 1260 (92) "Write-in vote" means a vote cast for an individual, whose name is not printed on the
1261 ballot, in accordance with the procedures established in this title.
1262 Section 15. Section **20A-1-1004** is enacted to read:
1263 **20A-1-1004 (Effective upon governor's approval). Signing a petition -- Waiver of**
1264 **privacy status by at-risk voter.**
- 1265 (1) As used in this section, "at-risk voter" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1266 20A-2-601.
- 1267 (2) Subject to Subsection (3), if an at-risk voter signs a petition, the voter's voter
1268 identification number, together with the voter's address, are subject to disclosure to the
1269 same extent, and in the same manner, as the name and address of a voter who is not an
1270 at-risk voter who signs the petition.
- 1271 (3)(a) Subsection (2) applies only to the extent of a disclosure made in direct relation to
1272 the petition, including:
- 1273 (i) disclosing the voter identification number, together with the address, of an at-risk
1274 voter who signed the petition;
- 1275 (ii) signature verification or certification for the petition; or
- 1276 (iii) removing a signature from the petition.
- 1277 (b) Except to the extent described in Subsection (3)(a), the voter registration record of an
1278 at-risk voter retains the classification as a private record.
- 1279 Section 16. Section **20A-2-101.1** is amended to read:
1280 **20A-2-101.1 (Effective 04/06/26). Preregistering to vote.**
- 1281 (1) An individual may preregister to vote if the individual:
- 1282 (a) is 16 or 17 years [~~of age~~] old;
- 1283 (b) is not eligible to register to vote because the individual does not comply with the age
1284 requirements described in Subsection 20A-2-101(1)(c);
- 1285 (c) is a citizen of the United States;
- 1286 (d) has been a resident of Utah for at least 30 calendar days; and

- 1287 (e) currently resides within the voting district or precinct in which the individual
1288 preregisters to vote.
- 1289 (2) An individual described in Subsection (1) may not vote in an election and is not
1290 registered to vote until:
- 1291 (a) the individual is otherwise eligible to register to vote because the individual complies
1292 with the age requirements described in Subsection 20A-2-101(1)(c); and
1293 (b) the county clerk registers the individual to vote under Subsection (4).
- 1294 (3) An individual who preregisters to vote shall:
- 1295 (a) complete a voter registration form, including an indication that the individual is
1296 preregistering to vote; and
1297 (b) submit the voter registration form to a county clerk in person, by mail, or in any
1298 other manner authorized by this chapter for the submission of a voter registration
1299 form.
- 1300 (4)(a) A county clerk shall:
- 1301 (i) retain the voter registration form of an individual who meets the qualifications for
1302 preregistration and who submits a completed voter registration form to the county
1303 clerk under Subsection (3)(b);
1304 (ii) register the individual to vote in the next election in which the individual will be
1305 eligible to vote, before the voter registration deadline established in Section
1306 20A-2-102.5 for that election; and
1307 (iii) send a notice to the individual that:
1308 (A) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been
1309 accepted as an application for preregistration;
1310 (B) informs the individual that the individual will be registered to vote in the next
1311 election in which the individual will be eligible to vote; and
1312 (C) indicates in which election the individual will be registered to vote.
- 1313 (b) An individual who the county clerk registers under Subsection (4)(a)(ii) is
1314 considered to have applied for voter registration on the earlier of:
- 1315 (i) the day of the voter registration deadline immediately preceding the election day
1316 on which the individual will be at least 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old; or
1317 (ii) the day on which the individual turns 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old.
- 1318 (c) A county clerk shall refer a voter registration form to the county attorney for
1319 investigation and possible prosecution if the clerk or the clerk's designee believes the
1320 individual is attempting to preregister to vote in an election in which the individual

1321 will not be legally entitled to vote.

1322 (5)(a) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration
1323 record of an individual who preregisters to vote as a private record until the day on
1324 which the individual turns 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old.

1325 (b) ~~[(b)]~~ Subject to Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(l), and except as otherwise provided in
1326 Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (m), on the day on which the individual
1327 described in Subsection (5)(a) turns 18 years [of age] old, the lieutenant governor or
1328 county clerk shall classify the individual's voter registration record as a public record[
1329 in accordance with Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(l)].

1330 (6) If an individual who is at least 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old erroneously indicates on the voter
1331 registration form that the individual is preregistering to vote, the county clerk shall
1332 consider the form as a voter registration form and shall process the form in accordance
1333 with this chapter.

1334 Section 17. Section **20A-2-104** is amended to read:

1335 **20A-2-104 (Effective 04/06/26). Voter registration form -- Registered voter lists**
1336 **-- Fees for copies.**

1337 ~~[(1) As used in this section:]~~

1338 ~~[(a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:]~~

1339 ~~[(i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;]~~

1340 ~~[(ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or]~~

1341 ~~[(iii) employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual described in~~
1342 ~~Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) for political campaign purposes.]~~

1343 ~~[(b) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-402 and~~
1344 ~~the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.]~~

1345 ~~[(c) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and~~
1346 ~~the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.]~~

1347 ~~[(d) "Hash Code" means a code generated by applying an algorithm to a set of data to~~
1348 ~~produce a code that:]~~

1349 ~~[(i) uniquely represents the set of data;]~~

1350 ~~[(ii) is always the same if the same algorithm is applied to the same set of data; and]~~

1351 ~~[(iii) cannot be reversed to reveal the data applied to the algorithm.]~~

1352 ~~[(e) "Protected individual" means an individual:]~~

1353 ~~[(i) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration~~
1354 ~~record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates~~

1355 ~~on the form that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is~~
1356 ~~a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of~~
1357 ~~domestic violence or dating violence;]~~

1358 [(ii) ~~who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration~~
1359 ~~record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates~~
1360 ~~on the form and provides verification that the individual, or an individual who~~
1361 ~~resides with the individual, is a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed~~
1362 ~~forces as defined in Section 20A-1-513, a public figure, or protected by a~~
1363 ~~protective order or protection order; or]~~

1364 [(iii) ~~whose voter registration record was classified as a private record at the request~~
1365 ~~of the individual before May 12, 2020.]~~

1366 [(2)] (1)(a) An individual applying for voter registration, or an individual preregistering
1367 to vote, shall complete a voter registration form in substantially the following form:

1368 (i) the first part of the form shall include the following:

1369 "-----
1370 -----

1371 UTAH ELECTION REGISTRATION FORM

1372 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

1373 If you checked "no" to the above question, do not complete this form.

1374 Will you be 18 years [of age] old on or before election day? Yes No

1375 If you checked "no" to the above question, are you 16 or 17 years [of age] old and
1376 preregistering to vote? Yes No

1377 If you checked "no" to both of the prior two questions, do not complete this form.

1378 Name of Voter

1379 _____

1380 First Middle Last

1381 Utah Driver License or Utah Identification Card

1382 Number _____

1383 Date of Birth _____

1384 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

1385 _____

1386 City County State Zip Code

1387 Telephone Number (optional) _____

1388 Email Address (optional) _____";

1389 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2027, immediately following the portion of the form
1390 described in Subsection (1)(a)(i), the form shall include the following:

1391 "Do you consent to the election officer providing the following information to
1392 the political party with which you affiliate? (optional):

1393 • The email address you provided above? Yes No

1394 • The phone number you provided above? Yes No"; and

1395 (iii) following the portions of the form required under Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii), the form
1396 shall include the following:

1397 "Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

1398 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if
1399 known)_____

1400 _____

1401 City County State Zip Code

1402 Political Party

1403 (a listing of each registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101 and
1404 maintained by the lieutenant governor under Section 67-1a-2, with each party's name preceded
1405 by a checkbox)

1406 Unaffiliated (no political party preference) Other (Please
1407 specify)_____

1408 I do swear (or affirm), subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information
1409 contained in this form is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the
1410 state of Utah, residing at the above address. Unless I have indicated above that I am
1411 preregistering to vote in a later election, I will be at least 18 years [~~of age~~] old and will have
1412 resided in Utah for 30 calendar days immediately before the next election. I am not a
1413 convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

1414 Signed and sworn

1415 _____

1416 Voter's Signature

1417 _____(month/day/year).

1418 PRIVACY INFORMATION

1419 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
1420 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state
1421 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized
1422 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an

1423 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
 1424 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

1425 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

1426 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration
 1427 record be withheld from public disclosure if:

- 1428 • you are a victim of, or are threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence;
- 1429 • you are, or reside with, a law enforcement officer;
- 1430 • you are, or are a qualified family member of, a member of the military who is deployed
 1431 away from home;
- 1432 • you are, or reside with, a public figure; or
- 1433 • you are, or reside with a person who is, protected by a court order.

1434 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by
 1435 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.

1436 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at
 1437 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor].

1438 ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~
 1439 ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~
 1440 ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~
 1441 ~~requirements of law.~~

1442 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~
 1443 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~
 1444 ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~
 1445 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.~~

1446 ~~You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld~~
 1447 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~
 1448 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:~~

1449 ~~_____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld~~
 1450 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~
 1451 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.~~

1452 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

1453 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying
 1454 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
 1455 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
 1456 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following

1457 paragraphs.

1458 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
1459 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
1460 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
1461 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
1462 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
1463 violence.

1464 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
1465 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
1466 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
1467 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
1468 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
1469 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]

1470 CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT

1471 Name:

1472 Name at birth, if different:

1473 Place of birth:

1474 Date of birth:

1475 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

1476 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a
1477 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and
1478 correct.

1479 _____

1480 Signature of Applicant

1481 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or
1482 allowing yourself to be registered or preregistered to vote if you know you are not entitled to
1483 register or preregister to vote is up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

1484 NOTICE: IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, YOU MUST PRESENT VALID
1485 VOTER IDENTIFICATION TO THE POLL WORKER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
1486 REQUIREMENTS OF LAW.

1487 FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1488 Type of I.D. _____

1489 Voting Precinct _____

1490 Voting I.D. Number _____

1491 -----"

1492 (b) The voter registration form described in Subsection [(2)(a)] (1)(a) shall include:

1493 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

1494 "-----"

BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

1495 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
1496 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

1497 -----";

1498 and

1499
1500 (ii) [no later than November 5, 2025,]the following, immediately after the question described
1501 in Subsection [(2)(b)(i)] (1)(b)(i):

1502 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

1503 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

1504 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

1505 [(e)(i) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(e)(ii), the county clerk shall retain a
1506 copy of each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file,
1507 which may be electronic or some other recognized system.]

1508 [(ii) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the
1509 Division of Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.]

1510 [(3)(a) Each county clerk shall retain lists of currently registered voters.]

1511 [(b) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.]

1512 [(e) If there are any discrepancies between the two lists, the county clerk's list is the
1513 official list.]

1514 [(d) The lieutenant governor and the county clerks may charge the fees established under
1515 the authority of Subsection 63G-2-203(10) to individuals who wish to obtain a copy
1516 of the list of registered voters.]

1517 [(4)(a) As used in this Subsection (4), "qualified person" means:]

1518 [(i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's
1519 or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government
1520 employee;]

1521 [(ii) a health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, or an agent, employee,
1522 or independent contractor of a health care provider;]

1523 [(iii) an insurance company, as defined in Section 67-4a-102, or an agent, employee,
1524 or independent contractor of an insurance company;]

- 1525 ~~[(iv) a financial institution, as defined in Section 7-1-103, or an agent, employee, or~~
1526 ~~independent contractor of a financial institution;]~~
- 1527 ~~[(v) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a political~~
1528 ~~party;]~~
- 1529 ~~[(vi) a candidate for public office, or an employee, independent contractor, or~~
1530 ~~volunteer of a candidate for public office;]~~
- 1531 ~~[(vii) a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi) who, after obtaining a~~
1532 ~~year of birth from the list of registered voters:]~~
- 1533 ~~[(A) provides the year of birth only to a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i)~~
1534 ~~through (vi);]~~
- 1535 ~~[(B) verifies that the person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii)(A) is a person~~
1536 ~~described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi);]~~
- 1537 ~~[(C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the year of birth may~~
1538 ~~not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsections~~
1539 ~~(4)(a)(i) through (vi);]~~
- 1540 ~~[(D) verifies that each person described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii) through (iv) to~~
1541 ~~whom the person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth to~~
1542 ~~verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to~~
1543 ~~confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;]~~
- 1544 ~~[(E) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) to whom the person~~
1545 ~~provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth in the person's capacity~~
1546 ~~as a government official or government employee; and]~~
- 1547 ~~[(F) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the~~
1548 ~~person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth for a political~~
1549 ~~purpose of the political party or candidate for public office; or]~~
- 1550 ~~[(viii) a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) who, after obtaining~~
1551 ~~information under Subsection (4)(n) and (o):]~~
- 1552 ~~[(A) provides the information only to another person described in Subsection~~
1553 ~~(4)(a)(v) or (vi);]~~
- 1554 ~~[(B) verifies that the other person described in Subsection (4)(a)(viii)(A) is a~~
1555 ~~person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi);]~~
- 1556 ~~[(C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the information may~~
1557 ~~not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsection~~
1558 ~~(4)(a)(v) or (vi); and]~~

1559 ~~[(D) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom~~
1560 ~~the person provides the information will only use the information for a political~~
1561 ~~purpose of the political party or candidate for public office.]~~

1562 ~~[(b) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j)(iv), and except as provided in~~
1563 ~~Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall,~~
1564 ~~when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person under this section,~~
1565 ~~include, with the list, the years of birth of the registered voters, if:]~~

1566 ~~[(i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and~~
1567 ~~that the person is a qualified person; and]~~

1568 ~~[(ii) the qualified person signs a document that includes the following:]~~

1569 ~~[(A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of~~
1570 ~~registered voters;]~~

1571 ~~[(B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list~~
1572 ~~claims to be;]~~

1573 ~~[(C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the~~
1574 ~~years of birth;]~~

1575 ~~[(D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the year of birth~~
1576 ~~of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters;]~~

1577 ~~[(E) a statement that the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the~~
1578 ~~list of registered voters may not be provided or used for a purpose other than a~~
1579 ~~purpose described under Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(D);]~~

1580 ~~[(F) a statement that if the person obtains the year of birth of a registered voter~~
1581 ~~from the list of registered voters under false pretenses, or provides or uses the~~
1582 ~~year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered~~
1583 ~~voters in a manner that is prohibited by law, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor~~
1584 ~~and is subject to a civil fine;]~~

1585 ~~[(G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the year~~
1586 ~~of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters in~~
1587 ~~a manner that is prohibited by law; and]~~

1588 ~~[(H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person~~
1589 ~~is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.]~~

1590 ~~[(e) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk:]~~

1591 ~~[(i) may not disclose the year of birth of a registered voter to a person that the~~
1592 ~~lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:]~~

- 1593 [~~(A) is not a qualified person or a person described in Subsection (4)(l); or]~~
 1594 [~~(B) will provide or use the year of birth in a manner prohibited by law; and]~~
 1595 [~~(ii) may not disclose information under Subsections (4)(n) or (o) to a person that the~~
 1596 lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:]
 1597 [~~(A) is not a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); or]~~
 1598 [~~(B) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.]~~
 1599 [~~(d) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the voter registration~~
 1600 form of a person, or information included in the person's voter registration form,
 1601 whose voter registration form is classified as private under Subsection (4)(h) to a
 1602 person other than:]
 1603 [~~(i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's~~
 1604 or government employee's capacity as a government official or government
 1605 employee; or]
 1606 [~~(ii) subject to Subsection (4)(e), a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) for~~
 1607 a political purpose.]
 1608 [~~(e)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(e)(ii), when disclosing a record or~~
 1609 information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii), the lieutenant governor or county clerk
 1610 shall exclude the information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j), other than
 1611 the year of birth.]
 1612 [~~(ii) If disclosing a record or information under Subsection (4)(d)(ii) in relation to the~~
 1613 voter registration record of a protected individual, the lieutenant governor or
 1614 county clerk shall comply with Subsections (4)(n) through (p).]
 1615 [~~(f) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose a withholding request~~
 1616 form, described in Subsections (7) and (8), submitted by an individual, or information
 1617 obtained from that form, to a person other than a government official or government
 1618 employee acting in the government official's or government employee's capacity as a
 1619 government official or government employee.]
 1620 [~~(g) A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if the person:]~~
 1621 [~~(i) obtains from the list of registered voters, under false pretenses, the year of birth~~
 1622 of a registered voter or information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o);]
 1623 [~~(ii) uses or provides the year of birth of a registered voter, or information described~~
 1624 in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), that is obtained from the list of registered voters in a
 1625 manner that is not permitted by law;]
 1626 [~~(iii) obtains a voter registration record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k)~~

- 1627 under false pretenses;]
- 1628 [(iv) uses or provides information obtained from a voter registration record described
- 1629 in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) in a manner that is not permitted by law;]
- 1630 [(v) unlawfully discloses or obtains a voter registration record withheld under
- 1631 Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in Subsections (7) and (8);
- 1632 or]
- 1633 [(vi) unlawfully discloses or obtains information from a voter registration record
- 1634 withheld under Subsection (7) or a withholding request form described in
- 1635 Subsections (7) and (8).]
- 1636 [(h) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration record
- 1637 of a voter as a private record if the voter:]
- 1638 [(i) submits a written application, created by the lieutenant governor, requesting that
- 1639 the voter's voter registration record be classified as private;]
- 1640 [(ii) requests on the voter's voter registration form that the voter's voter registration
- 1641 record be classified as a private record; or]
- 1642 [(iii) submits a withholding request form described in Subsection (7) and any
- 1643 required verification.]
- 1644 [(i) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(d)(ii) and (e)(ii), the lieutenant governor or a
- 1645 county clerk may not disclose to a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) a
- 1646 voter registration record, or information obtained from a voter registration record, if
- 1647 the record is withheld under Subsection (7).]
- 1648 [(j) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed under this section, the
- 1649 lieutenant governor may impose a civil fine against a person who violates a provision
- 1650 of this section, in an amount equal to the greater of:]
- 1651 [(i) the product of 30 and the square root of the total number of:]
- 1652 [(A) records obtained, provided, or used unlawfully, rounded to the nearest whole
- 1653 dollar; or]
- 1654 [(B) records from which information is obtained, provided, or used unlawfully,
- 1655 rounded to the nearest whole dollar; or]
- 1656 [(ii) \$200.]
- 1657 [(k) A qualified person may not obtain, provide, or use the year of birth of a registered
- 1658 voter, if the year of birth is obtained from the list of registered voters or from a voter
- 1659 registration record, unless the person:]
- 1660 [(i) is a government official or government employee who obtains, provides, or uses

1661 the year of birth in the government official's or government employee's capacity
1662 as a government official or government employee;]

1663 [~~(ii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), (iii), or (iv) and obtains or~~
1664 ~~uses the year of birth only to verify the accuracy of personal information~~
1665 ~~submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to~~
1666 ~~prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;]~~

1667 [~~(iii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) and obtains,~~
1668 ~~provides, or uses the year of birth for a political purpose of the political party or~~
1669 ~~candidate for public office; or]~~

1670 [~~(iv) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii) and obtains, provides, or~~
1671 ~~uses the year of birth to provide the year of birth to another qualified person to~~
1672 ~~verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to~~
1673 ~~confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse.]~~

1674 [(l) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may provide a year of birth to a member
1675 of the media, in relation to an individual designated by the member of the media, in
1676 order for the member of the media to verify the identity of the individual.]

1677 [(m) A person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) may not use or disclose
1678 information from a voter registration record for a purpose other than a political
1679 purpose.]

1680 [(n) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a
1681 county clerk shall, when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person
1682 described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), include, from the record of a voter whose
1683 record is withheld under Subsection (7), the information described in Subsection
1684 (4)(o), if:]

1685 [(i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and
1686 that the person is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and]

1687 [(ii) the qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) signs a document
1688 that includes the following:]

1689 [(A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of
1690 registered voters;]

1691 [(B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list
1692 claims to be;]

1693 [(C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the
1694 information;]

- 1695 [~~(D)~~ a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the information;]
- 1696 [~~(E)~~ a statement that the information may not be provided or used for a purpose
- 1697 other than a purpose described under Subsection (4)(n)(ii)(~~D~~);]
- 1698 [~~(F)~~ a statement that if the person obtains the information under false pretenses, or
- 1699 provides or uses the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, the
- 1700 person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and is subject to a civil fine;]
- 1701 [~~(G)~~ an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the
- 1702 information in a manner that is prohibited by law; and]
- 1703 [~~(H)~~ notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person
- 1704 is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.]
- 1705 [(~~o~~) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(~~p~~), the information that the lieutenant
- 1706 governor or a county clerk is required to provide, under Subsection (4)(n), from the
- 1707 record of a protected individual is:]
- 1708 [(~~i~~) a single hash code, generated from a string of data that includes both the voter's
- 1709 voter identification number and residential address;]
- 1710 [(~~ii~~) the voter's residential address;]
- 1711 [(~~iii~~) the voter's mailing address, if different from the voter's residential address;]
- 1712 [(~~iv~~) the party affiliation of the voter;]
- 1713 [(~~v~~) the precinct number for the voter's residential address;]
- 1714 [(~~vi~~) the voter's voting history; and]
- 1715 [(~~vii~~) a designation of which age group, of the following age groups, the voter falls
- 1716 within:]
- 1717 [(~~A~~) 25 or younger;]
- 1718 [(~~B~~) 26 through 35;]
- 1719 [(~~C~~) 36 through 45;]
- 1720 [(~~D~~) 46 through 55;]
- 1721 [(~~E~~) 56 through 65;]
- 1722 [(~~F~~) 66 through 75; or]
- 1723 [(~~G~~) 76 or older.]
- 1724 [(~~p~~) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose:]
- 1725 [(~~i~~) information described in Subsection (4)(~~o~~) that, due to a small number of voters
- 1726 affiliated with a particular political party, or due to another reason, would likely
- 1727 reveal the identity of a voter if disclosed; or]
- 1728 [(~~ii~~) the address described in Subsection (4)(~~o~~)(~~iii~~) if the lieutenant governor or the

1729 county clerk determines that the nature of the address would directly reveal
1730 sensitive information about the voter.]

1731 [(q) A qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), may not obtain,
1732 provide, or use the information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), except to the
1733 extent that the qualified person uses the information for a political purpose of a
1734 political party or candidate for public office.]

1735 [(5)] (2) When political parties not listed on the voter registration form qualify as registered
1736 political parties under Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures, the
1737 lieutenant governor shall inform the county clerks of the name of the new political party
1738 and direct the county clerks to ensure that the voter registration form is modified to
1739 include that political party.

1740 [(6)] (3) Upon receipt of a voter registration form from an applicant, the county clerk or the
1741 clerk's designee shall:

- 1742 (a) review each voter registration form for completeness and accuracy; and
- 1743 (b) if the county clerk believes, based upon a review of the form, that an individual may
1744 be seeking to register or preregister to vote who is not legally entitled to register or
1745 preregister to vote, refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and
1746 possible prosecution.

1747 [(7) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall withhold from a person, other than a
1748 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), the voter registration record, and information
1749 obtained from the voter registration record, of a protected individual.]

1750 [(8)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute a withholding request form
1751 for the purpose described in Subsections (1)(e)(i), (1)(e)(ii), (7), and this Subsection
1752 (8) to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration form.]

1753 [(b) An individual described in Subsection (1)(e)(i) is not required to provide
1754 verification, other than the individual's attestation and signature on the withholding
1755 request form, that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a
1756 victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic
1757 violence or dating violence.]

1758 [(c) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
1759 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
1760 establishing requirements for providing the verification described in Subsection
1761 (1)(e)(ii).]

1762 [(9) An election officer or an employee of an election officer may not encourage an

1763 individual to submit, or discourage an individual from submitting, a withholding request
1764 form.]

1765 ~~[(10)(a) The lieutenant governor shall make and execute a plan to provide notice to~~
1766 ~~registered voters who are protected individuals, that includes the following~~
1767 ~~information:]~~

1768 ~~[(i) that the voter's classification of the record as private remains in effect;]~~
1769 ~~[(ii) that certain non-identifying information from the voter's voter registration record~~
1770 ~~may, under certain circumstances, be released to political parties and candidates~~
1771 ~~for public office;]~~

1772 ~~[(iii) that the voter's name, driver license or identification card number, social~~
1773 ~~security number, email address, phone number, and the voter's day, month, and~~
1774 ~~year of birth will remain private and will not be released to political parties or~~
1775 ~~candidates for public office;]~~

1776 ~~[(iv) that a county clerk will only release the information to political parties and~~
1777 ~~candidates in a manner that does not associate the information with a particular~~
1778 ~~voter; and]~~

1779 ~~[(v) that a county clerk may, under certain circumstances, withhold other information~~
1780 ~~that the county clerk determines would reveal identifying information about the~~
1781 ~~voter.]~~

1782 ~~[(b) The lieutenant governor may include in the notice described in this Subsection (10)~~
1783 ~~a statement that a voter may obtain additional information on the lieutenant~~
1784 ~~governor's website.]~~

1785 ~~[(c) The plan described in Subsection (10)(a) may include providing the notice described~~
1786 ~~in Subsection (10)(a) by:]~~

1787 ~~[(i) publication on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section 63A-16-601;]~~
1788 ~~[(ii) publication on the lieutenant governor's website or a county's website;]~~
1789 ~~[(iii) posting the notice in public locations;]~~
1790 ~~[(iv) publication in a newspaper;]~~
1791 ~~[(v) sending notification to the voters by electronic means;]~~
1792 ~~[(vi) sending notice by other methods used by government entities to communicate~~
1793 ~~with citizens; or]~~

1794 ~~[(vii) providing notice by any other method.]~~

1795 ~~[(d) The lieutenant governor shall provide the notice included in a plan described in this~~
1796 ~~Subsection (10) before June 16, 2023.]~~

1797 Section 18. Section **20A-2-108** is amended to read:

1798 **20A-2-108 (Effective 04/06/26). Driver license or state identification card**
 1799 **registration form -- Transmittal of information.**

1800 (1) As used in this section, "qualifying form" means:

- 1801 (a) a driver license application form; or
 1802 (b) a state identification card application form.

1803 (2) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall design each qualifying
 1804 form to include:

1805 (a)(i) the following question, which an applicant is required to answer: "Do you
 1806 authorize the use of information in this form for voter registration purposes?
 1807 YES___ NO___"; and

1808 (ii) [~~no later than November 5, 2025,~~]the following:

1809 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

1810 ___ Mail a ballot to me.

1811 ___ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person.";

1812 (b) the following statement:

1813 "PRIVACY INFORMATION

1814 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
 1815 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state
 1816 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized
 1817 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an
 1818 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
 1819 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

1820 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

1821 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration
 1822 record be withheld from public disclosure if:

- 1823 • you are a victim of, or are threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence;
- 1824 • you are, or reside with, a law enforcement officer;
- 1825 • you are, or are a qualified family member of, a member of the military who is deployed
 1826 away from home;
- 1827 • you are, or reside with, a public figure; or
- 1828 • you are, or reside with a person who is, protected by a court order.

1829 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by
 1830 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.

1831 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at
1832 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor]."; and
1833 ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~
1834 ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~
1835 ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~
1836 ~~requirements of law.~~

1837 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~
1838 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~
1839 ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~
1840 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.~~

1841 ~~You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld~~
1842 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~
1843 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:~~

1844 ~~_____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld~~
1845 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~
1846 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.~~

1847 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

1848 ~~In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying~~
1849 ~~information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates~~
1850 ~~for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a~~
1851 ~~withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following~~
1852 ~~paragraphs:~~

1853 ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~
1854 ~~records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their~~
1855 ~~contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this~~
1856 ~~registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely~~
1857 ~~to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating~~
1858 ~~violence.~~

1859 ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~
1860 ~~records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their~~
1861 ~~contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any~~
1862 ~~required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,~~
1863 ~~if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the~~
1864 ~~armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."; and]~~

1865 (c) a section in substantially the following form:

1866 "-----
 1867 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**
 1868 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
 1869 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No
 1870 -----".

1871 (3) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall ensure that a qualifying
1872 form contains:

1873 (a) a place for an individual to affirm the individual's citizenship, voting eligibility, and
1874 Utah residency, and that the information provided in the form is true;

1875 (b) a records disclosure that is similar to the records disclosure on a voter registration
1876 form described in Section 20A-2-104;

1877 (c) a statement that if an applicant declines to register or preregister to vote, the fact that
1878 the applicant has declined to register or preregister will remain confidential and will
1879 be used only for voter registration purposes;

1880 (d) a statement that if an applicant does register or preregister to vote, the office at which
1881 the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will
1882 be used only for voter registration purposes; and

1883 (e) if the applicant answers "yes" to the question described in Subsection [(2)(a)] (2)(a)(i),
1884 a space where an individual may, if desired:

1885 (i) indicate the individual's desired political affiliation from a listing of each
1886 registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101;

1887 (ii) specify a political party that is not listed under Subsection (3)(e)(i) with which the
1888 individual desires to affiliate; or

1889 (iii) indicate that the individual does not wish to affiliate with a political party.

1890 Section 19. Section **20A-2-204** is amended to read:

1891 **20A-2-204 (Effective 04/06/26). Registering to vote when applying for or**
1892 **renewing a driver license or other qualifying form.**

1893 (1) As used in this section, "voter registration form" means, when an individual named on a
1894 qualifying form, as defined in Section 20A-2-108, answers "yes" to the question
1895 described in Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(a)(i), the information on the qualifying form that
1896 can be used for voter registration purposes.

1897 (2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a citizen who is qualified to vote may
1898 register to vote, and a citizen who is qualified to preregister to vote may preregister to

- 1899 vote, by answering "yes" to the question described in Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(a)(i)
 1900 and completing the voter registration form.
- 1901 (b) A citizen who is a program participant in the Safe at Home Program created in
 1902 Section 77-38-602 is not eligible to register to vote as described in Subsection (2)(a),
 1903 but is eligible to register to vote by any other means described in this part.
- 1904 (3) The Driver License Division shall:
- 1905 (a) assist an individual in completing the voter registration form unless the individual
 1906 refuses assistance;
- 1907 (b) electronically transmit each address change to the lieutenant governor on or before
 1908 the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on which the
 1909 division receives the address change; and
- 1910 (c) on or before the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on
 1911 which the division receives a voter registration form, electronically transmit the form
 1912 to the ~~[Office of the Lieutenant Governor]~~ lieutenant governor, including the
 1913 following for the individual named on the form:
- 1914 (i) the name, date of birth, driver license or state identification card number, last four
 1915 digits of the social security number, Utah residential address, place of birth, and
 1916 signature;
- 1917 (ii) a mailing address, if different from the individual's Utah residential address;
- 1918 (iii) an email address and phone number, if available;
- 1919 (iv) the desired political affiliation, if indicated; and
- 1920 ~~[(v) an indication of whether the individual requested that the individual's voter~~
 1921 ~~registration record be classified as a private record under Subsection~~
 1922 ~~20A-2-108(2)(b); and]~~
- 1923 ~~[(vi)]~~ (v) ~~[a withholding]~~ an at-risk designation request form described in ~~[Subsections~~
 1924 ~~20A-2-104(7) and (8)]~~ Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted with the
 1925 form.
- 1926 (4) Upon receipt of an individual's voter registration form from the Driver License Division
 1927 under Subsection (3), the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall:
- 1928 (a) enter the information into the statewide voter registration database; and
- 1929 (b) if the individual ~~[requests on the individual's voter registration form that the~~
 1930 ~~individual's voter registration record be classified as a private record or the individual~~
 1931 ~~submits a withholding request form described in Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)]~~
 1932 submits an at-risk designation request form described in Section 20A-2-606 and any

- 1933 required verification, classify the individual's voter registration record as a private
1934 record.
- 1935 (5) The county clerk of an individual whose information is entered into the statewide voter
1936 registration database under Subsection (4) shall:
- 1937 (a) ensure that the individual meets the qualifications to be registered or preregistered to
1938 vote; and
- 1939 (b)(i) if the individual meets the qualifications to be registered to vote:
- 1940 (A) ensure that the individual is assigned to the proper voting precinct; and
1941 (B) send the individual the notice described in Section 20A-2-304; or
- 1942 (ii) if the individual meets the qualifications to be preregistered to vote, process the
1943 form in accordance with the requirements of Section 20A-2-101.1.
- 1944 (6)(a) When the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form
1945 under this section, the clerk shall:
- 1946 (i) comply with the applicable provisions of this Subsection (6); or
1947 (ii) if the individual is preregistering to vote, comply with Section 20A-2-101.1.
- 1948 (b) If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this
1949 section no later than 5 p.m. or, if submitting the form electronically, midnight, 11
1950 calendar days before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:
- 1951 (i) accept the voter registration form; and
1952 (ii) unless the individual is preregistering to vote:
- 1953 (A) enter the individual's name on the list of registered voters for the voting
1954 precinct in which the individual resides; and
1955 (B) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming
1956 election; and
- 1957 (iii) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section
1958 20A-2-101.1.
- 1959 (c) If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this
1960 section after the deadline described in Subsection (6)(b), the county clerk shall,
1961 unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:
- 1962 (i) accept the application for registration of the individual;
1963 (ii) process the voter registration form; and
1964 (iii) unless the individual is preregistering to vote, and except as provided in
1965 Subsection 20A-2-207(6), inform the individual that the individual will not be
1966 registered to vote in the pending election, unless the individual registers to vote by

1967 provisional ballot during the early voting period, if applicable, or on election day,
 1968 in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.

1969 (7)(a) If the county clerk determines that an individual's voter registration form received
 1970 from the Driver License Division is incorrect because of an error, because the form is
 1971 incomplete, or because the individual does not meet the qualifications to be registered
 1972 to vote, the county clerk shall mail notice to the individual stating that the individual
 1973 has not been registered or preregistered because of an error, because the registration
 1974 form is incomplete, or because the individual does not meet the qualifications to be
 1975 registered to vote.

1976 (b) If a county clerk believes, based upon a review of a voter registration form, that an
 1977 individual, who knows that the individual is not legally entitled to register or
 1978 preregister to vote, may be intentionally seeking to register or preregister to vote, the
 1979 county clerk shall refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and possible
 1980 prosecution.

1981 Section 20. Section **20A-2-206** is amended to read:

1982 **20A-2-206 (Effective 04/06/26). Electronic registration -- Requesting to receive a**
 1983 **ballot by mail.**

1984 (1) The lieutenant governor shall create and maintain an electronic system that is publicly
 1985 available on the [~~Internet~~] internet for an individual to:

1986 (a) apply for voter registration or preregistration; or

1987 (b) beginning no later than July 1, 2025, request to receive a ballot by mail.

1988 (2) The electronic system described in Subsection (1) shall require, to register to vote, the
 1989 applicant to:

1990 (a) enter the applicant's name, address, date of birth, driver license number or state
 1991 identification card number, and any other information determined to be necessary by
 1992 the lieutenant governor;

1993 (b) provide the information required by Section 20A-2-104, except that the applicant's
 1994 signature may be obtained in the manner described in Subsections (2)(d) and (5);

1995 (c) attest to the truth of the information provided; and

1996 (d) authorize the lieutenant governor's and county clerk's use of the applicant's:

1997 (i) driver license or identification card signature, obtained under Title 53, Chapter 3,
 1998 Uniform Driver License Act, for voter registration or preregistration purposes; or

1999 (ii) signature on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database
 2000 developed under Section 20A-2-502, for voter registration or preregistration

- 2001 purposes.
- 2002 (3) Notwithstanding Section 20A-2-104, an applicant using the electronic system described
- 2003 in Subsection (1) is not required to complete a printed registration form.
- 2004 (4) A system created and maintained under this section shall provide to an individual who is
- 2005 registering to vote the notices concerning a voter's presentation of identification
- 2006 described in Subsection [~~20A-2-104(2)~~] 20A-2-104(1).
- 2007 (5) The lieutenant governor shall, in relation to an individual who is registering to vote:
- 2008 (a) obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver license signature or identification card
- 2009 signature from the Driver License Division; or
- 2010 (b) ensure that the applicant's signature is on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide
- 2011 voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 2012 (6) The lieutenant governor shall send the information described in Subsections (2) and (5)
- 2013 to the county clerk for the county in which the applicant's principal place of residence is
- 2014 found for further action as required by Section 20A-2-304 after:
- 2015 (a) receiving all information from an applicant; [~~and~~]
- 2016 (b)[~~(i)~~] receiving all information from the Driver License Division, if applicable; and
- 2017 [~~(ii)~~] (c) ensuring that the applicant's signature is on file in the lieutenant governor's
- 2018 statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 2019 (7) The lieutenant governor may use additional security measures to ensure the accuracy
- 2020 and integrity of information submitted electronically under this section.
- 2021 (8) If an individual applies to register under this section no later than 11 calendar days
- 2022 before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:
- 2023 (a) accept and process the voter registration form;
- 2024 (b) unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:
- 2025 (i) enter the applicant's name on the list of registered voters for the voting precinct in
- 2026 which the applicant resides; and
- 2027 (ii) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming
- 2028 election; and
- 2029 (c) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section
- 2030 20A-2-101.1.
- 2031 (9) If an individual applies to register under this section after the deadline described in
- 2032 Subsection (8), the county clerk shall, unless the individual is preregistering to vote:
- 2033 (a) accept the application for registration; and
- 2034 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-2-207(6), if possible, promptly inform the

2035 individual that the individual will not be registered to vote in the pending election,
 2036 unless the individual registers to vote by provisional ballot during the early voting
 2037 period, if applicable, on election day, in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.

2038 (10) The lieutenant governor shall provide a means by which a registered voter shall sign
 2039 the application form.

2040 (11) For an individual who is registering to vote or is already registered to vote, the electronic
 2041 system described in Subsection (1) shall include the following:

2042 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

2043 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

2044 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

2045 Section 21. Section **20A-2-304** is amended to read:

2046 **20A-2-304 (Effective upon governor's approval). County clerk's responsibilities**

2047 **-- Notice of disposition.**

2048 Each county clerk shall:

2049 (1) register to vote each individual who meets the requirements for registration and who:

2050 (a) submits a completed voter registration form to the county clerk;

2051 (b) submits a completed voter registration form, as defined in [~~Section 20A-2-204~~]
 2052 Subsection 20A-2-204(1), to the Driver License Division;

2053 (c) submits a completed voter registration form to a public assistance agency or a
 2054 discretionary voter registration agency; or

2055 (d) mails a completed voter registration form to the county clerk; and

2056 (2) within 30 calendar days after the day on which the county clerk processes a voter
 2057 registration form, send a notice to the individual who submits the form that:

2058 (a)(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been
 2059 accepted and that the individual is registered to vote;

2060 (ii) informs the individual of the procedure for designating or changing the
 2061 individual's political affiliation;

2062 (iii) informs the individual of the procedure to cancel a voter registration;

2063 (iv) provides instructions to the voter on how the voter may sign up to receive
 2064 electronic ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in
 2065 Section 20A-3a-401.5; and

2066 (v) confirms that the individual has chosen to receive electronic ballot status
 2067 notifications if the individual opted to receive electronic ballot status notifications
 2068 on the voter registration form;

2069 (b) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been rejected
2070 and the reason for the rejection; or

2071 (c)(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form is being
2072 returned to the individual for further action because the form is incomplete; and
2073 (ii) gives instructions to the individual on how to properly complete the form.

2074 Section 22. Section **20A-2-504** is amended to read:

2075 **20A-2-504 (Effective upon governor's approval). Removing names from the**
2076 **official register -- General requirements -- Deceased individuals.**

2077 (1) The county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register solely
2078 because the voter has failed to vote in an election.

2079 (2) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register if:

2080 (a) the voter dies and the requirements of Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4) are met;

2081 (b) the county clerk, after complying with the requirements of Section 20A-2-505,
2082 receives written confirmation from the voter that the voter no longer resides within
2083 the county clerk's county;

2084 (c)(i) the county clerk obtains evidence that the voter's residence has changed;

2085 (ii) the county clerk mails notice to the voter as required under Section 20A-2-505;

2086 (iii) the county clerk:

2087 (A) receives no response from the voter; or

2088 (B) does not receive information that confirms the voter's residence; and

2089 (iv) the voter does not vote or appear to vote in an election during the period
2090 beginning on the date of the notice described in Section 20A-2-505 and ending on
2091 the day after the date of the second regular general election occurring after the
2092 date of the notice;

2093 (d) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed from the official
2094 register;

2095 (e) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has been convicted of any felony or a
2096 misdemeanor for an offense under this title and the voter's right to vote has not been
2097 restored as provided in Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5; or

2098 (f) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has registered to vote in another state
2099 after the day on which the voter registered to vote in this state.

2100 (3) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk the United States Social
2101 Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased
2102 individuals.

2103 [~~(3)~~] (4) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register within five
 2104 business days after the day on which the county clerk[-] :
 2105 (a) receives, from the lieutenant governor, the information described in Subsection (3) or
 2106 26B-8-114(11) in relation to the voter; or
 2107 (b) receives confirmation from the Office of Vital Records and Statistics that the voter is
 2108 deceased.

2109 [~~(4)~~] (5) No later than 90 calendar days before each primary election day and general
 2110 election day[-] :
 2111 (a) the county clerk shall update the official register by reviewing the official register
 2112 and taking the actions permitted or required by law under this section, Section
 2113 20A-2-503, and Section 20A-2-505[-] ; and
 2114 (b) the lieutenant governor shall compare the records that the lieutenant governor
 2115 receives under Subsections (3) and 26B-8-114(11) to the official register to ensure
 2116 that each county clerk complies with Subsection (4).

2117 Section 23. Section **20A-2-505** is amended to read:

2118 **20A-2-505 (Effective 04/06/26). Removing names from the official register --**
 2119 **Determining and confirming change of residence.**

2120 (1) A county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register on the grounds
 2121 that the voter has changed residence unless the voter:
 2122 (a) confirms in writing that the voter has changed residence to a place outside the
 2123 county; or
 2124 (b)(i) does not vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the
 2125 notice described in Subsection (3), and ending on the day after the date of the
 2126 second regular general election occurring after the date of the notice; and
 2127 (ii) does not respond to the notice described in Subsection (3).
 2128 (2)(a) Within 31 calendar days after the day on which a county clerk obtains information
 2129 that a voter's address has changed, if it appears that the voter still resides within the
 2130 same county, the county clerk shall:
 2131 (i) change the official register to show the voter's new address; and
 2132 (ii) send to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3).
 2133 (b) When a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed and it
 2134 appears that the voter now resides in a different county, the county clerk shall verify
 2135 the changed residence by sending to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice
 2136 described in Subsection (3), printed on a postage prepaid, preaddressed return form.

2137 (3)(a) Each county clerk shall use substantially the following form to notify voters
2138 whose addresses have changed:

2139 (i) the first part of the form shall include the following:

2140 "VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

2141 We have been notified that your residence has changed. Please read, complete, and
2142 return this form so that we can update our voter registration records. What is your current
2143 street address?

2144 _____

2145 Street City County State Zip

2146 What is your current phone number (optional)? _____

2147 What is your current email address (optional)? _____";

2148 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2027, immediately following the portion of the form described in
2149 Subsection (3)(a)(i), the form shall include the following:

2150 "Do you consent to the election officer providing the following information to the
2151 political party with which you affiliate? (optional):

2152 • The email address you provided above? Yes No

2153 • The phone number you provided above? Yes No"; and

2154 (iii) following the portions of the form required under Subsections (3)(a)(i) and (ii), the form
2155 shall include the following:

2156 "If you have not changed your residence, or have moved but stayed within the same county,
2157 you must complete and return this form to the county clerk so that it is received by the county
2158 clerk before 5 p.m. no later than 30 calendar days before the date of the election. If you fail to
2159 return this form within that time:

2160 - you may be required to show evidence of your address to the poll worker before being
2161 allowed to vote in either of the next two regular general elections; or

2162 - if you fail to vote at least once, from the date this notice was mailed until the passing of
2163 two regular general elections, you will no longer be registered to vote. If you have changed
2164 your residence and have moved to a different county in Utah, you may register to vote by
2165 contacting the county clerk in your county.

2166 _____

2167 Signature of Voter

2168 PRIVACY INFORMATION

2169 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such
2170 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state

2171 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized
 2172 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an
 2173 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
 2174 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

2175 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

2176 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration
 2177 record be withheld from public disclosure if:

- 2178 • you are a victim of, or are threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence;
- 2179 • you are, or reside with, a law enforcement officer;
- 2180 • you are, or are a qualified family member of, a member of the military who is deployed
 2181 away from home;
- 2182 • you are, or reside with, a public figure; or
- 2183 • you are, or reside with a person who is, protected by a court order.

2184 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by
 2185 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.

2186 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at
 2187 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor]."

2188 [Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as
 2189 your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and
 2190 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the
 2191 requirements of law.

2192 Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email
 2193 address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your
 2194 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,
 2195 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

2196 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld
 2197 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
 2198 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

2199 _____ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld
 2200 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
 2201 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

2202 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

2203 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying
 2204 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates

2205 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
2206 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
2207 paragraphs.

2208 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
2209 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
2210 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
2211 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
2212 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
2213 violence.

2214 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
2215 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
2216 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
2217 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
2218 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
2219 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."]

2220 (b) The form described in Subsection (3)(a) shall also include:

2221 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

2222 "-----

2223 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**

2224 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official
2225 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

2226 -----";

2227 and

2228 (ii) [no later than November 5, 2025,]the following, immediately after the question described
2229 in Subsection (3)(b)(i):

2230 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

2231 _____ Mail a ballot to me.

2232 _____ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

2233 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the county clerk may not remove the
2234 names of any voters from the official register during the 90 calendar days before a
2235 regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before a regular general election.

2236 (b) The county clerk may remove the names of voters from the official register during
2237 the 90 calendar days before a regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before
2238 a regular general election if:

- 2239 (i) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed; or
 2240 (ii) the voter dies.
- 2241 (c)(i) After a county clerk mails a notice under this section, the county clerk shall,
 2242 unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.
- 2243 (ii) If a county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that
 2244 there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further
 2245 information to contact the voter, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise
 2246 prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.
- 2247 (iii) An inactive voter may vote, sign petitions, and have all other privileges of a
 2248 registered voter.
- 2249 (iv) A county is not required to:
 2250 (A) send routine mailings to an inactive voter; or
 2251 (B) count inactive voters when dividing precincts and preparing supplies.
- 2252 [~~(5) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk United States Social~~
 2253 ~~Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased~~
 2254 ~~individuals.]~~
- 2255 [~~(6) A county clerk shall, within 10 business days after the day on which the county clerk~~
 2256 ~~receives the information described in Subsection (5) or Subsections 26B-8-114(11) and~~
 2257 ~~(12) relating to a decedent whose name appears on the official register, remove the~~
 2258 ~~decedent's name from the official register.]~~
- 2259 [~~(7) Ninety calendar days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor~~
 2260 ~~shall compare the information the lieutenant governor has received under Subsection~~
 2261 ~~26B-8-114(11) with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have~~
 2262 ~~been removed from the official register.]~~

2263 Section 24. Section **20A-2-601** is enacted to read:

2264 **Part 6. Provision and Protection of Voter Data**

2265 **20A-2-601 (Effective upon governor's approval). Definitions.**

2266 As used in this part:

- 2267 (1) "Age range" means one of the following age ranges within which a registered voter's
 2268 age falls:
- 2269 (a) 18 through 19 years old;
 2270 (b) 20 through 22 years old;
 2271 (c) 23 through 25 years old;
 2272 (d) 26 through 30 years old;

- 2273 (e) 31 through 35 years old;
2274 (f) 36 through 40 years old;
2275 (g) 41 through 45 years old;
2276 (h) 46 through 55 years old; or
2277 (i) an age range above the age range described in Subsection (1)(h), in increasing
2278 10-year increments.
- 2279 (2) "At-risk voter" means a voter who is designated as an at-risk voter under Subsection
2280 20A-2-602(4)(a) or Section 20A-2-606.
- 2281 (3)(a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:
- 2282 (i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;
2283 (ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or
2284 (iii) who is employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual
2285 described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) or (ii), who is authorized to act on behalf of the
2286 individual described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) or (ii) for political purposes.
- 2287 (b) "Candidate for public office" does not include:
- 2288 (i) an individual described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) or (ii) who is eliminated as a
2289 candidate for:
- 2290 (A) failure to qualify for the primary election ballot via signature-gathering or
2291 convention;
2292 (B) failure to advance to the general election; or
2293 (C) any other reason provided by law; or
- 2294 (ii) an individual who is employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an
2295 individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(i).
- 2296 (4) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-102 and the
2297 federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
- 2298 (5) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and the
2299 federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
- 2300 (6)(a) "Government entity" means:
- 2301 (i) the state; or
2302 (ii) a county, city, town, school district, special district, special service district, or
2303 other political subdivision of the state.
- 2304 (b) "Government entity" includes an agency, bureau, office, department, division, board,
2305 commission, institution, laboratory, or other instrumentality of an entity described in
2306 Subsection (6)(a).

- 2307 (7) "Government official" means:
- 2308 (a) an elected or appointed officer of a government entity; or
- 2309 (b) an employee of a government entity.
- 2310 (8) "Mailed ballot report" means the following information for an election:
- 2311 (a) for each public registered voter:
- 2312 (i) the voter's voter identification number;
- 2313 (ii) the voter's full legal name;
- 2314 (iii) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
- 2315 (iv) the voter's county of residence;
- 2316 (v) the voter's precinct and congressional district;
- 2317 (vi) the date the ballot was mailed to the voter;
- 2318 (vii) the date the ballot was processed; and
- 2319 (viii) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated; and
- 2320 (b) for each at-risk voter, the information described in Subsections (8)(a)(iv) through
- 2321 (viii), without disclosing the identity of the voter.
- 2322 (9) "Political party" means the same as that term is defined in Section 20A-1-102.
- 2323 (10) "Political purpose" means to lawfully engage in, bring about, prevent, advocate for or
- 2324 against, or otherwise influence a political activity or process, including:
- 2325 (a) candidacy for public office;
- 2326 (b) a ballot measure;
- 2327 (c) voting;
- 2328 (d) an election;
- 2329 (e) a political caucus or convention;
- 2330 (f) political party administration; or
- 2331 (g) circulating a political petition.
- 2332 (11) "Public office" means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general,
- 2333 state auditor, state treasurer, state senator, state representative, state school board
- 2334 member, or an elective office of a local political subdivision.
- 2335 (12) "Public registered voter" means a registered voter who is not an at-risk voter.
- 2336 (13) "Qualified family member," when used in relation to a remotely-deployed member of
- 2337 the armed forces, means an individual who:
- 2338 (a) resides with the remotely-deployed member of the armed forces; or
- 2339 (b) would reside with the remotely-deployed member of the armed forces, but for the
- 2340 deployment.

- 2341 (14) "Remotely-deployed member of the armed forces" means a member of the armed
2342 forces, as defined in Section 20A-1-513, who is deployed to a location where the
2343 member of the armed forces would not live but for the deployment.
- 2344 (15) "Standard voter data" means the following information from a voter registration record:
2345 (a) the voter's full legal name;
2346 (b) the voter's voter identification number and federal information processing series
2347 geographic code;
2348 (c) the voter's age range;
2349 (d) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
2350 (e) the voter's county of residence;
2351 (f) the voter's mailing address, including the city;
2352 (g) the voter's precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives district,
2353 state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district, county
2354 council district, and city council district;
2355 (h) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;
2356 (i) the voter's status as active or inactive;
2357 (j) the last day on which the voter's voter registration record was updated; and
2358 (k) the voting history of the voter.
- 2359 (16) "Voted report" means, the following information for an election:
2360 (a) for a public registered voter:
2361 (i) the voter's voter identification number;
2362 (ii) the voter's full legal name;
2363 (iii) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
2364 (iv) the voter's county of residence;
2365 (v) the voter's precinct and congressional district;
2366 (vi) the method by which the voter voted;
2367 (vii) the date the ballot was processed; and
2368 (viii) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated; and
2369 (b) for an at-risk voter, the information described in Subsections(16)(a)(iv) through
2370 (viii), without disclosing the identity of the voter.
- 2371 (17) "Voting history" means the following information in relation to a registered voter for
2372 an election held in the preceding eight years:
2373 (a) the voter's voter identification number;
2374 (b) the voter's full legal name;

- 2375 (c) the voter's status as active or inactive;
 2376 (d) the voter's precinct; and
 2377 (e) whether the voter voted in that election.

2378 Section 25. Section **20A-2-602** is enacted to read:

2379 **20A-2-602 (Effective upon governor's approval). Change of voter registration**
 2380 **record disclosure status -- Notice -- Redesignation of status.**

2381 (1) On or before April 6, 2026, the lieutenant governor shall mail to each registered voter
 2382 whose voter registration record is designated as withheld:

- 2383 (a) an at-risk designation request form; and
 2384 (b) written notice of the following:

- 2385 (i) that the voter's voter registration record is currently classified as withheld;
 2386 (ii) that the voter's voter registration record will no longer be classified as withheld,
 2387 and that the voter will be designated as a public registered voter, unless, before
 2388 May 6, 2026, the voter submits an at-risk designation request form, and the
 2389 required proof, establishing that the voter qualifies for designation as an at-risk
 2390 voter;

2391 (iii) that, as a public registered voter, the following information from the voter's voter
 2392 registration record is public:

- 2393 (A) the voter's full legal name;
 2394 (B) the voter's voter identification number and federal information processing
 2395 series geographic code;
 2396 (C) the voter's age range;
 2397 (D) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
 2398 (E) the voter's county of residence;
 2399 (F) the voter's mailing address, including the city;
 2400 (G) the voter's precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives
 2401 district, state Senate district, state school board district, local school board
 2402 district, county council district, and city council district;
 2403 (H) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;
 2404 (I) the voter's status as an active or inactive voter;
 2405 (J) the last day on which the voter's voter registration record was updated; and
 2406 (K) the voter's voting history;

2407 (iv) that the voter may apply for designation as an at-risk voter in accordance with
 2408 Section 20A-2-606 at any time, but if the application is not received by the voter's

2409 county clerk before May 6, 2026, the voter's information, described in Subsection
2410 (1)(b)(iii) will, beginning on May 25, 2026, be released as a public record unless
2411 and until the voter requests and receives designation as an at-risk voter;

2412 (v) the qualifications to become an at-risk voter; and

2413 (vi) how to apply for designation as an at-risk voter.

2414 (2) On or before April 8, 2026, the lieutenant governor shall mail to each registered voter
2415 whose voter registration record is designated as private written notice of the following:

2416 (a) that the voter's voter registration record is currently classified as private;

2417 (b) that the voter's voter registration record will no longer be classified as private and
2418 that the voter will be designated as a public registered voter, unless, before May 6,
2419 2026, the voter applies for and is designated as an at-risk voter;

2420 (c) the information described in Subsections (1)(b)(iii) through (vi); and

2421 (d) information on how the voter may obtain an at-risk designation request form.

2422 (3) A county clerk who receives a completed at-risk designation request form on or before
2423 May 6, 2026, shall, on or before May 21, 2026:

2424 (a) process the form; and

2425 (b)(i) if, based on the information provided in the form and the supporting documents
2426 provided with the form, the county clerk determines that the voter has established
2427 that the voter qualifies as an at-risk voter, designate the voter as an at-risk voter; or

2428 (ii) if, based on the information provided in the form and the supporting documents
2429 provided with the form, the county clerk does not make the determination
2430 described in Subsection (3)(b)(i), the county clerk shall, as soon as reasonably
2431 possible, notify the voter, by mail or other means:

2432 (A) that the county clerk was not able to make the determination described in
2433 Subsection (3)(b)(i);

2434 (B) of the reason that the county clerk was not able to make the determination
2435 described in Subsection (3)(b)(i); and

2436 (C) of what, if anything, the voter can do to resolve the reason the county clerk
2437 was not able to make the determination described in Subsection (3)(b)(i).

2438 (4) On or before May 24, 2026, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall:

2439 (a) designate a current registered voter as an at-risk voter if:

2440 (i) before May 12, 2020, the voter's voter registration record was protected from
2441 disclosure due to the election officer determining that the voter was facing a threat
2442 or risk of harm;

- 2443 (ii) on or after May 12, 2020, the voter was designated as a withheld voter; or
2444 (iii) on or before May 24, 2026, the voter was designated as an at-risk voter under
2445 Subsection 20A-2-606; and
- 2446 (b) designate a current registered voter who is not designated as an at-risk voter under
2447 Subsection (4)(a) as a public registered voter.
- 2448 (5) After the lieutenant governor or a county clerk finishes taking the action described in
2449 Subsection (4):
- 2450 (a) a voter designated as an at-risk voter shall maintain the designation, unless and until:
2451 (i) the voter is removed from the list of registered voters in accordance with the
2452 requirements of this chapter;
2453 (ii) the voter requests removal of the designation; or
2454 (iii) the designation is removed in accordance with Subsection 20A-2-606(6); and
- 2455 (b) a voter designated as a public registered voter shall maintain the designation, unless
2456 and until the voter is designated as an at-risk voter in accordance with Section
2457 20A-2-606.
- 2458 (6) Beginning on January 1, 2027, the lieutenant governor shall ensure that the Statewide
2459 Electronic Voter Information Website provides a process where:
- 2460 (a) an individual may enter a voter identification number;
2461 (b) the website will respond to the entry described in Subsection (6)(a) with:
2462 (i) the current political party affiliation of the voter to which the voter identification
2463 relates; and
2464 (ii) the last date on which the voter's voter registration was updated; and
- 2465 (c) the website will not provide any information, other than the information described in
2466 Subsection (6)(b), in response to the entry described in Subsection (6)(a).
- 2467 (7) As soon as possible, but no later than January 1, 2027, the lieutenant governor shall post
2468 the following information on the lieutenant governor's website, and update the
2469 information on a monthly basis:
- 2470 (a) for the entire state:
2471 (i) the total number of at-risk voters in the state; and
2472 (ii) the total number of at-risk voters in the state who are affiliated with a political
2473 party; and
- 2474 (b) for each state House of Representatives district and each state Senate district:
2475 (i) the total number of at-risk voters in the district; and
2476 (ii) the total number of at-risk voters in the district who are affiliated with a political

2477 party.

2478 Section 26. Section **20A-2-603** is enacted to read:

2479 **20A-2-603 (Effective 04/06/26). General request for voter registration records.**

2480 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this part, or another express provision of
2481 law, upon receiving a request under this section from a person for voter registration
2482 records, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk:

2483 (a) shall disclose to the person the standard voter data from a public registered voter's
2484 voter registration record; and

2485 (b) may not disclose to the person:

2486 (i) information from a public registered voter's voter registration record that is not
2487 standard voter data; or

2488 (ii) any information from an at-risk voter's voter registration record.

2489 (2) A person that receives information under Subsection (1)(a):

2490 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not
2491 be accessed by another person, unless the other person is an authorized agent of the
2492 person that receives the information under Subsection (1)(a);

2493 (b) may only use the information in a manner the person is permitted to use the
2494 information under Subsection 20A-2-607(3):

2495 (c) may not:

2496 (i) use or share the information for a purpose other than a purpose described in
2497 Subsection (2)(b); or

2498 (ii) grant access to the information to a person other than an authorized agent of the
2499 person that receives the information under Subsection (1)(a);

2500 (d) notwithstanding Subsection (2)(b), may not grant access to the information or share
2501 the information with another person, if the person that receives the information under
2502 this section believes that the other person:

2503 (i) will use or share the information in a manner other than a manner described in
2504 Subsection (2)(b); or

2505 (ii) will not comply with Subsection (2)(a), (b), or (c); and

2506 (e) may limit access by an authorized agent of the person to only the portion of the
2507 information needed for the authorized agent to fulfill a purpose for which the
2508 authorized agent is:

2509 (i) permitted by law to use the information; and

2510 (ii) authorized by the person who receives the information under Subsection (1)(a).

- 2511 (3) Before providing the information described in Subsection (1)(a) to a person under this
2512 section:
- 2513 (a) if an individual is requesting the information on behalf of another person, the
2514 lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that the individual requesting the
2515 information on behalf of the other person is an authorized agent of the other person;
2516 and
- 2517 (b) the individual requesting the information under Subsection (3)(a) shall sign a request
2518 form that includes:
- 2519 (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the person that is seeking the
2520 information;
- 2521 (ii) the individual's name, address, and telephone number;
- 2522 (iii) a statement that the individual is requesting the information:
- 2523 (A) on the individual's own behalf; or
- 2524 (B) as an authorized agent of the other person described in Subsection (3)(a) and
2525 has presented to the lieutenant governor or the county clerk valid verification
2526 that the individual is an authorized agent of the other person;
- 2527 (iv) a statement that the individual and, if applicable, the other person described in
2528 Subsection (3)(a):
- 2529 (A) will comply with the requirements described in Subsection (2); and
- 2530 (B) will not provide or use the information obtained from the list of registered
2531 voters in a manner that is prohibited by law;
- 2532 (v) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or
2533 using the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, is punishable as a
2534 class A misdemeanor and by a civil fine; and
- 2535 (vi) notice that if a person makes a false statement in the request form, the person is
2536 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 2537 (c) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information described
2538 in Subsection (1)(a) to a person requesting the information under this section if the
2539 lieutenant governor or county clerk has probable cause to believe that the person:
- 2540 (i) is not the person whom the person claims to be;
- 2541 (ii) is not an agent of the person of whom the person claims to be an agent; or
- 2542 (iii) will use or share the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2543 Section 27. Section **20A-2-604** is enacted to read:

2544 **20A-2-604 (Effective 04/06/26). Request for voter registration records by**

- 2545 **political party -- Confirmation of political party affiliation.**
- 2546 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon
- 2547 receiving a request from a political party for voter registration records, the lieutenant
- 2548 governor or a county clerk:
- 2549 (a) for each public registered voter who is not affiliated with the political party:
- 2550 (i) shall provide to the political party the voter's standard voter data; and
- 2551 (ii) may not provide to the political party any information from the public registered
- 2552 voter's voter registration record that is not standard voter data;
- 2553 (b) for each public registered voter who is affiliated with the political party:
- 2554 (i) shall provide to the political party the voter's standard voter data;
- 2555 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, shall provide the public registered voter's phone
- 2556 number, only if the voter consents on the voter's voter registration form to the
- 2557 election officer disclosing the voter's phone number to the political party;
- 2558 (iii) beginning January 1, 2027, shall provide the public registered voter's email
- 2559 address, only if the voter consents on the voter's voter registration form to the
- 2560 election officer disclosing the voter's email address to the political party; and
- 2561 (iv) may not provide to the political party any information relating to the voter other
- 2562 than the information provided in accordance with Subsections (1)(b)(i) through
- 2563 (iii); and
- 2564 (c) may not provide to the political party any information from an at-risk voter's voter
- 2565 registration record.
- 2566 (2) If an at-risk voter consents, on the voter's voter registration form, to provide the political
- 2567 party with which the voter chooses to affiliate with the voter's phone number or email
- 2568 address, the county clerk or the lieutenant governor:
- 2569 (a) may not provide the phone number or email address to the political party; and
- 2570 (b) shall notify the at-risk voter that the voter must contact the political party directly to
- 2571 provide the voter's phone number or email address to the political party.
- 2572 (3) A political party, or an agent of a political party, that receives information under this
- 2573 section:
- 2574 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not
- 2575 be accessed by a person other than the political party or an authorized agent of the
- 2576 political party;
- 2577 (b) may only use the information:
- 2578 (i) to communicate with an individual who is affiliated with the political party in

- 2579 relation to the business of the political party or for a political purpose;
2580 (ii) to verify that the voter is a member of the political party;
2581 (iii) to conduct demographic or other analysis for a political purpose; or
2582 (iv) for a purpose described in Subsection 20A-2-607(3);
2583 (c) may not:
2584 (i) use or share the information for a purpose other than a purpose described in
2585 Subsection (3)(b); or
2586 (ii) grant access to the information to a person other than an authorized agent of the
2587 political party;
2588 (d) notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a) or (b), may not grant access to the information or
2589 share the information with a person whom the political party believes:
2590 (i) will use or share the information in a manner other than a manner described in
2591 Subsection (3)(b); or
2592 (ii) will not comply with Subsection (3)(a), (b), or (c); and
2593 (e) may limit access by an authorized agent to only the portion of the information
2594 needed for the authorized agent to fulfill a purpose for which the authorized agent is:
2595 (i) permitted by law to use the information; and
2596 (ii) authorized by the state political party to use the information.
2597 (4) Before providing the information described in this section to a political party:
2598 (a) the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that the individual requesting the
2599 information on behalf of the political party is an authorized agent of the political
2600 party; and
2601 (b) the individual requesting the information under Subsection (4)(a) shall sign a request
2602 form that includes:
2603 (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the political party that is seeking the
2604 information;
2605 (ii) the individual's name, address, and telephone number;
2606 (iii) a statement that the individual is an authorized agent of the political party and
2607 has presented to the lieutenant governor or the county clerk valid verification that
2608 the individual is an authorized agent of the political party;
2609 (iv) a statement that the political party and the individual will comply with the
2610 requirements described in Subsection (3);
2611 (v) a statement that the political party, or an agent of the political party, will not
2612 provide or use the information obtained from the list of registered voters in a

2613 manner that is prohibited by law;

2614 (vi) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or

2615 using the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, is punishable as a

2616 class A misdemeanor and by a civil fine; and

2617 (vii) notice that if a person makes a false statement in the request form, the person is

2618 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.

2619 (5) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information described in

2620 Subsection (1)(a) or (b) to a person requesting the information under this section if the

2621 lieutenant governor or county clerk has probable cause to believe that the person:

2622 (a) is not a political party or an agent of the political party; or

2623 (b) will use or share the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2624 Section 28. Section **20A-2-605** is enacted to read:

2625 **20A-2-605 (Effective 04/06/26). Request for voter registration records by a**

2626 **government official.**

2627 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon

2628 request by a government official acting in the government official's capacity as a

2629 government official, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk:

2630 (a) shall disclose to the government official only the information in a voter registration

2631 record necessary to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty imposed

2632 by law on the government official; and

2633 (b) may not disclose to the government official the information in a voter registration

2634 record that is not necessary to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty

2635 imposed by law on the government official.

2636 (2) A government official who receives information under Subsection (1)(a):

2637 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not

2638 be accessed by a person other than the government official or the government entity

2639 that the government official represents;

2640 (b) may only use the information to the extent necessary to fulfill a duty of the

2641 government official; and

2642 (c) may not disclose the information to a person other than a person needing the

2643 information to fulfill a duty of the government official or the government entity that

2644 the government official represents.

2645 (3) Before providing the information described in Subsection (1)(a) to a government

2646 official:

- 2647 (a) the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that:
 2648 (i) the person requesting the information is a government official; and
 2649 (ii) it is necessary to provide the information requested to permit the government
 2650 official to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on the government official; and
 2651 (b) the government official requesting the information shall sign a request form that
 2652 includes:
 2653 (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the government official;
 2654 (ii) the government official's position or title;
 2655 (iii) a description of the information requested;
 2656 (iv) a description of the official duty imposed by law on the government official that
 2657 requires the requested information;
 2658 (v) a statement that the government official will ensure, using industry standard
 2659 security measures, that the information may not be accessed by a person other
 2660 than the government official or the government entity that the government official
 2661 represents;
 2662 (vi) a statement that the government official will only use the information to the
 2663 extent necessary to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on the government
 2664 official;
 2665 (vii) an assertion that the government official will not provide or use the information
 2666 obtained from the voter registration records in a manner that is prohibited by law;
 2667 (viii) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or
 2668 using the information from the voter registration records in a manner that is
 2669 prohibited by law, is punishable as a class A misdemeanor and a civil fine; and
 2670 (ix) notice that if the person signing the request form makes a false statement in the
 2671 request form, the person is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.

- 2672 (4) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information under this
 2673 section if the lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes that the person:
 2674 (a) is not a government official;
 2675 (b) does not need the information requested to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on
 2676 the government official; or
 2677 (c) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2678 Section 29. Section **20A-2-606** is enacted to read:

2679 **20A-2-606 (Effective 04/06/26). At-risk registered voter -- Application --**

2680 **Designation -- Change of status.**

- 2681 (1) Except to the extent expressly authorized in this part or otherwise expressly provided by
2682 law, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose an at-risk voter's voter
2683 registration record, or any information from an at-risk voter's voter registration record.
- 2684 (2)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute an at-risk designation request
2685 form to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration
2686 form.
- 2687 (b) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor may make
2688 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
2689 establishing requirements for providing the proof described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii),
2690 (b)(ii), and (c)(ii).
- 2691 (3) The following may not encourage an individual to submit, or discourage an individual
2692 from submitting, an at-risk designation request form:
- 2693 (a) an election officer;
- 2694 (b) an agency described in Subsection (2)(a); or
- 2695 (c) an employee of a person described in Subsection (3)(a) or (b).
- 2696 (4) A voter may apply for designation as an at-risk voter by submitting, either with the
2697 voter's voter registration form, or separately to the voter's county clerk:
- 2698 (a)(i) an at-risk designation request form indicating that the voter is a victim of, or is
2699 threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence; and
- 2700 (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (2)(b), proof of the
2701 indication described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) in the form of a sworn affidavit where
2702 the voter swears to the following statement: "I am applying for designation as an
2703 at-risk voter because I am a victim of, or threatened with, domestic violence or
2704 dating violence.";
- 2705 (b)(i) an at-risk designation request form indicating that the voter, or an individual
2706 who resides with the voter, is a law enforcement officer, a public figure, or
2707 protected by a protective order or protection order; and
- 2708 (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (2)(b), proof of the
2709 indication described in Subsection (4)(b)(i); or
- 2710 (c)(i) an at-risk designation request form indicating that the voter is, or is a qualified
2711 family member of, a remotely-deployed member of the armed forces; and
- 2712 (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (2)(b), proof of the
2713 indication described in Subsection (4)(c)(i).
- 2714 (5) A county clerk shall designate a voter as an at-risk voter if the voter complies with

2715 Subsection (4).

2716 (6) A county clerk shall, beginning in 2030, and every five years after 2030, before July 15:

2717 (a) mail to each voter who, for a period of one year or longer, has been designated as an
2718 at-risk voter:

2719 (i) notice that the voter is designated as an at-risk voter and the grounds for the
2720 designation;

2721 (ii) a list of the grounds for designating a voter as an at-risk voter;

2722 (iii) an inquiry regarding whether the voter still qualifies as an at-risk voter; and

2723 (iv) a self-addressed envelope, with postage prepaid, for the voter to mail the voter's
2724 response to the inquiry described in Subsection (5)(a)(iii); and

2725 (b) remove the designation of a voter as an at-risk voter if the voter responds that the
2726 voter no longer qualifies as an at-risk voter.

2727 Section 30. Section **20A-2-607** is enacted to read:

2728 **20A-2-607 (Effective upon governor's approval). Applicability and enforcement**

2729 **-- Transition.**

2730 (1) This part does not govern or restrict the release of a voter registration record:

2731 (a) to an election officer or an employee of an election officer;

2732 (b) for a government purpose relating to maintaining the voter registration list or the
2733 administration of an election;

2734 (c) to the extent required by law, to the federal government to comply with, or verify
2735 compliance with, the requirements of federal election law;

2736 (d) in accordance with an order of a court with jurisdiction; or

2737 (e) to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency for a legitimate law enforcement
2738 purpose related to election law.

2739 (2) Beginning on March 9, 2026, and ending on May 25, 2026, a person that requests a
2740 copy of the voter registration list:

2741 (a) will receive the portion of the list, as the list existed on March 8, 2026, that the
2742 person was eligible to receive on March 8, 2026; and

2743 (b) will not receive an updated version of the list, or of any information in an updated
2744 version of the list, until May 25, 2026.

2745 (3) A person may only obtain or use information from the list of registered voters for:

2746 (a) a political purpose;

2747 (b) another purpose for which the person is, under this part, expressly permitted to
2748 obtain or use the information; or

- 2749 (c) another purpose for which the person is permitted to obtain or use the information:
 2750 (i) under a provision of state or federal law; or
 2751 (ii) by order of a court with jurisdiction.
- 2752 (4) It is unlawful for a person to:
 2753 (a) obtain information from the list of registered voters under false pretenses;
 2754 (b) obtain or use information from the list of registered voters for a purpose other than:
 2755 (i) a political purpose;
 2756 (ii) another purpose for which the person is, under this part, expressly permitted to
 2757 obtain or use the information; or
 2758 (iii) another purpose for which the person is permitted to obtain or use the
 2759 information:
 2760 (A) under a provision of state or federal law; or
 2761 (B) by order of a court with jurisdiction;
- 2762 (c) knowingly post on the internet or otherwise disclose to the public, for a fee or free of
 2763 charge, the list of registered voters or information obtained from the list of registered
 2764 voters; or
- 2765 (d) knowingly disclose information from the list of registered voters in a manner that is
 2766 not permitted by law.
- 2767 (5) A violation of Subsection (4) is a class A misdemeanor.

2768 Section 31. Section **20A-2-608**, which is renumbered from Section 20A-5-410 is renumbered
 2769 and amended to read:

2770 **[20A-5-410] 20A-2-608 (Effective 04/06/26). Election officer to keep voting**
 2771 **history information and status -- Restrictions.**

2772 [(1) As used in this section, "voting history record" means the following information
 2773 relating to a registered voter:]

2774 [(a) the information in the voter's voter registration record, other than the information
 2775 classified as private under Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j);]

2776 [(b) the voter's privacy status;]

2777 [(c) the voter's status as active or inactive;]

2778 [(d) the voter's voter identification number;]

2779 [(e) the voter's federal information processing system code;]

2780 [(f) the voter's precinct;]

2781 [(g) each political district in which the voter is a resident;]

2782 [(h) a list of elections in which the voter voted;]

- 2783 ~~[(i) whether the voter voted in person on election day;]~~
 2784 ~~[(j) whether the voter voted in person before election day;]~~
 2785 ~~[(k) whether the voter returned a mailed ballot;]~~
 2786 ~~[(l) whether the voter's ballot was mailed to an alternate address; and]~~
 2787 ~~[(m) the date on which the voter voted or on which the voter returned a mailed ballot.]~~
 2788 ~~[(2)(a) Each election officer shall maintain, in the election officer's office, a voting~~
 2789 ~~history record of those voters registered to vote in the election officer's jurisdiction.]~~
 2790 ~~[(b) The voting history record is a public record under Title 63G, Chapter 2,~~
 2791 ~~Government Records Access and Management Act, except:]~~
 2792 ~~[(i) as it relates to a voter whose voter registration record is classified as private under~~
 2793 ~~Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l); or]~~
 2794 ~~[(ii) a record or information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(n).]~~
 2795 (1) An election officer shall maintain:
 2796 (a) for each registered voter:
 2797 (i) the standard voter information for that voter; and
 2798 (ii) whether the voter is a public registered voter or an at-risk voter; and
 2799 (b) only during the time period beginning on the day on which the bulk of ballots are
 2800 mailed for an election and ending at the close of operating hours on the day before
 2801 the election, a voted report and a mailed ballot report for the election.
 2802 (2)(a) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(b), the county clerk shall retain a copy of
 2803 each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file, which may
 2804 be electronic or some other recognized system.
 2805 (b) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the Division of
 2806 Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.
 2807 (c) A county clerk shall retain a list of currently registered voters.
 2808 (d) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.
 2809 (e) If there are any discrepancies between the lists described in Subsections (2)(c) and (d),
 2810 the county clerk's list is the official list.
 2811 (3) Subsection (1) or (2) does not authorize the disclosure of the information described in
 2812 Subsection (1) or (2) beyond the extent expressly provided in this part.
 2813 ~~[(3)(a) When an election officer reports voting history for an election, the election~~
 2814 ~~officer shall, for each voter whose voter registration is classified as private under~~
 2815 ~~Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(h), report the following, for that election only, without~~
 2816 ~~disclosing the identity of the voter:]~~

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), a report described in Subsection (3)(a)

2822 may not disclose, by itself or in conjunction with any other public information, the

2823 identity or any other personal identifying information of the voter.]

2824 [(4) Subject to Subsection (5), the election officer shall ensure that the voting history record

2825 kept by the election officer for each voting precinct contains:]

2826 [(a) for voting by mail:]

2827 [(i) the date that the manual ballot was mailed to the voter; and]

2828 [(ii) the date that the voted manual ballot was received by the election officer;]

2829 [(b) for early voting:]

2830 [(i) the name and address of each individual who participated in early voting; and]

2831 [(ii) the date the individual voted; and]

2832 [(c) for voting on election day, the name and address of each individual who voted on

2833 election day.]

2834 [(5) Subsection (4) does not authorize the disclosure of the information described in

2835 Subsection (4) beyond the extent expressly provided in Subsections (2) and (3).]

2836 (4) A person may, on a subscription basis, obtain the voted report and the mailed ballot

2837 report during time period described in Subsection (1)(b).

2838 [(6)] (5)(a) Notwithstanding the time limits for response to a request for records under

2839 Section 63G-2-204 or the time limits for a request for records established in any

2840 ordinance, the election officer shall ensure that the information required to be

2841 disclosed under this ~~section~~ part is recorded and made available ~~to the public~~ , upon

2842 request and subject to the provisions of this part, no later than one business day after

2843 the day on which the election officer receives the information.

2844 (b) Notwithstanding the fee requirements of Section 63G-2-203 or the fee requirements

2845 established in any ordinance, the election officer shall ~~make copies of the voting~~

2846 ~~history record available to the public, in accordance with this section, for the actual~~

2847 ~~cost of production or copying~~ provide the information disclosed under this section,

2848 Section 20A-6-603, or Section 20A-6-604, in accordance with the fees established

2849 under Subsection 63G-2-203(10).

2850 Section 32. Section ~~20A-3a-401~~ is amended to read:

2851 **20A-3a-401 (Effective 04/06/26). Custody of voted ballots mailed or deposited in**
2852 **a ballot drop box -- Disposition -- Notice -- Disclosures relating to unresolved ballots.**

- 2853 (1) This section governs ballots returned by mail, via a ballot drop box, or by other legal
2854 means.
- 2855 (2) Poll workers shall process return envelopes containing manual ballots that are in the
2856 custody of the poll workers in accordance with this section.
- 2857 (3) Poll workers shall examine a return envelope to make the determinations described in
2858 Subsection (4).
- 2859 (4) The poll workers shall take the action described in Subsection (5)(a) if the poll workers
2860 determine:
- 2861 (a) for an election held before January 1, 2029:
- 2862 (i) that the return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver
2863 license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security number;
2864 or
- 2865 (ii) if the return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection (4)(a)(i),
2866 that:
- 2867 (A) in accordance with the rules made under Subsection (13), the signature on the
2868 affidavit of the return envelope is reasonably consistent with the individual's
2869 signature in the voter registration records; or
- 2870 (B) for an individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v), the
2871 signature is verified by alternative means;
- 2872 (b) for an election held on or after January 1, 2029:
- 2873 (i) that the return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver
2874 license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security number;
- 2875 (ii) if the return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection (4)(b)(i),
2876 that the voter included in the return envelope a copy of the identification described
2877 in Subsection 20A-3a-204(2)(c)(ii); or
- 2878 (iii) for a voter described in Subsection 20A-3a-301(7), that the voter complied with
2879 Subsection 20A-3a-301(7);
- 2880 (c) that the affidavit is sufficient;
- 2881 (d) that the voter is registered to vote in the correct precinct;
- 2882 (e) that the voter's right to vote the ballot has not been challenged;
- 2883 (f) that the voter has not already voted in the election; and
- 2884 (g) for a voter who has not yet provided valid voter identification with the voter's voter

2885 registration, whether the voter has provided valid voter identification with the return
2886 envelope.

2887 (5)(a) If the poll workers make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the poll
2888 workers shall:

2889 (i) remove the manual ballot from the return envelope in a manner that does not
2890 destroy the affidavit on the return envelope;

2891 (ii) ensure that the ballot is not examined in connection with the return envelope; and

2892 (iii) place the ballot with the other ballots to be counted.

2893 (b) If the poll workers do not make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the
2894 poll workers shall:

2895 (i) disallow the vote;

2896 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (6), without opening the return envelope, record
2897 the ballot as "rejected" and state the reason for the rejection; and

2898 (iii) except as provided in Subsection (6), place the return envelope, unopened, with
2899 the other rejected return envelopes.

2900 (6) A poll worker may open a return envelope, if necessary, to determine compliance with
2901 Subsection (4)(b)(ii), (4)(b)(iii), or (4)(g).

2902 (7)(a) If the poll workers reject an individual's ballot because the poll workers determine
2903 that the return envelope does not comply with Subsection (4), the election officer
2904 shall:

2905 (i) contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (8); and

2906 (ii) inform the individual:

2907 (A) that the identification information provided on the return envelope is in
2908 question;

2909 (B) how the individual may resolve the issue; and

2910 (C) that, in order for the ballot to be counted, the individual is required to deliver
2911 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county
2912 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).

2913 (b) If, under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A), the poll workers reject an individual's ballot
2914 because the poll workers determine, in accordance with rules made under Subsection
2915 (13), that the signature on the return envelope is not reasonably consistent with the
2916 individual's signature in the voter registration records, the election officer shall:

2917 (i) contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (8); and

2918 (ii) inform the individual:

- 2919 (A) that the individual's signature is in question;
- 2920 (B) how the individual may resolve the issue; and
- 2921 (C) that, in order for the ballot to be counted, the individual is required to deliver
- 2922 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county
- 2923 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).
- 2924 (c) The election officer shall ensure that the notice described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b)
- 2925 includes:
- 2926 (i) when communicating the notice by mail, a printed copy of the affidavit described
- 2927 in Subsection (7)(d) and a courtesy reply envelope;
- 2928 (ii) when communicating the notice electronically, a link to a copy of the affidavit
- 2929 described in Subsection (7)(d) or information on how to obtain a copy of the
- 2930 affidavit; or
- 2931 (iii) when communicating the notice by phone, either during a direct conversation
- 2932 with the voter or in a voicemail, arrangements for the voter to receive a copy of
- 2933 the affidavit described in Subsection (7)(d), either in person from the clerk's
- 2934 office, by mail, or electronically.
- 2935 (d) An affidavit described in Subsection (7)(a)(ii)(C) or (7)(b)(ii)(C) shall include:
- 2936 (i) an attestation that the individual voted the ballot;
- 2937 (ii) a space for the individual to enter the individual's name, date of birth, and driver
- 2938 license number or the last four digits of the individual's social security number;
- 2939 (iii) a space for the individual to sign the affidavit;
- 2940 (iv) a statement that, by signing the affidavit, the individual authorizes the lieutenant
- 2941 governor's and county clerk's use of the information in the affidavit and the
- 2942 individual's signature on the affidavit for voter identification purposes; and
- 2943 (v) a check box accompanied by language in substantially the following form: "I am
- 2944 a voter with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that
- 2945 impacts my ability to sign my name consistently. I can provide appropriate
- 2946 documentation upon request. To discuss accommodations, I can be contacted at
- 2947 _____".
- 2948 (e) In order for an individual described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b) to have the
- 2949 individual's ballot counted, the individual shall deliver the affidavit described in
- 2950 Subsection (7)(d) to the election officer.
- 2951 (f) An election officer who receives a signed affidavit under Subsection (7)(e) shall
- 2952 immediately:

- 2953 (i) scan the signature on the affidavit electronically and keep the signature on file in
2954 the statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502;
- 2955 (ii) if the election officer receives the affidavit no later than noon on the last business
2956 day before the day on which the canvass begins, count the individual's ballot; and
2957 (iii) if the check box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v) is checked, comply with the
2958 rules described in Subsection (13)(c).
- 2959 (8)(a) The election officer shall, within two business days after the day on which an
2960 individual's ballot is rejected, notify the individual of the rejection and the reason for
2961 the rejection, by phone, mail, email, or, if consent is obtained, text message, unless:
- 2962 (i) the ballot is cured within one business day after the day on which the ballot is
2963 rejected; or
2964 (ii) the ballot is rejected because the ballot is received late or for another reason that
2965 cannot be cured.
- 2966 (b) If an individual's ballot is rejected for a reason described in Subsection (8)(a)(ii), the
2967 election officer shall notify the individual of the rejection and the reason for the
2968 rejection by phone, mail, email, or, if consent is obtained, text message, within the
2969 later of:
- 2970 (i) 30 calendar days after the day of the rejection; or
2971 (ii) 30 calendar days after the day of the election.
- 2972 (c) The election officer may, when notifying an individual by phone under this
2973 Subsection (8), use auto-dial technology.
- 2974 (9) An election officer may not count the ballot of an individual whom the election officer
2975 contacts under Subsection (7) or (8) unless, no later than noon on the last business day
2976 before the day on which the canvass begins, the election officer:
- 2977 (a) receives a signed affidavit from the individual under Subsection (7); or
2978 (b)(i) contacts the individual;
- 2979 (ii) if the election officer has reason to believe that an individual, other than the voter
2980 to whom the ballot was sent, signed the ballot affidavit, informs the individual that
2981 it is unlawful to sign a ballot affidavit for another person, even if the person gives
2982 permission;
- 2983 (iii) verifies the identity of the individual by:
- 2984 (A) requiring the individual to provide at least two types of personal identifying
2985 information for the individual; and
2986 (B) comparing the information provided under Subsection (9)(b)(iii)(A) to records

- 2987 relating to the individual that are in the possession or control of an election
2988 officer; and
- 2989 (iv) documents the verification described in Subsection (9)(b)(iii), by recording:
2990 (A) the name and voter identification number of the individual contacted;
2991 (B) the name of the individual who conducts the verification;
2992 (C) the date and manner of the communication;
2993 (D) the type of personal identifying information provided by the individual;
2994 (E) a description of the records against which the personal identifying information
2995 provided by the individual is compared and verified; and
2996 (F) other information required by the lieutenant governor.
- 2997 (10)(a) The election officer shall retain and preserve:
2998 (i) the return envelopes in accordance with Subsection 20A-4-202(2); and
2999 (ii) the documents described in Subsection (9)(b)(iv) in accordance with Subsection
3000 20A-4-202(3).
- 3001 (b) If the election officer complies with Subsection (10)(a)(ii) by including the
3002 documentation in the voter's voter registration record, the election officer shall make,
3003 retain, and preserve a record of the name and voter identification number of each
3004 voter contacted under Subsection (9)(b).
- 3005 (11)(a) The election officer shall record the following in the database used in the
3006 verification process:
3007 (i) any initial rejection of a ballot under Subsection (5)(b), within one business day
3008 after the day on which the election officer rejects the ballot; and
3009 (ii) any resolution of a rejection of a ballot under Subsection (9), within one business
3010 day after the day on which the ballot rejection is resolved.
- 3011 (b) An election officer shall include, in the canvass report, a final report of the
3012 disposition of all rejected and resolved ballots, including, for ballots rejected, the
3013 following:
3014 (i) the number of ballots rejected because the voter did not sign the voter's ballot; and
3015 (ii) the number of ballots rejected because the voter's signatures on the ballot, and in
3016 records on file, do not correspond.
- 3017 (12) Willful failure to comply with this section constitutes willful neglect of duty under
3018 Section 20A-5-701.
- 3019 (13) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
3020 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to

- 3021 establish:
- 3022 (a) criteria and processes for use by poll workers in determining if a signature
- 3023 corresponds with the signature on file for the voter under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A);
- 3024 (b) training and certification requirements for election officers and employees of election
- 3025 officers regarding the criteria and processes described in Subsection (13)(a); and
- 3026 (c) in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.
- 3027 Secs. 12131 through 12165, an alternative means of verifying the identity of an
- 3028 individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v).
- 3029 (14)(a) Upon request, and subject to Subsections (14)(b) and (c), an election officer may
- 3030 disclose the name and address of a voter whose ballot has been rejected and not yet
- 3031 resolved with:
- 3032 (i) a candidate in the election;
- 3033 (ii) an individual who represents the candidate's campaign;
- 3034 (iii) the sponsors of an initiative or referendum appearing on the ballot; or
- 3035 (iv) for a ballot proposition appearing on the ballot, an individual who represents a
- 3036 political issues committee, as defined in Section 20A-11-101, if the political
- 3037 issues committee supports or opposes the ballot proposition.
- 3038 (b) If an election officer discloses the information described in Subsection (14)(a), the
- 3039 election officer shall:
- 3040 (i) make the disclosure within two business days after the day on which the request is
- 3041 made;
- 3042 (ii) respond to each request in the order the requests were made; and
- 3043 (iii) make each disclosure in a manner, and within a period of time, that does not
- 3044 reflect favoritism to one requestor over another.
- 3045 (c) A disclosure described in this Subsection (14) may not include [~~the name or address~~
- 3046 ~~of a protected individual, as defined in Subsection 20A-2-104(1)] any information~~
- 3047 relating to an at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601.

3048 Section 33. Section **20A-6-105** is amended to read:

3049 **20A-6-105 (Effective 04/06/26). Provisional ballot envelopes.**

- 3050 (1) Each election officer shall ensure that provisional ballot envelopes are printed in
- 3051 substantially the following form:

- 3052 (a) the envelope shall include the following[~~statement~~]:

3053 "AFFIRMATION

3054 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

3055 Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? Yes No

3056 If you checked "no" in response to either of the two above questions, do not complete
3057 this form.

3058 Name of Voter _____

3059 First Middle Last

3060 Driver License or Identification Card Number _____

3061 State of Issuance of Driver License or Identification Card Number _____

3062 Date of Birth _____

3063 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

3064 _____

3065 City County State Zip Code

3066 Telephone Number (optional) _____

3067 Email Address (optional) _____";

3068 (b) beginning on January 1, 2027, immediately following the portion of the envelope
3069 described in Subsection (1)(a), the envelope shall include the following:

3070 "Do you consent to the election officer providing the following information to the
3071 political party with which you affiliate? (optional):

3072 • The email address you provided above? Yes No

3073 • The phone number you provided above? Yes No";

3074 (c) following the statement required under Subsections (1)(a) and (b), the envelope shall
3075 include the following:

3076 "Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

3077 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if known)

3078 _____

3079 City County State Zip Code

3080 Voting Precinct (if known) _____

3081 I, (please print your full name) _____ do solemnly swear or
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3083 That I am eligible to vote in this election; that I have not voted in this election in any
3084 other precinct; that I am eligible to vote in this precinct; and that I request that I be permitted
3085 to vote in this precinct; and

3086 Subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information contained in this form
3087 is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Utah, residing at the above
3088 address; and that I am at least 18 years old and have resided in Utah for the 30 calendar days

3089 immediately before this election.

3090 Signed

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3092 Dated

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3094 In accordance with Section 20A-3a-506, wilfully providing false information above is a
3095 class B misdemeanor under Utah law and is punishable by imprisonment and by fine.

3096 PRIVACY INFORMATION

3097 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as
3098 your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state
3099 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized
3100 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an
3101 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the
3102 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

3103 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

3104 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration
3105 record be withheld from public disclosure if:

- 3106 • you are a victim of, or are threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence;
- 3107 • you are, or reside with, a law enforcement officer;
- 3108 • you are, or are a qualified family member of, a member of the military who is deployed
3109 away from home;
- 3110 • you are, or reside with, a public figure; or
- 3111 • you are, or reside with a person who is, protected by a court order.

3112 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by
3113 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.

3114 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at
3115 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor].

3116 ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~
3117 ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~
3118 ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~
3119 ~~requirements of law.~~

3120 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~
3121 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~
3122 ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~

3123 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

3124 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld
3125 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
3126 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

3127 Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld
3128 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,
3129 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

3130 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

3131 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying
3132 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates
3133 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a
3134 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following
3135 paragraphs.

3136 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
3137 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
3138 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this
3139 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely
3140 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating
3141 violence.

3142 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration
3143 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their
3144 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any
3145 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,
3146 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the
3147 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]

3148 CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT

3149 Name:

3150 Name at birth, if different:

3151 Place of birth:

3152 Date of birth:

3153 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

3154 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a
3155 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and
3156 correct.

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Signature of Applicant

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

[(b)] (d) the following statement shall appear after the statement described in Subsection [(1)(a)] (1)(c):

"BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

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]

[(e) no later than November 5, 2025, after the statement described in Subsection (1)(b), the following:

"]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."

(2) The provisional ballot envelope shall include:

- (a) a unique number;
- (b) a detachable part that includes the unique number;
- (c) a telephone number, internet address, or other indicator of a means, in accordance with Section 20A-6-105.5, where the voter can find out if the provisional ballot was counted; and
- (d) an insert containing written instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5.

Section 34. Section **20A-7-203** is amended to read:

20A-7-203 (Effective upon governor's approval). Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative petition and signature sheets.

(1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

(2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

"INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable _____, Lieutenant Governor:

We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or rejection at the regular general election/session to be held/ beginning on _____(month\day\year);

Each signer says:

3191 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying
 3192 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the
 3193 initials "AV" as my signature;

3194 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
 3195 initiative petition;

3196 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3197 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3198 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.

3199 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3200 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
 3201 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
 3202 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3203 NOTICE TO SIGNERS:

3204 Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public
 3205 hearings.)".

3206 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least
 3207 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

3208 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
 3209 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
 3210 increase in the current tax rate."[-]

3211 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
 3212 proposed law to each initiative petition.

3213 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

3214 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3215 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the
 3216 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3217 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,
 3218 bold type;

3219 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch
 3220 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3221 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3222 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
 3223 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3224 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

- 3225 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3226 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3227 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3228 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
- 3229 type;
- 3230 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3231 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3232 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 3233 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3234 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3235 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3236 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 3237 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3238 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3239 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 3240 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3241 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 3242 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3243 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 3244 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3245 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3246 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 3247 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 3248 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 3249 and contain the following statement, "By signing this initiative petition, you are
- 3250 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
- 3251 petition." in 12-point type;
- 3252 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 3253 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 3254 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 3255 (i) the words "Fiscal Impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
- 3256 12-point, bold type;
- 3257 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (5), the initial fiscal impact statement issued by
- 3258 the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with Subsection

3259 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in accordance with Subsection
 3260 20A-7-204.1(5), in not less than 12-point type;

3261 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:

3262 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
 3263 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
 3264 increase in the current tax rate."; and

3265 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not
 3266 less than eight-point type:

3267 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
 3268 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 3269 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
 3270 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3271 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
 3272 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
 3273 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
 3274 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3275 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
 3276 statement:

3277 Verification of signature collector

3278 State of Utah, County of ____

3279 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3280 I am at least 18 years old;

3281 All the names that appear in this initiative packet were signed by individuals who
 3282 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed
 3283 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying
 3284 disability, I have signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the
 3285 individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's
 3286 signature;

3287 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative
 3288 packet by the initials "AV":

3289 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative
 3290 petition on the individual's behalf;

3291 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
 3292 capacity to give direction or consent;

3293 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
3294 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

3295 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
3296 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

3297 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
3298 sheet;

3299 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by
3300 the initiative;

3301 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
3302 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is
3303 registered to vote in Utah;

3304 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

3305 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this initiative
3306 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3307 _____
3308 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

3309 (5) If the initial fiscal impact statement described in Subsection (3)(f)(ii), as updated in
3310 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), exceeds 200 words, the Office of the
3311 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall prepare a shorter summary statement, for the purpose of
3312 inclusion on an initiative signature sheet, that does not exceed 200 words.

3313 (6) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions
3314 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3315 Section 35. Section **20A-7-215** is amended to read:

3316 **20A-7-215 (Effective upon governor's approval). Electronic initiative process --**
3317 **Form of initiative petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3318 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

3319 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3320 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, Lieutenant
3321 Governor:

3322 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following
3323 proposed law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or
3324 rejection at the regular general election/session to be held/beginning on
3325 _____(month\day\year)."

3326 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link

- 3327 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3328 understand the information presented on this screen."
- 3329 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the following
3330 statement:
3331 "Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public
3332 hearings.)".
- 3333 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
3334 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3335 and understand the information presented on this screen."
- 3336 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of
3337 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-202(2)(e)(i), followed by the entire text
3338 of the proposed law.
- 3339 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
3340 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3341 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."
- 3342 (5) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the
3343 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to
3344 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement: "By clicking here, I
3345 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":
- 3346 (a) a description of all proposed sources of funding for the costs associated with the
3347 proposed law, including the proposed percentage of total funding from each source;
- 3348 (b)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative
3349 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage
3350 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
3351 increase in the current tax rate."; or
- 3352 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This
3353 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";
- 3354 (c) the initial fiscal impact statement issued by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal
3355 Analyst in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in
3356 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5)(b);
- 3357 (d) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition
3358 may be paid for gathering signatures; and
- 3359 (e) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":
3360 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

3361 I am personally signing this initiative petition;
 3362 I am registered to vote in Utah; and
 3363 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
 3364 accurate.

3365 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
 3366 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 3367 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
 3368 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3369 [WARNING

3370 ~~Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter~~
 3371 ~~identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be~~
 3372 ~~made public.]~~

3373 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3374 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
 3375 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
 3376 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3377 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

3378 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
 3379 (5)(e), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your
 3380 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3381 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
 3382 (5)(e), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
 3383 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the initiative petition through the
 3384 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3385 Section 36. Section **20A-7-303** is amended to read:

3386 **20A-7-303 (Effective upon governor's approval). Manual referendum process --**
 3387 **Form of referendum petition and signature sheets.**

3388 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

3389 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3390 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, Lieutenant Governor:

3391 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill No.

3392 ____, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth here

3393 the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state of

3394 Utah during the ____ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or rejection

3395 at a regular general election or a statewide special election;

3396 Each signer says:

3397 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a
3398 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer
3399 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

3400 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
3401 referendum petition;

3402 I have personally read the entire statement included with this referendum packet;

3403 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3404 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.[".]

3405 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3406 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
3407 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3408 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

3409 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
3410 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

3411 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

3412 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3413 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the
3414 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3415 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
3416 14-point, bold type;

3417 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
3418 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3419 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3420 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
3421 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3422 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

3423 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

3424 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3425 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3426 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
3427 type;

3428 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

- 3429 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 3430 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
 3431 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
 3432 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
 3433 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 3434 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
 3435 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
 3436 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 3437 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
 3438 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
 3439 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
 3440 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 3441 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
 3442 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
 3443 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 3444 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
 3445 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
 3446 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
 3447 and contain the following words "By signing this referendum petition, you are
 3448 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition
 3449 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

3450 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
 3451 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

3452 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by
 3453 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

3454 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
 3455 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 3456 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
 3457 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3458 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
 3459 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
 3460 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
 3461 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3462 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed

3463 statement:

3464 Verification of signature collector

3465 State of Utah, County of ____

3466 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3467 I am at least 18 years old;

3468 All the names that appear in this referendum packet were signed by individuals who
3469 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed
3470 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying
3471 disability, I have signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of
3472 the individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's
3473 signature;

3474 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum
3475 packet by the initials "AV":

3476 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum
3477 petition on the individual's behalf;

3478 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
3479 capacity to give direction or consent;

3480 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
3481 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's
3482 behalf;

3483 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
3484 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

3485 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
3486 sheet;

3487 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
3488 seeks to overturn;

3489 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
3490 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each
3491 signer is registered to vote in Utah;

3492 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

3493 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum
3494 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3495 _____
3496 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date).

3497 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
3498 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3499 Section 37. Section **20A-7-313** is amended to read:

3500 **20A-7-313 (Effective upon governor's approval). Electronic referendum process**
3501 **-- Form of referendum petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3502 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

3503 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3504 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable ____, Lieutenant
3505 Governor:

3506 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill
3507 No. ____, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth
3508 here the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state
3509 of Utah during the ____ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or
3510 rejection at a regular general election or a statewide special election."

3511 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
3512 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3513 understand the information presented on this screen."

3514 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text
3515 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

3516 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
3517 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3518 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum
3519 petition."

3520 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement
3521 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be
3522 paid for gathering signatures.

3523 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
3524 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3525 understand the information presented on this screen."

3526 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,
3527 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

3528 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

3529 I am personally signing this referendum petition;

3530 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3531 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
3532 accurate.

3533 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
3534 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3535 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
3536 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3537 [WARNING

3538 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter
3539 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this referendum petition will
3540 be made public.]

3541 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3542 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
3543 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3544 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3545 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

3546 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),
3547 the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.
3548 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3549 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),
3550 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
3551 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the
3552 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3553 Section 38. Section **20A-7-503** is amended to read:

3554 **20A-7-503 (Effective upon governor's approval). Manual initiative process --**
3555 **Form of initiative petition and signature sheet.**

3556 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

3557 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3558 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town
3559 Clerk:

3560 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed
3561 law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next meeting; and
3562 the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the proposed law or
3563 takes no action on it.

3564 Each signer says:

3565 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying
 3566 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the
 3567 initials "AV" as my signature;

3568 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
 3569 petition;

3570 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3571 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3572 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

3573 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3574 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
 3575 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
 3576 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

- 3577 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least
 3578 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

3579 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
 3580 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
 3581 increase in the current tax rate."

- 3582 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
 3583 proposed law to each initiative petition.

- 3584 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

3585 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3586 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the
 3587 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3588 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,
 3589 bold type;

3590 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch
 3591 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3592 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3593 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
 3594 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3595 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

3596 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

3597 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3598 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

- 3599 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
3600 type;
- 3601 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3602 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3603 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 3604 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3605 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3606 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3607 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 3608 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3609 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3610 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 3611 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3612 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 3613 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3614 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 3615 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3616 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
3617 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 3618 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 3619 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
3620 and contain the following words "By signing this initiative petition, you are
3621 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
3622 petition." in 12-point type;
- 3623 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
3624 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 3625 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 3626 (i) the words "Fiscal and legal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at
3627 least 12-point, bold type;
- 3628 (ii) the summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by
3629 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost
3630 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition
3631 in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3), in not less than 12-point, bold
3632 type;

3633 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:

3634 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
3635 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
3636 increase in the current tax rate."; and

3637 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not
3638 less than eight-point type:

3639 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
3640 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3641 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
3642 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3643 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
3644 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
3645 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
3646 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3647 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed
3648 statement:

3649 "Verification of signature collector
3650 State of Utah, County of ____
3651 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3652 I am at least 18 years old;

3653 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
3654 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
3655 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have
3656 signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and in
3657 the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

3658 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative
3659 packet by the initials "AV":

3660 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative
3661 petition on the individual's behalf;

3662 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
3663 capacity to give direction or consent;

3664 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
3665 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

3666 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,

3667 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

3668 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
3669 sheet;

3670 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by
3671 the initiative; and

3672 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
3673 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is
3674 registered to vote in Utah.

3675 _____
3676 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

3677 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

3678 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to
3679 encourage that individual to sign it.

3680 _____
3681 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

3682 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions
3683 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3684 Section 39. Section **20A-7-514** is amended to read:

3685 **20A-7-514 (Effective upon governor's approval). Electronic initiative process --**
3686 **Form of initiative petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3687 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

3688 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3689 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable _____, County Clerk/City
3690 Recorder/Town Clerk:

3691 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following
3692 proposed law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next
3693 meeting; and the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the
3694 proposed law or takes no action on it."

3695 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
3696 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3697 understand the information presented on this screen."

3698 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of
3699 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-502(2)(d)(i), followed by the entire text
3700 of the proposed law.

3701 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
3702 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3703 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."

3704 (4) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the
3705 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to
3706 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement, "By clicking here, I
3707 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":

3708 (a)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative
3709 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage
3710 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
3711 increase in the current tax rate."; or

3712 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This
3713 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";

3714 (b) the summary statement from the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by
3715 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost
3716 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition in
3717 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3);

3718 (c) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition
3719 may be paid for gathering signatures; and

3720 (d) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":
3721 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

3722 I am personally signing this petition;

3723 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3724 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
3725 accurate.

3726 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name
3727 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3728 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows
3729 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3730 [WARNING

3731 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter
3732 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be
3733 made public.]

3734 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3735 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
 3736 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
 3737 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3738 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

3739 (5)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
 3740 (4)(d), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your
 3741 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3742 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
 3743 (4)(d), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
 3744 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the petition through the signature
 3745 process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3746 Section 40. Section **20A-7-603** is amended to read:

3747 **20A-7-603 (Effective upon governor's approval). Manual referendum process --**
 3748 **Form of referendum petition and signature sheet.**

3749 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

3750 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3751 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable ____, County Clerk/City
 3752 Recorder/Town Clerk:

3753 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that (description of local law or
 3754 portion of local law being challenged), passed by the ____ be referred to the voters for their
 3755 approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on
 3756 _____(month\day\year);

3757 Each signer says:

3758 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a
 3759 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer
 3760 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

3761 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the
 3762 petition;

3763 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3764 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3765 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

3766 **WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

3767 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
 3768 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter

- 3769 registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 3770 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
- 3771 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.
- 3772 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:
- 3773 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 3774 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the
- 3775 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
- 3776 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
- 3777 14-point type;
- 3778 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
- 3779 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
- 3780 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
- 3781 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
- 3782 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
- 3783 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
- 3784 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3785 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3786 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3787 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
- 3788 type;
- 3789 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3790 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3791 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 3792 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3793 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3794 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3795 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 3796 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3797 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3798 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 3799 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3800 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 3801 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3802 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;

3803 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
 3804 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
 3805 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
 3806 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
 3807 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
 3808 and contain the following words, "By signing this referendum petition, you are
 3809 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition
 3810 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

3811 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
 3812 the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

3813 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by
 3814 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

3815 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
 3816 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
 3817 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
 3818 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3819 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity
 3820 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
 3821 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified
 3822 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3823 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed
 3824 statement:

3825 "Verification of signature collector

3826 State of Utah, County of ____

3827 I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3828 I am at least 18 years old;

3829 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be
 3830 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's
 3831 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have
 3832 signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and
 3833 in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

3834 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum
 3835 packet by the initials "AV":

3836 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum

3837 petition on the individual's behalf;

3838 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental
3839 capacity to give direction or consent;

3840 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not
3841 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's
3842 behalf;

3843 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,
3844 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

3845 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature
3846 sheet;

3847 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition
3848 seeks to overturn; and

3849 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written
3850 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each
3851 signer is registered to vote in Utah.

3852

3853 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

3854 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

3855 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum
3856 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3857

3858 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

3859 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum
3860 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3861 Section 41. Section **20A-7-614** is amended to read:

3862 **20A-7-614 (Effective upon governor's approval). Electronic referendum process**

3863 **-- Form of referendum petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3864 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

3865 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3866 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable ____, County
3867 Clerk/City Recorder/Town Clerk:

3868 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that (description of local
3869 law or portion of local law being challenged), passed by the ____ be referred to the voters for
3870 their approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on

3871 _____(month\day\year)."

3872 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link
3873 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and
3874 understand the information presented on this screen."

3875 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text
3876 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

3877 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at
3878 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3879 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum
3880 petition."

3881 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement
3882 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be
3883 paid for gathering signatures.

3884 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link
3885 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read
3886 and understand the information presented on this screen."

3887 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,
3888 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

3889 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

3890 I am personally signing this referendum petition;

3891 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3892 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
3893 accurate.

3894 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name
3895 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than
3896 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual
3897 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3898 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3899 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
3900 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
3901 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3902 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

3903 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),
3904 the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.

3905 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3906 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),
 3907 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
 3908 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the
 3909 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3910 Section 42. Section **20A-8-103** is amended to read:

3911 **20A-8-103 (Effective upon governor's approval). Petition procedures -- Criminal**
 3912 **penalty -- Removal of signature.**

3913 (1) As used in this section, the proposed name or emblem of a registered political party is
 3914 "distinguishable" if a reasonable person of average intelligence will be able to perceive a
 3915 difference between the proposed name or emblem and any name or emblem currently
 3916 being used by another registered political party.

3917 (2) To become a registered political party, an organization of registered voters that is not a
 3918 continuing political party shall:

3919 (a) circulate a petition seeking registered political party status beginning no earlier than
 3920 the date of the statewide canvass held after the last regular general election and
 3921 ending before 5 p.m. no later than November 30 of the year before the year in which
 3922 the next regular general election will be held;

3923 (b) file a petition with the lieutenant governor that is signed, with a holographic
 3924 signature, by at least 2,000 registered voters before 5 p.m. no later than November 30
 3925 of the year in which a regular general election will be held; and

3926 (c) file, with the petition described in Subsection (2)(b), a document certifying:
 3927 (i) the identity of one or more registered political parties whose members may vote
 3928 for the organization's candidates;
 3929 (ii) whether unaffiliated voters may vote for the organization's candidates; and
 3930 (iii) whether, for the next election, the organization intends to nominate the
 3931 organization's candidates in accordance with the provisions of Section 20A-9-406.

3932 (3) The petition shall:

3933 (a) be on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3934 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [3/4 inch] .75 inches from the top, with the space
 3935 above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3936 (c) contain the name of the political party and the words "Political Party Registration
 3937 Petition" printed directly below the horizontal line;

3938 (d) contain the [~~word "Warning" printed~~] following statement directly under the words

3939 described in Subsection (3)(c)[;] , in at least the same size type as the majority of the
 3940 other statements on the page:

3941 [~~(e)~~] contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed in not less
 3942 than eight-point, single leaded type:]

3943 "WARNING

3944 [~~"~~]It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a political party registration
 3945 petition signature sheet with any name other than the individual's own name or more than once
 3946 for the same party or if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend
 3947 to become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant
 3948 governor.[~~"~~];

3949 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3950 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
 3951 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
 3952 registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

3953 [~~(f)~~] (e) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [
 3954 ~~(3)(e)~~] (3)(d):

3955 "POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION PETITION To the Honorable _____,
 3956 Lieutenant Governor:

3957 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, seek registered political party status for _____
 3958 (name);

3959 Each signer says:

3960 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

3961 I am registered to vote in Utah or will register to vote in Utah before the petition is
 3962 submitted to the lieutenant governor;

3963 I am or desire to become a member of the political party; and

3964 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

3965 [~~(g)~~] (f) be vertically divided into columns as follows:

3966 (i) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be 5/8 inch wide, be
 3967 headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a light vertical line
 3968 down the middle;

3969 (ii) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's
 3970 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";

3971 (iii) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Holographic Signature
 3972 of Registered Voter";

- 3973 (iv) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age (Optional)";
- 3974 (v) the final column shall be [~~4-3/8~~] 4.375 inches wide, headed "Street Address, City,
- 3975 Zip Code"; and
- 3976 (vi) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age
- 3977 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter
- 3978 registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be
- 3979 certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures
- 3980 are certified or if the information you provide does not match your voter
- 3981 registration records.";

3982 [~~(h)~~] (g) have a final page bound to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that
 3983 contains the following printed statement:

3984 "Verification

3985 State of Utah, County of _____

3986 I, _____, of _____, hereby state that:

3987 I am at least 18 years old;

3988 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by
 3989 individuals who professed to be the individuals whose names appear on the signature sheets,
 3990 and each individual signed the individual's name on the signature sheets in my presence; and

3991 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written
 3992 the individual's street address correctly, and that each individual is registered to vote in Utah or
 3993 will register to vote in Utah before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant governor.

3994 _____
 3995 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)"; and

3996 [~~(i)~~] (h) be bound to a cover sheet that:

3997 (i) identifies the political party's name, which may not exceed four words, and the
 3998 emblem of the party;

3999 (ii) states the process that the organization will follow to organize and adopt a
 4000 constitution and bylaws; and

4001 (iii) is signed by a filing officer, who agrees to receive communications on behalf of
 4002 the organization.

4003 (4) The filing officer described in Subsection [~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) shall ensure that the
 4004 individual in whose presence each signature sheet is signed:

4005 (a) is at least 18 years old; and

4006 (b) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more

- 4007 signature sheets that are bound together.
- 4008 (5) An individual may not sign the verification if the individual signed a signature sheet
4009 bound to the verification.
- 4010 (6) The lieutenant governor shall:
- 4011 (a) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer is
4012 a registered voter;
- 4013 (b) review the proposed name and emblem to determine if they are "distinguishable"
4014 from the names and emblems of other registered political parties; and
- 4015 (c) certify the lieutenant governor's findings to the filing officer described in Subsection [
4016 ~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) within 30 calendar days after the day on which the organization
4017 files the petition described in Subsection (2)(b).
- 4018 (7)(a) If the lieutenant governor determines that the petition meets the requirements of
4019 this section, and that the proposed name and emblem are distinguishable, the
4020 lieutenant governor shall authorize the filing officer described in Subsection [
4021 ~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) to organize the prospective political party.
- 4022 (b) If the lieutenant governor finds that the name, emblem, or both are not
4023 distinguishable from the names and emblems of other registered political parties, the
4024 lieutenant governor shall notify the filing officer that the filing officer has seven
4025 calendar days to electronically submit a new name or emblem to the lieutenant
4026 governor.
- 4027 (8) A registered political party may not change its name or emblem during the regular
4028 general election cycle.
- 4029 (9)(a) It is unlawful for an individual to:
- 4030 (i) knowingly sign a political party registration petition:
- 4031 (A) with any name other than the individual's own name;
- 4032 (B) more than once for the same political party; or
- 4033 (C) if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
4034 become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the
4035 lieutenant governor; or
- 4036 (ii) sign the verification of a political party registration petition signature sheet if the
4037 individual:
- 4038 (A) has not witnessed the signing by those individuals whose names appear on the
4039 political party registration petition signature sheet; or
- 4040 (B) knows that an individual whose signature appears on the political party

4041 registration petition signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and
4042 does not intend to become registered to vote in this state.

4043 (b) An individual who violates this Subsection (9) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

4044 (10)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature
4045 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
4046 which the petition is filed with the lieutenant governor, submitting to the lieutenant
4047 governor a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

4048 (b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4049 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4050 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection
4051 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a
4052 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4053 Section 43. Section **20A-9-203** is amended to read:

4054 **20A-9-203 (Effective upon governor's approval). Declarations of candidacy --**

4055 **Municipal general elections -- Nomination petition -- Removal of signature.**

4056 (1) An individual may become a candidate for any municipal office if:

4057 (a) the individual is a registered voter; and

4058 (b)(i) the individual has resided within the municipality in which the individual seeks
4059 to hold elective office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date
4060 of the election; or

4061 (ii) the territory in which the individual resides was annexed into the municipality,
4062 the individual has resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12
4063 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.

4064 (2)(a) For purposes of determining whether an individual meets the residency
4065 requirement of Subsection (1)(b)(i) in a municipality that was incorporated less than
4066 12 months before the election, the municipality is considered to have been
4067 incorporated 12 months before the date of the election.

4068 (b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), each candidate for a municipal
4069 council position shall, if elected from a district, be a resident of the council district
4070 from which the candidate is elected.

4071 (c) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article IV, Section 6, a mentally incompetent
4072 individual, an individual convicted of a felony, or an individual convicted of treason
4073 or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the
4074 right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5.

- 4075 (3)(a) An individual seeking to become a candidate for a municipal office shall,
4076 regardless of the nomination method by which the individual is seeking to become a
4077 candidate:
- 4078 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), [~~Section 10-2a-214, or Chapter 4, Part 6,~~
4079 ~~Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project,~~] and subject to Subsection
4080 20A-9-404(3)(e), file a declaration of candidacy, in person with the city recorder
4081 or town clerk, during the filing period described in Subsection (3)(d) and the
4082 office hours described in Subsection 10-3-301(3); and
- 4083 (ii) pay the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- 4084 (b) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), an individual may designate an agent to file a
4085 declaration of candidacy with the city recorder or town clerk if:
- 4086 (i) the individual is located outside of the state during the entire filing period;
4087 (ii) the designated agent appears in person before the city recorder or town clerk;
4088 (iii) the individual communicates with the city recorder or town clerk using an
4089 electronic device that allows the individual and city recorder or town clerk to see
4090 and hear each other; and
- 4091 (iv) the individual provides the city recorder or town clerk with an email address to
4092 which the city recorder or town clerk may send the individual the copies described
4093 in Subsection (4).
- 4094 (c) Any resident of a municipality may nominate a candidate for a municipal office by:
- 4095 (i) [~~except as provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods~~
4096 ~~Pilot Project,~~] filing a nomination petition with the city recorder or town clerk
4097 during the filing period described in Subsection (3)(d) and the office hours
4098 described in Subsection 10-3-301(3) that includes signatures in support of the
4099 nomination petition of the lesser of at least:
- 4100 (A) 25 registered voters who reside in the municipality; or
4101 (B) 20% of the registered voters who reside in the municipality; and
- 4102 (ii) paying the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- 4103 (d) The filing period to file a declaration of candidacy for an elective office that is to be
4104 filled at the next municipal general election:
- 4105 (i) begins at 8 a.m. on the later of:
- 4106 (A) June 1 of the year in which the next municipal general election is held; or
4107 (B) if June 1 is not a business day, the first business day after June 1; and
- 4108 (ii) ends at 5 p.m. on the fourth business day after the day on which the filing period

- 4109 begins.
- 4110 (4)(a) Before the filing officer may accept any declaration of candidacy or nomination
4111 petition, the filing officer shall:
- 4112 (i) read to the prospective candidate or individual filing the petition the constitutional
4113 and statutory qualification requirements for the office that the candidate is seeking;
- 4114 (ii) require the candidate or individual filing the petition to state whether the
4115 candidate meets the requirements described in Subsection (4)(a)(i); and
- 4116 (iii) inform the candidate or the individual filing the petition that an individual who
4117 holds a municipal elected office may not, at the same time, hold a county elected
4118 office.
- 4119 (b) If the prospective candidate does not meet the qualification requirements for the
4120 office, the filing officer may not accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination
4121 petition.
- 4122 (c) If it appears that the prospective candidate meets the requirements of candidacy, the
4123 filing officer shall:
- 4124 (i) inform the candidate that, subject to Section 20A-6-109, the candidate's name will
4125 appear on the ballot as it is written on the declaration of candidacy;
- 4126 (ii) provide the candidate with a copy of the current campaign financial disclosure
4127 laws for the office the candidate is seeking and inform the candidate that failure to
4128 comply will result in disqualification as a candidate and removal of the candidate's
4129 name from the ballot;
- 4130 (iii) provide the candidate with a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide
4131 Electronic Voter Information Website Program and inform the candidate of the
4132 submission deadline under Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a);
- 4133 (iv) inform the candidate that the candidate must provide the filing officer with an
4134 email address that the candidate actively monitors:
- 4135 (A) to receive a communication from a filing officer or an election officer; and
4136 (B) if the candidate wishes to display a candidate profile on the Statewide
4137 Electronic Voter Information Website, to submit to the website the
4138 biographical and other information described in Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a)(ii);
- 4139 (v) inform the candidate that the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv) is
4140 not a record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and
4141 Management Act;
- 4142 (vi) obtain from the candidate the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv);

4143 (vii) provide the candidate with a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices
4144 described under Section 20A-9-206 and inform the candidate that:

4145 (A) signing the pledge is voluntary; and

4146 (B) signed pledges shall be filed with the filing officer; and

4147 (viii) accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition.

4148 (d) If the candidate elects to sign the pledge of fair campaign practices, the filing officer
4149 shall:

4150 (i) accept the candidate's pledge; and

4151 (ii) if the candidate has filed for a partisan office, provide a certified copy of the
4152 candidate's pledge to the chair of the county or state political party of which the
4153 candidate is a member.

4154 (5)(a) The declaration of candidacy shall be in substantially the following form:

4155 "I, (print name) _____, being first sworn and under penalty of perjury, say that I reside at
4156 _____ Street, City of _____, County of _____, state of Utah, Zip Code _____, Telephone Number
4157 (if any) _____; that I am a registered voter; and that I am a candidate for the office of _____
4158 (stating the term). I will meet the legal qualifications required of candidates for this office. If
4159 filing via a designated agent, I attest that I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire
4160 candidate filing period. I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law
4161 and I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this
4162 office and removal of my name from the ballot. I request that my name be printed upon the
4163 applicable official ballots. (Signed) _____

4164 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by _____ on this
4165 _____(month\day\year).

4166 (Signed) _____ (Clerk or other officer qualified to administer oath)."

4167 (b) An agent designated under Subsection (3)(b) to file a declaration of candidacy may
4168 not sign the form described in Subsection (5)(a).

4169 (c)(i) A nomination petition shall be in substantially the following form:

4170 "NOMINATION PETITION

4171 The undersigned residents of (name of municipality), being registered voters, nominate
4172 (name of nominee) for the office of (name of office) for the (length of term of office).["]

4173 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4174 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
4175 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
4176 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

- 4177 (ii) The remainder of the petition shall contain lines and columns for the signatures of
4178 individuals signing the petition and each individual's address and phone number.
- 4179 (6) If the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition fails to state whether the
4180 nomination is for the two-year or four-year term, the clerk shall consider the nomination
4181 to be for the four-year term.
- 4182 (7)(a) The clerk shall verify with the county clerk that all candidates are registered
4183 voters.
- 4184 (b) With the assistance of the county clerk, and using the procedures described in
4185 Section 20A-1-1002, the municipal clerk shall determine whether the required
4186 number of signatures of registered voters appears on a nomination petition.
- 4187 (8) Immediately after expiration of the period for filing a declaration of candidacy, the clerk
4188 shall:
- 4189 (a) publicize a list of the names of the candidates as they will appear on the ballot by
4190 publishing the list for the municipality, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102,
4191 for seven calendar days; and
- 4192 (b) notify the lieutenant governor of the names of the candidates as they will appear on
4193 the ballot.
- 4194 (9) Except as provided in Subsection (10)(c), an individual may not amend a declaration of
4195 candidacy or nomination petition filed under this section after the candidate filing period
4196 ends.
- 4197 (10)(a) A declaration of candidacy or nomination petition that an individual files under
4198 this section is valid unless a person files a written objection with the clerk no later
4199 than 5 p.m. on the first business day that is at least 10 calendar days after the last day
4200 for filing.
- 4201 (b) If a person files an objection, the clerk shall:
- 4202 (i) mail or personally deliver notice of the objection to the affected candidate
4203 immediately; and
- 4204 (ii) decide any objection within 48 hours after the objection is filed.
- 4205 (c) If the clerk sustains the objection, the candidate may, no later than 5 p.m. on the first
4206 business day that is at least three calendar days after the day on which the clerk
4207 sustains the objection, correct the problem for which the objection is sustained by
4208 amending the candidate's declaration of candidacy or nomination petition, or by filing
4209 a new declaration of candidacy.
- 4210 (d)(i) The clerk's decision upon objections to form is final.

4211 (ii) The clerk's decision upon substantive matters is reviewable by a district court if
 4212 prompt application is made to the district court.

4213 (iii) The decision of the district court is final unless the Supreme Court, in the
 4214 exercise of its discretion, agrees to review the lower court decision.

4215 (11) A candidate who qualifies for the ballot under this section may withdraw as a
 4216 candidate by filing a written affidavit with the municipal clerk.

4217 (12)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's
 4218 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after
 4219 the day on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or municipal clerk,
 4220 submitting to the municipal clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
 4221 removed.

4222 (b) A statement described in Subsection (12)(a) shall comply with the requirements
 4223 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4224 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in
 4225 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the municipal clerk shall determine whether to remove an
 4226 individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid statement
 4227 requesting removal of the signature.

4228 Section 44. Section **20A-9-404** is amended to read:

4229 **20A-9-404 (Effective upon governor's approval). Municipal primary elections.**

4230 (1)(a) [~~Except as otherwise provided in this section or Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal~~
 4231 ~~Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, candidates~~] Candidates for municipal office
 4232 in all municipalities shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.

4233 (b) Municipal primary elections shall be held:

4234 (i) consistent with Section 20A-1-201.5, on the second Tuesday following the first
 4235 Monday in the August before the regular municipal election; and

4236 (ii) whenever possible, at the same polling places as the regular municipal election.

4237 (c) Subsections (3) through (5) do not apply to an election to elect local school board
 4238 members under Section 53G-3-302.

4239 [~~(d) Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, does not apply~~
 4240 ~~to an election to elect local school board members under Section 53G-3-302.~~]

4241 (2) [~~Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting~~
 4242 ~~Methods Pilot Project, if~~] If the number of candidates for a particular municipal office
 4243 does not exceed twice the number of individuals needed to fill that office, a primary
 4244 election for that office may not be held and the candidates are considered nominated.

- 4245 (3)(a) For purposes of this Subsection (3), "convention" means an organized assembly of
4246 voters or delegates.
- 4247 (b)(i) By ordinance adopted before the May 1 that falls before a regular municipal
4248 election, any third, fourth, or fifth class city or town may exempt itself from a
4249 primary election by providing that the nomination of candidates for municipal
4250 office to be voted upon at a municipal election be nominated by a municipal party
4251 convention or committee.
- 4252 (ii) The municipal party convention or committee described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)
4253 shall be held on or before May 30 of an odd-numbered year.
- 4254 (iii) Any primary election exemption ordinance adopted under this Subsection (3)
4255 remains in effect until repealed by ordinance.
- 4256 (c)(i) A convention or committee may not nominate more than one candidate for each
4257 of the municipal offices to be voted upon at the municipal election.
- 4258 (ii) A convention or committee may not nominate an individual who has accepted the
4259 nomination of a different convention or committee.
- 4260 (iii) A municipal party may not have more than one group of candidates placed upon
4261 the ballot and may not group the same candidates on different tickets by the same
4262 party under a different name or emblem.
- 4263 (d)(i) On or before May 31 of an odd-numbered year, a convention or committee
4264 shall prepare and submit to the filing officer a certificate of nomination for each
4265 individual nominated.
- 4266 (ii) The certificate of nomination shall:
- 4267 (A) contain the name of the office for which each individual is nominated, the
4268 name, post office address, and, if in a city, the street number of residence and
4269 place of business, if any, of each individual nominated;
- 4270 (B) designate in not more than five words the party that the convention or
4271 committee represents;
- 4272 (C) contain a copy of the resolution passed at the convention that authorized the
4273 committee to make the nomination;
- 4274 (D) contain a statement certifying that the name of the candidate nominated by the
4275 political party will not appear on the ballot as a candidate for any other
4276 political party;
- 4277 (E) be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention or
4278 committee; and

- 4279 (F) contain a statement identifying the residence and post office address of the
4280 presiding officer and secretary and certifying that the presiding officer and
4281 secretary were officers of the convention or committee and that the certificates
4282 are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.
- 4283 (iii) A candidate nominated by a municipal party convention or committee shall file a
4284 declaration with the filing officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-9-203(3)
4285 that includes:
- 4286 (A) the name of the municipal party or convention that nominated the candidate;
4287 and
4288 (B) the office for which the convention or committee nominated the candidate.
- 4289 (e) A committee appointed at a convention, if authorized by an enabling resolution, may
4290 also make nominations or fill vacancies in nominations made at a convention if the
4291 committee makes the nomination before the deadline for a write-in candidate to file a
4292 declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-601.
- 4293 (f) The election ballot shall substantially comply with the form prescribed in Chapter 6,
4294 Part 4, Ballot Form Requirements for Municipal Elections, but the party name shall
4295 be included with the candidate's name.
- 4296 (4)(a) Any third, fourth, or fifth class city or a town may adopt an ordinance before the
4297 May 1 that falls before the regular municipal election that:
- 4298 (i) exempts the city or town from the other methods of nominating candidates to
4299 municipal office provided in this section; and
4300 (ii) provides for a municipal partisan convention method of nominating candidates as
4301 provided in this Subsection (4).
- 4302 (b)(i) Any party that was a registered political party at the last regular general
4303 election or regular municipal election is a municipal political party under this
4304 section.
- 4305 (ii) Any political party may qualify as a municipal political party by presenting a
4306 petition to the city recorder that:
- 4307 (A) is signed, with a holographic signature, by registered voters within the
4308 municipality equal to at least 20% of the number of votes cast for all
4309 candidates for mayor in the last municipal election at which a mayor was
4310 elected;
- 4311 (B) is filed with the city recorder or town clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the last
4312 business day before the day on which the municipal party holds a convention to

- 4313 nominate a candidate under this Subsection (4);
- 4314 (C) is substantially similar to the form of the signature sheets described in Section
- 4315 20A-7-303;[~~and~~]
- 4316 (D) contains the name of the municipal political party using not more than five
- 4317 words[-] ; and
- 4318 (E) includes the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the
- 4319 same size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:
- 4320 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
- 4321 RECORDS
- 4322 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be
- 4323 publicly disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if
- 4324 you are an at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified
- 4325 as a private record."
- 4326 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk, the city recorder or town clerk shall use
- 4327 the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether each signer
- 4328 is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition.
- 4329 (c)(i) If the number of candidates for a particular office does not exceed twice the
- 4330 number of offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, no primary
- 4331 election for that office shall be held and the candidates are considered to be
- 4332 nominated.
- 4333 (ii) If the number of candidates for a particular office exceeds twice the number of
- 4334 offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, those candidates for
- 4335 municipal office shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.
- 4336 (d) The clerk shall ensure that the partisan municipal primary ballot is similar to the
- 4337 ballot forms required by Section 20A-6-401 and, as applicable, Section 20A-6-401.1.
- 4338 (e) After marking a municipal primary ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot in the
- 4339 blank ballot box.
- 4340 (f) Immediately after the canvass, the election judges shall, without examination, destroy
- 4341 the tickets deposited in the blank ballot box.
- 4342 (5)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (4)(b)(ii) may have the voter's
- 4343 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after
- 4344 the day on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or town clerk, submitting
- 4345 to the city recorder or town clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be
- 4346 removed.

- 4347 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
 4348 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 4349 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in
 4350 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the city recorder or town clerk shall determine whether to
 4351 remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid
 4352 statement requesting removal of the signature.

4353 Section 45. Section **20A-9-405** is amended to read:

4354 **20A-9-405 (Effective upon governor's approval). Nomination petitions for**
 4355 **regular primary elections.**

- 4356 (1) This section applies to the form and circulation of nomination petitions for regular
 4357 primary elections described in Subsection 20A-9-403(3)(a).
- 4358 (2) A candidate for elective office, and the agents of the candidate, may not circulate
 4359 nomination petitions until the candidate has submitted a declaration of candidacy in
 4360 accordance with Subsection 20A-9-202(1).
- 4361 (3) For the manual candidate qualification process, the nomination petitions shall be in
 4362 substantially the following form:
- 4363 (a) the petition shall be printed on paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 4364 (b) the petition shall be ruled with a horizontal line [~~3/4 inch~~] .75 inches from the top,
 4365 with the space above that line blank for purposes of binding;
- 4366 (c) the petition shall be headed by a caption stating the purpose of the petition and the
 4367 name of the proposed candidate;
- 4368 (d) the petition shall feature the [~~word "Warning" followed by the~~]following statement
 4369 in no less than eight-point, single leaded type:[~~"~~]
 4370 "WARNING
 4371 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition
 4372 with any name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same
 4373 candidate, or if the person is not registered to vote in this state.[~~"~~];
 4374 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 4375 RECORDS
 4376 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
 4377 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
 4378 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
 4379 record.";
- 4380 (e) the petition shall feature 10 lines spaced [~~one-half inch~~] .5 inches apart and

- 4381 consecutively numbered one through 10;
- 4382 (f) the signature portion of the petition shall be divided into columns headed by the
- 4383 following titles:
- 4384 (i) Registered Voter's Printed Name;
- 4385 (ii) Signature of Registered Voter;
- 4386 (iii) Party Affiliation of Registered Voter;
- 4387 (iv) Birth Date or Age (Optional);
- 4388 (v) Street Address, City, Zip Code; and
- 4389 (vi) Date of Signature; and
- 4390 (g) a photograph of the candidate may appear on the nomination petition.
- 4391 (4) For the electronic candidate qualification process, the lieutenant governor shall design
- 4392 an electronic form, using progressive screens, that includes:
- 4393 (a) the following [~~warning~~] statement:
- 4394 "~~Warning:~~ **WARNING**
- 4395 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition with any
- 4396 name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same candidate, or if the
- 4397 person is not registered to vote in this state.~~["; and]~~
- 4398 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
- 4399 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
- 4400 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
- 4401 registration record that has been classified as a private record."; and
- 4402 (b) the following information for each individual who signs the petition:
- 4403 (i) name;
- 4404 (ii) party affiliation;
- 4405 (iii) date of birth or age, (optional);
- 4406 (iv) street address, city, zip code;
- 4407 (v) date of signature;
- 4408 (vi) other information required under Section 20A-21-201; and
- 4409 (vii) other information required by the lieutenant governor.
- 4410 (5) For the manual candidate qualification process, if one or more nomination petitions are
- 4411 bound together, a page shall be bound to the nomination petition(s) that features the following
- 4412 printed verification statement to be signed and dated by the petition circulator:
- 4413 "Verification
- 4414 State of Utah, County of _____

4415 I, _____, of _____, hereby state that:

4416 I am at least 18 years old;

4417 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were, to the best of
4418 my knowledge, signed by the persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on
4419 the signature sheets, and each of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my
4420 presence;

4421 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's
4422 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah."

4423 (6) The lieutenant governor shall prepare and make public model nomination petition forms
4424 and associated instructions.

4425 (7) A nomination petition circulator:

4426 (a) must be at least 18 years old; and

4427 (b) may affiliate with any political party.

4428 (8) It is unlawful for any person to:

4429 (a) knowingly sign the nomination petition described in this section or Section
4430 20A-9-408:

4431 (i) with any name other than the person's own name;

4432 (ii) more than once for the same candidate; or

4433 (iii) if the person is not registered to vote in this state;

4434 (b) sign the verification of a signature for a nomination petition if the person:

4435 (i) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the
4436 nomination petition; or

4437 (ii) knows that a person whose signature appears on the nomination petition is not
4438 registered to vote in this state;

4439 (c) pay compensation to any person to sign a nomination petition; or

4440 (d) pay compensation to any person to circulate a nomination petition, if the
4441 compensation is based directly on the number of signatures submitted to a filing
4442 officer rather than on the number of signatures verified or on some other basis.

4443 (9) Any person violating Subsection (8) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

4444 (10)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition may have the voter's signature removed
4445 from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on which the
4446 candidate files the petition with the appropriate filing officer, submitting to the filing
4447 officer a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

4448 (b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements

4449 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4450 (c) The filing officer shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
4451 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a nomination petition
4452 after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4453 Section 46. Section **20A-9-408** is amended to read:

4454 **20A-9-408 (Effective upon governor's approval). Signature-gathering process to**
4455 **seek the nomination of a qualified political party -- Removal of signature.**

4456 (1) This section describes the requirements for a member of a qualified political party who
4457 is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office through
4458 the signature-gathering process described in this section.

4459 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-201(7)(a), the form of the declaration of candidacy
4460 for a member of a qualified political party who is nominated by, or who is seeking the
4461 nomination of, the qualified political party under this section shall be substantially as
4462 described in Section 20A-9-408.5.

4463 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(a), and except as provided in Subsection
4464 20A-9-202(4), a member of a qualified political party who, under this section, is seeking
4465 the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office that is to be filled at
4466 the next general election shall:

4467 (a) except to the extent otherwise provided in Subsection (13)(a), during the applicable
4468 declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, and before
4469 gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing officer on a form approved
4470 by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy that
4471 includes:

4472 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered
4473 political party under this section;

4474 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking
4475 nomination;

4476 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;

4477 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and

4478 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;

4479 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in
4480 person, with the filing officer during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing
4481 period described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and

4482 (c) pay the filing fee.

- 4483 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(2)(a), a member of a qualified political party
4484 who, under this section, is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for the
4485 office of district attorney within a multicounty prosecution district that is to be filled at
4486 the next general election shall:
- 4487 (a) during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section
4488 20A-9-201.5, and before gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing
4489 officer on a form approved by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather
4490 signatures for candidacy that includes:
 - 4491 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered
4492 political party under this section;
 - 4493 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking
4494 nomination;
 - 4495 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;
 - 4496 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and
 - 4497 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;
 - 4498 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in
4499 person, with the filing officer during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing
4500 period described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and
 - 4501 (c) pay the filing fee.
- 4502 (5) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(3)(a)(iii), a lieutenant governor candidate who
4503 files as the joint-ticket running mate of an individual who is nominated by a qualified
4504 political party, under this section, for the office of governor shall, during the applicable
4505 declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, file a
4506 declaration of candidacy and submit a letter from the candidate for governor that names
4507 the lieutenant governor candidate as a joint-ticket running mate.
- 4508 (6) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that the certification described in Subsection
4509 20A-9-701(1) also includes the name of each candidate nominated by a qualified
4510 political party under this section.
- 4511 (7) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-701(2), the ballot shall, for each candidate who is
4512 nominated by a qualified political party under this section, designate the qualified
4513 political party that nominated the candidate.
- 4514 (8) A member of a qualified political party may seek the nomination of the qualified
4515 political party for an elective office by:
- 4516 (a) complying with the requirements described in this section; and

- 4517 (b) collecting signatures, on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies
4518 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), during the period beginning on the day on which the
4519 member files a notice of intent to gather signatures and ending at the applicable
4520 deadline described in Subsection (12), in the following amounts:
- 4521 (i) for a statewide race, 28,000 signatures of registered voters in the state who are
4522 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's
4523 candidates in a primary election;
 - 4524 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (13)(b), for a congressional district race, 7,000
4525 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the congressional district and
4526 are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political
4527 party's candidates in a primary election;
 - 4528 (iii) for a state Senate district race, 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are
4529 residents of the state Senate district and are permitted by the qualified political
4530 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
 - 4531 (iv) for a state House district race, 1,000 signatures of registered voters who are
4532 residents of the state House district and are permitted by the qualified political
4533 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
 - 4534 (v) for a State Board of Education race, the lesser of:
 - 4535 (A) 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the State Board of
4536 Education district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for
4537 the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election; or
 - 4538 (B) 3% of the registered voters of the qualified political party who are residents of
4539 the applicable State Board of Education district; and
 - 4540 (vi) for a county office race, signatures of 3% of the registered voters who are
4541 residents of the area permitted to vote for the county office and are permitted by
4542 the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in
4543 a primary election.
- 4544 (9)(a) This Subsection (9) applies only to the manual candidate qualification process.
- 4545 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the
4546 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, using
4547 the manual candidate qualification process, the member shall:
 - 4548 (i) collect the signatures on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies
4549 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), using the same circulation and verification
4550 requirements described in Sections 20A-7-105 and 20A-7-204; and

- 4551 (ii) in accordance with Section 20A-9-408.3, submit the signatures to the election
4552 officer before the applicable deadline described in Subsection (12).
- 4553 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), and in
4554 accordance with Section 20A-9-408.3, the election officer shall, no later than the
4555 earlier of 14 calendar days after the day on which the election officer receives the
4556 signatures, or one day before the day on which the qualified political party holds the
4557 convention to select a nominee for the elective office to which the signature packets
4558 relate:
- 4559 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature
4560 packet to determine whether each individual is at least 18 years old;
- 4561 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (9)(c)(i) who is not at
4562 least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney;
- 4563 (iii) with the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, determine whether each
4564 signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition, using the same
4565 method, described in Section 20A-1-1002, used to verify a signature on a petition;
4566 and
- 4567 (iv) certify whether each name is that of a registered voter who is qualified to sign the
4568 signature packet.
- 4569 (d)(i) A registered voter who physically signs a form under Subsections (8) and (9)(b)
4570 may have the voter's signature removed from the form by, no later than 5 p.m.
4571 three business days after the day on which the member submits the signature form
4572 to the election officer, submitting to the election officer a statement requesting
4573 that the voter's signature be removed.
- 4574 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (9)(d)(i) shall comply with the requirements
4575 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 4576 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, the election officer shall
4577 use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether
4578 to remove an individual's signature after receiving a timely, valid statement
4579 requesting removal of the signature.
- 4580 (e)(i) An election officer shall, in accordance with this Subsection (9)(e) and rules
4581 made under Section 20A-3a-106, conduct regular audits of signature comparisons
4582 made between signatures gathered under this section and voter signatures
4583 maintained by the election officer.
- 4584 (ii) An individual who conducts an audit of signature comparisons under this section

- 4585 may not audit the individual's own work.
- 4586 (iii) The election officer shall:
- 4587 (A) audit 1% of all signature comparisons described in Subsection (9)(e)(i) to
- 4588 determine the accuracy of the comparisons made;
- 4589 (B) record the individuals who conducted the audit;
- 4590 (C) record the audit results;
- 4591 (D) provide additional training or staff reassignments, as needed, based on the
- 4592 results of an audit described in Subsection (9)(e)(i); and
- 4593 (E) record any remedial action taken.
- 4594 (iv) The audit results described in Subsection (9)(e)(iii)(C) are a public record.
- 4595 (f) An election officer who certifies signatures under Subsection (9)(c) or
- 4596 20A-9-403(3)(d) shall, after certifying enough signatures to establish that a candidate
- 4597 has reached the applicable signature threshold described in Subsection (8) or
- 4598 20A-9-403(3)(a), as applicable, continue to certify signatures submitted for the
- 4599 candidate in excess of the number of signatures required, until the election officer
- 4600 either:
- 4601 (i) certifies signatures equal to 110% of the applicable signature threshold; or
- 4602 (ii) has reviewed all signatures submitted for the candidate before reaching an
- 4603 amount equal to 110% of the applicable signature threshold.
- 4604 (10)(a) This Subsection (10) applies only to the electronic candidate qualification
- 4605 process.
- 4606 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the
- 4607 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, the
- 4608 member shall, before the deadline described in Subsection (12), collect signatures
- 4609 electronically:
- 4610 (i) in accordance with Section 20A-21-201; and
- 4611 (ii) using progressive screens, in a format approved by the lieutenant governor, that
- 4612 complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(4).
- 4613 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), the
- 4614 election officer shall, no later than the earlier of 14 calendar days after the day on
- 4615 which the election officer receives the signatures, or one day before the day on which
- 4616 the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee for the elective
- 4617 office to which the signature packets relate:
- 4618 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature

- 4619 to determine whether each individual is at least 18 years old; and
- 4620 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (10)(c)(i) who is not
- 4621 at least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney.
- 4622 (11)(a) An individual may not gather signatures under this section until after the
- 4623 individual files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this
- 4624 section.
- 4625 (b) An individual who files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy,
- 4626 described in Subsection (3)(a) or (4)(a), is, beginning on the day on which the
- 4627 individual files the notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy:
- 4628 (i) required to comply with the reporting requirements that a candidate for office is
- 4629 required to comply with; and
- 4630 (ii) subject to the same enforcement provisions, and civil and criminal penalties, that
- 4631 apply to a candidate for office in relation to the reporting requirements described
- 4632 in Subsection (11)(b)(i).
- 4633 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), or
- 4634 Subsections (8) and (10)(b), the election officer shall, no later than the day before the
- 4635 day on which the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee
- 4636 for the elective office to which the signature packets relate, notify the qualified
- 4637 political party and the lieutenant governor of the name of each member of the
- 4638 qualified political party who qualifies as a nominee of the qualified political party,
- 4639 under this section, for the elective office to which the convention relates.
- 4640 (d) Upon receipt of a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this
- 4641 section, the lieutenant governor shall post the notice of intent to gather signatures for
- 4642 candidacy on the lieutenant governor's website in the same location that the
- 4643 lieutenant governor posts a declaration of candidacy.
- 4644 (12) The deadline before which a member of a qualified political party must collect and
- 4645 submit signatures to the election officer under this section is 5 p.m. on the last business
- 4646 day that is at least 14 calendar days before the day on which the qualified political
- 4647 party's convention for the office begins.
- 4648 (13) For the 2026 election year only, an individual who desires to gather signatures to seek
- 4649 the nomination of a qualified political party for the office of United States representative
- 4650 shall:
- 4651 (a) in accordance with Subsection (3)(a), file a notice of intent to gather signatures
- 4652 during the period beginning at 8 a.m. on the first business day of January and ending

4653 at 5 p.m. on March 13, 2026; and

4654 (b) during the period beginning on the day on which the individual files the notice of
4655 intent to gather signatures and ending at 5 p.m. on March 13, 2026, on a form
4656 approved by the lieutenant governor that complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(3),
4657 collect 7,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the state and are
4658 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's
4659 candidates in a primary election.

4660 Section 47. Section **20A-9-502** is amended to read:

4661 **20A-9-502 (Effective upon governor's approval). Certificate of nomination --**
4662 **Contents -- Circulation -- Verification -- Criminal penalty -- Removal of petition**
4663 **signature.**

4664 (1) The candidate shall:

4665 (a) prepare a certificate of nomination in substantially the following form:

4666 "State of Utah, County of _____

4667 I, _____, declare my intention of becoming an unaffiliated candidate for the
4668 political group designated as ____ for the office of _____. I do solemnly swear that I can
4669 qualify to hold that office both legally and constitutionally if selected, and that I reside at _____
4670 Street, in the city of _____, county of _____, state of _____, zip code _____, phone _____, and
4671 that I am providing, or have provided, the required number of holographic signatures of
4672 registered voters required by law; that as a candidate at the next election I will not knowingly
4673 violate any election or campaign law; that, if filing via a designated agent for an office other
4674 than president of the United States, I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate
4675 filing period; I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and I
4676 understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office
4677 and removal of my name from the ballot.

4678

4679 _____
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____(month\day\year).

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4681 _____
Notary Public (or other officer

4682

qualified to administer oaths");

- 4683 (b) for each signature packet, bind signature sheets to a copy of the certificate of
 4684 nomination and the circulator verification, that:
 4685 (i) are printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
 4686 (ii) are ruled with a horizontal line [3/4 inch] .75 inches from the top, with the space
 4687 above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
 4688 (iii) contain the name of the proposed candidate and the words "Unaffiliated
 4689 Candidate Certificate of Nomination Petition" printed directly below the
 4690 horizontal line;
 4691 (iv) contain the [word "Warning" printed] following statement, directly under the
 4692 words described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii)[;] ,

4693 [~~(v)~~] contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following ~~statement printed~~] in not less
 4694 than eight-point, single leaded type:

4695 "WARNING

4696 ["]It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a certificate of nomination
 4697 signature sheet with any name other than the person's own name or more than once for the
 4698 same candidate or if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
 4699 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the signatures.[";]

4700 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4701 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly disclosed if
 4702 you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter
 4703 registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

4704 [~~(vi)~~] (v) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [
 4705 ~~(1)(b)(v)~~] (1)(b)(iv):

4706 "Each signer says:

4707 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

4708 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the
 4709 county clerk certifies my signature; and

4710 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

4711 [~~(vii)~~] (vi) contain horizontally ruled lines, [3/8 inch] .375 inches apart under the
 4712 statement described in Subsection [~~(1)(b)(vi)~~] (1)(b)(v); and

4713 [~~(viii)~~] (vii) be vertically divided into columns as follows:

- 4714 (A) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be [5/8 inch] .625
 4715 inches wide, be headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a

- 4716 light vertical line down the middle;
- 4717 (B) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's
- 4718 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";
- 4719 (C) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Holographic
- 4720 Signature of Registered Voter";
- 4721 (D) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age
- 4722 (Optional)";
- 4723 (E) the final column shall be [~~4-3/8~~] 4.375 inches wide, headed "Street Address,
- 4724 City, Zip Code"; and
- 4725 (F) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age
- 4726 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with
- 4727 voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may
- 4728 not be certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition
- 4729 signatures are certified or if the information you provide does not match your
- 4730 voter registration records."; and

4731 (c) bind a final page to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that contains,
 4732 except as provided by Subsection (3), the following printed statement:

4733 "Verification

4734 State of Utah, County of _____

4735 I, _____, of _____, hereby state that:

4736 I am at least 18 years old;

4737 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by
 4738 persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on the signature sheets, and each
 4739 of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my presence;

4740 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's
 4741 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah or will register to
 4742 vote in Utah before the county clerk certifies the signatures on the signature sheet.

4743 _____
 4744 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)".

4745 (2) An agent designated to file a certificate of nomination under Subsection

4746 20A-9-503(2)(b) or (4)(b) may not sign the form described in Subsection (1)(a).

4747 (3)(a) The candidate shall circulate the nomination petition and ensure that the person in
 4748 whose presence each signature sheet is signed:

4749 (i) is at least 18 years old; and

4750 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more
4751 signature sheets that are bound together.

4752 (b) A person may not sign the circulator verification if the person signed a signature
4753 sheet bound to the verification.

4754 (4)(a) It is unlawful for any person to:

4755 (i) knowingly sign a certificate of nomination signature sheet:

4756 (A) with any name other than the person's own name;

4757 (B) more than once for the same candidate; or

4758 (C) if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
4759 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the
4760 signatures; or

4761 (ii) sign the verification of a certificate of nomination signature sheet if the person:

4762 (A) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the
4763 certificate of nomination signature sheet; or

4764 (B) knows that a person whose signature appears on the certificate of nomination
4765 signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
4766 become registered to vote in this state.

4767 (b) Any person violating this Subsection (4) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

4768 (5)(a) To qualify for placement on the general election ballot, the candidate shall, no
4769 earlier than the start of the applicable declaration of candidacy period described in
4770 Section 20A-9-201.5 and no later than 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in which the
4771 election will be held:

4772 (i) comply with Subsection 20A-9-503(1); and

4773 (ii) submit each signature packet to the county clerk where the majority of the
4774 signatures in the packet were collected, with signatures totaling:

4775 (A) at least 1,000 registered voters residing within the state when the nomination
4776 is for an office to be filled by the voters of the entire state; or

4777 (B) at least 300 registered voters residing within a political division or at least 5%
4778 of the registered voters residing within a political division, whichever is less,
4779 when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the voters of any political
4780 division smaller than the state.

4781 (b) A candidate has not complied with Subsection (5)(a)(ii), unless the county clerks
4782 verify that each required signature is a valid signature of a registered voter who is
4783 eligible to sign the signature packet and has not signed a signature packet to nominate

- 4784 another candidate for the same office.
- 4785 (c) In reviewing the signature packets, the county clerk shall count and certify only those
4786 persons who signed with a holographic signature, who:
- 4787 (i) are registered voters within the political division that the candidate seeks to
4788 represent; and
- 4789 (ii) did not sign any other certificate of nomination for that office.
- 4790 (d) The county clerk shall count and certify the number of registered voters who validly
4791 signed a signature packet, no later than 30 calendar days after the day on which the
4792 candidate submits the signature packet.
- 4793 (e) The candidate may supplement the signatures or amend the certificate of nomination
4794 or declaration of candidacy at any time on or before 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in
4795 which the election will be held.
- 4796 (f) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to
4797 determine whether a signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the signature
4798 packet.
- 4799 (6)(a) A voter who signs a signature packet under this section may have the voter's
4800 signature removed from the signature packet by, no later than 5 p.m. three business
4801 days after the day on which the candidate submits the signature packet to the county
4802 clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature
4803 be removed.
- 4804 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4805 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 4806 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
4807 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a signature packet after
4808 receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 4809 Section 48. Section **20A-15-103** is amended to read:
- 4810 **20A-15-103 (Effective upon governor's approval). Delegates -- Candidacy --**
4811 **Qualifications -- Nominating procedures -- Removal of petition signature.**
- 4812 (1) Candidates for the office of delegate to the ratification convention shall be citizens,
4813 residents of Utah, and at least 21 years old.
- 4814 (2) Persons wishing to be delegates to the ratification convention shall:
- 4815 (a) circulate a nominating petition meeting the requirements of this section; and
4816 (b) obtain the signature of at least 100 registered voters.
- 4817 (3)(a) A single nominating petition may nominate any number of candidates up to 21,

- 4818 the total number of delegates to be elected.
- 4819 (b) Nominating petitions may not contain anything identifying a candidate's party or
4820 political affiliation.
- 4821 (c) Each nominating petition shall contain a written statement signed by each nominee,
4822 indicating either that the candidate will:
- 4823 (i) vote for ratification of the proposed amendment; or
4824 (ii) vote against ratification of the proposed amendment.
- 4825 (d) A nominating petition containing the names of more than one nominee may not
4826 contain the name of any nominee whose stated position in the nominating petition is
4827 inconsistent with that of any other nominee listed in the petition.
- 4828 (e) The first page of a nominating petition described in this section shall include the
4829 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other
4830 statements on the page:
4831 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
4832 RECORDS
4833 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
4834 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
4835 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
4836 record."
- 4837 (4)(a) A candidate shall file the candidate's nominating petition with the lieutenant
4838 governor no later than 5 p.m. on the last business day that is at least 40 calendar days
4839 before the proclaimed date of the election.
- 4840 (b) Within 10 calendar days after the last day for filing the petitions, the lieutenant
4841 governor shall:
- 4842 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer
4843 is a registered voter;
- 4844 (ii) declare nominated the 21 nominees in favor of ratification and the 21 nominees
4845 against ratification whose nominating petitions have been signed by the largest
4846 number of registered voters;
- 4847 (iii) decide any ties by lot drawn by the lieutenant governor; and
4848 (iv) certify the nominated candidates of each group to the county clerk of each county
4849 within the state.
- 4850 (5)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's
4851 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after

4852 the last day for filing the petitions, submitting to the lieutenant governor a statement
4853 requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

4854 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
4855 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4856 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection
4857 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a
4858 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4859 Section 49. Section **53G-3-301.1** is amended to read:

4860 **53G-3-301.1 (Effective upon governor's approval). Creation of a new school**
4861 **district -- Citizens' petition -- Procedures to follow -- Removal or reinstatement of**
4862 **signature.**

4863 (1) Citizens may file a petition to create a new school district in accordance with this
4864 section and Section 53G-3-301.

4865 (2)(a) The county clerk shall ensure that a petition described in Subsection (1) is signed
4866 by registered voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new
4867 school district in an amount equal to at least 10% of all votes cast within the
4868 geographic boundaries of the proposed new school district for all candidates for
4869 president of the United States at the last regular general election at which a president
4870 of the United States was elected.

4871 (b) The sponsors of a petition described in Subsection (1) shall file the petition with the
4872 clerk of each county in which any part of the proposed new school district is located.

4873 (c) The petition sponsors shall ensure that the petition described in Subsection (1):

4874 (i) indicates the typed or printed name and current residence address of each voter
4875 who signs the petition;

4876 (ii) describes the proposed new school district boundaries; and

4877 (iii) designates up to five signers of the petition as sponsors, designating one as the
4878 contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of each.

4879 (d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
4880 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
4881 page:

4882 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
4883 RECORDS

4884 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
4885 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an

- 4886 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
4887 record."
- 4888 (3)(a)(i) A signer of a petition described in Subsection (1) may remove or, once
4889 removed, reinstate the signer's signature by filing a written statement requesting
4890 removal or reinstatement with the county clerk no later than three business days
4891 after the day on which the petition is filed with the county clerk.
- 4892 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) shall comply with the requirements
4893 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 4894 (iii) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3)
4895 to determine whether to remove or reinstate an individual's signature from a
4896 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement.
- 4897 (b) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to
4898 determine whether the petition has been signed by the required number of registered
4899 voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new school
4900 district.
- 4901 (4) Within 14 days after the day on which a petition described in Subsection (1) is filed, the
4902 clerk of each county with which the request or petition is filed shall:
- 4903 (a) determine whether the petition complies with Subsections (2) and (3), as applicable,
4904 and Section 53G-3-301; and
- 4905 (b)(i) if the county clerk determines that the request or petition complies with the
4906 applicable requirements:
- 4907 (A) certify the petition and deliver the certified petition to the county legislative
4908 body; and
- 4909 (B) mail or deliver written notification of the certification to the contact sponsor;
4910 or
- 4911 (ii) if the county clerk determines that the petition fails to comply with any of the
4912 applicable requirements, reject the petition and notify the contact sponsor in
4913 writing of the rejection and reasons for the rejection.
- 4914 (5)(a) If the county clerk fails to certify or reject a petition within the time specified in
4915 Subsection (4), the petition is considered to be certified.
- 4916 (b) If the county clerk rejects a petition, the individual who submitted the petition may
4917 amend the petition to correct the deficiencies for which the county clerk rejected the
4918 petition and refile the petition.
- 4919 (6) Within 10 days after the day on which a county legislative body receives a certified

4920 petition as described in Subsection (4) or (5), the county legislative body shall request a
4921 feasibility study.

4922 (7)(a) The county legislative body shall:

4923 (i) provide for a 30-day public comment period to begin on the day the county
4924 legislative body receives the study under Subsection (6); and

4925 (ii) hold at least two public hearings on the study and recommendations.

4926 (b) Within five business days after the day on which the public comment period ends,
4927 the legislative body of each county with which a petition is filed shall vote on the
4928 creation of the proposed new school district.

4929 (c) A county legislative body approves a petition proposing a new school district if a
4930 majority of the members of the legislative body vote in favor of the petition.

4931 (8)(a) Within five business days after the day on which a county legislative body
4932 approves a petition proposing a new school district under Subsection (7), the county
4933 legislative body shall provide notice of the approval and a copy of the petition to
4934 which the approval relates to the county clerk of each county described in Subsection
4935 (2)(b).

4936 (b) If each county described in Subsection (2)(b) approves a petition proposing a new
4937 school district, the county clerks of the counties shall submit the proposal for the
4938 creation of a new school district to all legal voters in the proposed new school district
4939 for approval or rejection at the next regular general election that is at least 65 days
4940 after the day on which all of the counties described in Subsection (2)(b) have
4941 complied with Subsection (8)(a).

4942 (c) The new school district proposed in the petition and the reorganized new school
4943 district are created if a majority of the voters in the proposed new school district vote
4944 in favor of creating the new school district.

4945 Section 50. Section **53G-3-401** is amended to read:

4946 **53G-3-401 (Effective upon governor's approval). Consolidation of school**
4947 **districts -- Resolution by local school board members -- Petition by electors --**
4948 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election.**

4949 (1) Two or more school districts may unite and form a single school district in one of the
4950 following ways:

4951 (a) a majority of the members of each of the local school boards of the affected districts
4952 shall approve and present to the county legislative body of the affected counties a
4953 resolution to consolidate the districts. Once this is done, consolidation shall be

4954 established under this chapter; or
 4955 (b) a majority of the members of the local school board of each affected district, or 15%
 4956 of the registered voters in each of the affected districts, shall sign and present a
 4957 petition to the county legislative body of each affected county. The question shall be
 4958 voted upon at an election called for that purpose, which shall be the next general or
 4959 municipal election. Consolidation shall occur if a majority of those voting on the
 4960 question in each district favor consolidation.

4961 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
 4962 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
 4963 page:

4964 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
 4965 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
 4966 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk
 4967 voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

4968 [~~2~~] (3) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under
 4969 Subsection (1)(b):

4970 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body
 4971 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the
 4972 county clerk; and

4973 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
 4974 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:

4975 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
 4976 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1)(b) for a registered voter
 4977 petition;

4978 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the
 4979 affected districts; and

4980 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

4981 [~~3~~] (4)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection (1)(b) may
 4982 have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business
 4983 days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the
 4984 county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's
 4985 signature be removed.

4986 (b) A statement described in Subsection [~~3~~](a) (4)(a) shall comply with the
 4987 requirements described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4988 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
 4989 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
 4990 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4991 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The elections required under Subsection (1)(b) shall be conducted and the returns
 4992 canvassed as provided by election laws.

4993 Section 51. Section **53G-3-501** is amended to read:

4994 **53G-3-501 (Effective upon governor's approval). Transfer of a portion of a**
 4995 **school district -- Required boundary adjustments -- Local school board petition -- Elector**
 4996 **petition -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Transfer election.**

4997 (1)(a) Part of a school district may be transferred to another district in one of the
 4998 following ways:

4999 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) presentation to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of
 5000 a resolution requesting the transfer, approved by at least four-fifths of the
 5001 members of the local school board of each affected school district;

5002 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a
 5003 petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by a majority of the
 5004 members of the local school board of each affected school district;

5005 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a
 5006 petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by 15% of the
 5007 registered voters in each of the affected school districts within that county; or

5008 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) for a boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2) or (3), submission
 5009 to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of a resolution
 5010 requesting the transfer from the local school board of the school district that is
 5011 required to initiate the boundary adjustment.

5012 (b) The first page of a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii) shall include the
 5013 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other
 5014 statements on the page:

5015 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
 5016 RECORDS

5017 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
 5018 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
 5019 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
 5020 record."

5021 (2)(a) As used in this Subsection (2):

- 5022 (i) "Expansion area" means the area of land approved for annexation and located
 5023 outside the boundaries of a specified school district.
- 5024 (ii) "Municipality" means a city or town.
- 5025 (iii) "Originating school district" means the school district whose boundaries an
 5026 expansion area is located within prior to the boundary adjustment required under
 5027 Subsection (2)(b).
- 5028 (iv) "Specified school district" means a school district:
 5029 (A) that serves residents within a single municipality; and
 5030 (B) for which the municipality whose residents the school district serves enacts an
 5031 ordinance in accordance with [~~Title 10, Chapter 2, Part 4, Annexation~~] Title 10,
 5032 Chapter 2, Part 8, Annexation, approving the annexation of an area of land
 5033 located outside the boundaries of the school district.
- 5034 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter and except as provided in
 5035 Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the local school board of a specified school district shall initiate
 5036 boundary adjustment proceedings under Subsection [~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv):
 5037 (i) to request the expansion area to be transferred to the specified school district from
 5038 the originating school district; and
 5039 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [
 5040 ~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv), within 60 days after the day on which the municipality enacts the
 5041 ordinance approving annexation of the expansion area.
- 5042 (c)(i) Before initiating the boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2)(b), the
 5043 local school board presidents of the specified school district and the originating
 5044 school district shall, within the timeframe described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), meet
 5045 to determine whether allowing the expansion area to remain within the boundaries
 5046 of the originating school district is in the best interests of the municipality's
 5047 residents.
- 5048 (ii) The requirements of Subsection (2)(b) do not apply to a specified school district
 5049 if, upon meeting under Subsection (2)(c)(i), the presidents of the local school
 5050 boards mutually agree that allowing the expansion area to remain within the
 5051 boundaries of the originating school district is in the best interests of the
 5052 municipality's residents.
- 5053 (3)(a) This Subsection (3) applies to a school district that:
 5054 (i) serves residents within a single municipality; and
 5055 (ii) in calendar year 2018, completed construction on a secondary school within an

- 5056 area of land located outside the boundaries of the school district.
- 5057 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the local school board of a
5058 school district described in Subsection (3)(a) shall initiate boundary adjustment
5059 proceedings under Subsection [~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv):
- 5060 (i) to request the land described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii) to be transferred to the school
5061 district from the school district whose boundaries the land is located within; and
5062 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [
5063 ~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv), on or before June 1, 2024.
- 5064 (4) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under Subsection [
5065 ~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii):
- 5066 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body
5067 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the
5068 county clerk; and
- 5069 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the
5070 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:
- 5071 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
5072 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii) for a registered
5073 voter petition;
- 5074 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the
5075 affected districts; and
- 5076 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 5077 (5)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii)
5078 may have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three
5079 business days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition
5080 to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the
5081 voter's signature be removed.
- 5082 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements
5083 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5084 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
5085 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
5086 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 5087 (6)(a) The voters of each affected district shall vote on the transfer requested under
5088 Subsection [~~(1)(b) or (e)~~] (1)(a)(ii) or (iii) at an election called for that purpose, which
5089 may be the next general election.

5090 (b) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed as provided by election
5091 law.

5092 (c) A transfer is effected only if a majority of votes cast by the voters in both the
5093 proposed transferor district and in the proposed transferee district are in favor of the
5094 transfer.

5095 Section 52. Section **63G-2-202** is amended to read:

5096 **63G-2-202 (Effective upon governor's approval). Access to private, controlled,
5097 and protected documents.**

5098 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (11)(a), a governmental entity:

5099 (a) shall, upon request, disclose a private record to:

5100 (i) the subject of the record;

5101 (ii) the parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor who is the subject of the
5102 record;

5103 (iii) the legal guardian of a legally incapacitated individual who is the subject of the
5104 record;

5105 (iv) any other individual who:

5106 (A) has a power of attorney from the subject of the record;

5107 (B) submits a notarized release from the subject of the record or the individual's
5108 legal representative dated no more than 90 days before the date the request is
5109 made; or

5110 (C) if the record is a medical record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(b), is a
5111 health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, if releasing the record or
5112 information in the record is consistent with normal professional practice and
5113 medical ethics; or

5114 (v) any person to whom the record must be provided pursuant to:

5115 (A) court order as provided in Subsection (7); or

5116 (B) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative
5117 Subpoena Powers; and

5118 (b) may disclose a private record described in Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (n),
5119 without complying with Section 63G-2-206, to another governmental entity for a
5120 purpose related to administering:

5121 (i) the voter registration list; or

5122 (ii) [~~the administration of~~]an election.

5123 (2)(a) Upon request, a governmental entity shall disclose a controlled record to:

- 5124 (i) a physician, physician assistant, psychologist, certified social worker, insurance
5125 provider or producer, or a government public health agency upon submission of:
5126 (A) a release from the subject of the record that is dated no more than 90 days
5127 prior to the date the request is made; and
5128 (B) a signed acknowledgment of the terms of disclosure of controlled information
5129 as provided by Subsection (2)(b); and
5130 (ii) any person to whom the record must be disclosed pursuant to:
5131 (A) a court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
5132 (B) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative
5133 Subpoena Powers.
- 5134 (b) A person who receives a record from a governmental entity in accordance with
5135 Subsection (2)(a)(i) may not disclose controlled information from that record to any
5136 person, including the subject of the record.
- 5137 (3) If there is more than one subject of a private or controlled record, the portion of the
5138 record that pertains to another subject shall be segregated from the portion that the
5139 requester is entitled to inspect.
- 5140 (4) Upon request, and except as provided in Subsection (11)(b), a governmental entity shall
5141 disclose a protected record to:
5142 (a) the person that submitted the record;
5143 (b) any other individual who:
5144 (i) has a power of attorney from all persons, governmental entities, or political
5145 subdivisions whose interests were sought to be protected by the protected
5146 classification; or
5147 (ii) submits a notarized release from all persons, governmental entities, or political
5148 subdivisions whose interests were sought to be protected by the protected
5149 classification or from their legal representatives dated no more than 90 days prior
5150 to the date the request is made;
- 5151 (c) any person to whom the record must be provided pursuant to:
5152 (i) a court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
5153 (ii) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative Subpoena
5154 Powers; or
5155 (d) the owner of a mobile home park, subject to the conditions of Subsection
5156 41-1a-116(5).
- 5157 (5) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a governmental entity may disclose a private,

- 5158 controlled, or protected record to another governmental entity, political subdivision,
5159 state, the United States, or a foreign government only as provided by Section 63G-2-206.
- 5160 (6) Before releasing a private, controlled, or protected record, the governmental entity shall
5161 obtain evidence of the requester's identity.
- 5162 (7) A governmental entity shall disclose a record pursuant to the terms of a court order
5163 signed by a judge from a court of competent jurisdiction, provided that:
- 5164 (a) the record deals with a matter in controversy over which the court has jurisdiction;
5165 (b) the court has considered the merits of the request for access to the record;
5166 (c) the court has considered and, where appropriate, limited the requester's use and
5167 further disclosure of the record in order to protect:
- 5168 (i) privacy interests in the case of private or controlled records;
5169 (ii) business confidentiality interests in the case of records protected under
5170 Subsection 63G-2-305(1), (2), (40)(a)(ii), or (40)(a)(vi); and
5171 (iii) privacy interests or the public interest in the case of other protected records;
- 5172 (d) to the extent the record is properly classified private, controlled, or protected, the
5173 interests favoring access, considering limitations thereon, are greater than or equal to
5174 the interests favoring restriction of access; and
- 5175 (e) where access is restricted by a rule, statute, or regulation referred to in Subsection
5176 63G-2-201(3)(b), the court has authority independent of this chapter to order
5177 disclosure.
- 5178 (8)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(d), a governmental entity may disclose or
5179 authorize disclosure of private or controlled records for research purposes if the
5180 governmental entity:
- 5181 (i) determines that the research purpose cannot reasonably be accomplished without
5182 use or disclosure of the information to the researcher in individually identifiable
5183 form;
- 5184 (ii) determines that:
- 5185 (A) the proposed research is bona fide; and
5186 (B) the value of the research is greater than or equal to the infringement upon
5187 personal privacy;
- 5188 (iii)(A) requires the researcher to assure the integrity, confidentiality, and security
5189 of the records; and
5190 (B) requires the removal or destruction of the individual identifiers associated
5191 with the records as soon as the purpose of the research project has been

- 5192 accomplished;
- 5193 (iv) prohibits the researcher from:
- 5194 (A) disclosing the record in individually identifiable form, except as provided in
- 5195 Subsection (8)(b); or
- 5196 (B) using the record for purposes other than the research approved by the
- 5197 governmental entity; and
- 5198 (v) secures from the researcher a written statement of the researcher's understanding
- 5199 of and agreement to the conditions of this Subsection (8) and the researcher's
- 5200 understanding that violation of the terms of this Subsection (8) may subject the
- 5201 researcher to criminal prosecution under Section 63G-2-801.
- 5202 (b) A researcher may disclose a record in individually identifiable form if the record is
- 5203 disclosed for the purpose of auditing or evaluating the research program and no
- 5204 subsequent use or disclosure of the record in individually identifiable form will be
- 5205 made by the auditor or evaluator except as provided by this section.
- 5206 (c) A governmental entity may require indemnification as a condition of permitting
- 5207 research under this Subsection (8).
- 5208 (d) A governmental entity may not disclose or authorize disclosure of a private record
- 5209 for research purposes as described in this Subsection (8) if the private record is a
- 5210 record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(x).
- 5211 (9)(a) Under Subsections 63G-2-201(5)(b) and 63G-2-401(6), a governmental entity
- 5212 may disclose to persons other than those specified in this section records that are:
- 5213 (i) private under Section 63G-2-302; or
- 5214 (ii) protected under Section 63G-2-305, subject to Section 63G-2-309 if a claim for
- 5215 business confidentiality has been made under Section 63G-2-309.
- 5216 (b) Under Subsection 63G-2-403(11)(b), the State Records Committee may require the
- 5217 disclosure to persons other than those specified in this section of records that are:
- 5218 (i) private under Section 63G-2-302;
- 5219 (ii) controlled under Section 63G-2-304; or
- 5220 (iii) protected under Section 63G-2-305, subject to Section 63G-2-309 if a claim for
- 5221 business confidentiality has been made under Section 63G-2-309.
- 5222 (c) Under Subsection 63G-2-404(7), the court may require the disclosure of records that
- 5223 are private under Section 63G-2-302, controlled under Section 63G-2-304, or
- 5224 protected under Section 63G-2-305 to persons other than those specified in this
- 5225 section.

- 5226 (10)(a) A private record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(2)(f) may only be disclosed
 5227 as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(v).
- 5228 (b) A protected record described in Subsection 63G-2-305(43) may only be disclosed as
 5229 provided in Subsection (4)(c) or Section 26B-6-212.
- 5230 (11)(a) A private, protected, or controlled record described in Section 26B-1-506 shall
 5231 be disclosed as required under:
- 5232 (i) Subsections 26B-1-506(1)(b) and (2); and
 5233 (ii) Subsections 26B-1-507(1) and (6).
- 5234 (b) A record disclosed under Subsection (11)(a) shall retain its character as private,
 5235 protected, or controlled.
- 5236 Section 53. Section **63G-2-210** is amended to read:
- 5237 **63G-2-210 (Effective upon governor's approval). Access to and use of voter or**
 5238 **election information by a government officer.**
- 5239 (1) As used in this section, "government officer" means:
- 5240 (a) an elected official; or
 5241 (b) an officer, employee, volunteer, or agent of a governmental entity.
- 5242 (2) A government officer may not:
- 5243 (a) disclose, or attempt to discover, any information from a ballot cast by an identifiable
 5244 voter;
- 5245 (b) except as provided in Subsection (3), disclose in relation to an identifiable voter:
- 5246 (i) the method by which the voter voted or returned a ballot;
 5247 (ii) when or where the voter voted;
 5248 (iii) how or when the voter's ballot was received;
 5249 (iv) whether a ballot was mailed to the voter;
 5250 (v) whether the voter placed postage on a return envelope; or
 5251 (vi) any information from the return envelope of a voter.
- 5252 (3) Subsection (2) does not prohibit the disclosure, in mass, of the information [~~included in~~
 5253 ~~a voting history record, in accordance with Section 20A-5-410]~~ disclosed in accordance
 5254 with Title 20A, Chapter 2, Part 6, Provision and Protection of Voter Data.
- 5255 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a government officer who, due to the government
 5256 officer's position as a government officer, has access to election records, may not access,
 5257 use, copy, or release the information except to the extent that the access, use, copying, or
 5258 release:
- 5259 (a) is reasonably related to a duty of the government officer;

- 5260 (b) is in accordance with the requirements of law; and
 5261 (c) is not done for a primarily personal purpose, including:
 5262 (i) a political purpose;
 5263 (ii) furthering the government officer's personal agenda; or
 5264 (iii) a purpose relating to the government officer's private business, hobbies, or
 5265 personal interests.
- 5266 (5) Subsection (4) does not prevent a government officer from accessing, using, copying, or
 5267 releasing government information in the same manner available to a member of the
 5268 general public, including by filing a record request under Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604,
 5269 or 63G-2-204.
- 5270 Section 54. Section **63G-2-301** is amended to read:
 5271 **63G-2-301 (Effective 04/06/26). Public records.**
- 5272 (1) As used in this section:
 5273 (a) "Business address" means a single address of a governmental agency designated for
 5274 the public to contact an employee or officer of the governmental agency.
 5275 (b) "Business email address" means a single email address of a governmental agency
 5276 designated for the public to contact an employee or officer of the governmental
 5277 agency.
 5278 (c) "Business telephone number" means a single telephone number of a governmental
 5279 agency designated for the public to contact an employee or officer of the
 5280 governmental agency.
 5281 (d) "Correctional facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-16b-102.
- 5282 (2) The following records are public except to the extent they contain information expressly
 5283 permitted to be treated confidentially under the provisions of Subsections
 5284 63G-2-201(3)(b) and (6)(a):
 5285 (a) laws;
 5286 (b) the name, gender, gross compensation, job title, job description, business address,
 5287 business email address, business telephone number, number of hours worked per pay
 5288 period, dates of employment, and relevant education, previous employment, and
 5289 similar job qualifications of a current or former employee or officer of the
 5290 governmental entity, excluding:
 5291 (i) undercover law enforcement personnel; and
 5292 (ii) investigative personnel if disclosure could reasonably be expected to impair the
 5293 effectiveness of investigations or endanger any individual's safety;

- 5294 (c) final opinions, including concurring and dissenting opinions, and orders that are
 5295 made by a governmental entity in an administrative, adjudicative, or judicial
 5296 proceeding except that if the proceedings were properly closed to the public, the
 5297 opinion and order may be withheld to the extent that they contain information that is
 5298 private, controlled, or protected;
- 5299 (d) final interpretations of statutes or rules by a governmental entity unless classified as
 5300 protected as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(17) or (18);
- 5301 (e) information contained in or compiled from a transcript, minutes, or report of the open
 5302 portions of a meeting of a governmental entity as provided by Title 52, Chapter 4,
 5303 Open and Public Meetings Act, including the records of all votes of each member of
 5304 the governmental entity;
- 5305 (f) judicial records unless a court orders the records to be restricted under the rules of
 5306 civil or criminal procedure or unless the records are private under this chapter;
- 5307 (g) unless otherwise classified as private under Section 63G-2-303, records or parts of
 5308 records filed with or maintained by county recorders, clerks, treasurers, surveyors,
 5309 zoning commissions, the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the School and
 5310 Institutional Trust Lands Administration, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the
 5311 Division of Water Rights, or other governmental entities that give public notice of:
 5312 (i) titles or encumbrances to real property;
 5313 (ii) restrictions on the use of real property;
 5314 (iii) the capacity of persons to take or convey title to real property; or
 5315 (iv) tax status for real and personal property;
- 5316 (h) records of the Department of Commerce that evidence incorporations, mergers, name
 5317 changes, and uniform commercial code filings;
- 5318 (i) data on individuals that would otherwise be private under this chapter if the
 5319 individual who is the subject of the record has given the governmental entity written
 5320 permission to make the records available to the public;
- 5321 (j) documentation of the compensation that a governmental entity pays to a contractor or
 5322 private provider;
- 5323 (k) summary data;
- 5324 ~~[(l) voter registration records, including an individual's voting history, except for a voter
 5325 registration record or those parts of a voter registration record that are classified as
 5326 private under Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (n) or withheld under Subsection
 5327 20A-2-104(7);]~~

- 5328 (l) subject to Title 20A, Chapter 2, Part 6, Provision and Protection of Voter Data,
 5329 standard voter data, as defined in Section 20A-2-601, in the voter registration record
 5330 of a public registered voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601;
- 5331 (m) for an elected official, as defined in Section 11-47-102, a telephone number, if
 5332 available, and email address, if available, where that elected official may be reached
 5333 as required in Title 11, Chapter 47, Access to Elected Officials;
- 5334 (n) for a school community council member, a telephone number, if available, and email
 5335 address, if available, where that elected official may be reached directly as required
 5336 in Section 53G-7-1203;
- 5337 (o) annual audited financial statements of the Utah Educational Savings Plan described
 5338 in Section 53H-10-210; and
- 5339 (p) an initiative packet, as defined in Section 20A-7-101, and a referendum packet, as
 5340 defined in Section 20A-7-101, after the packet is submitted to a county clerk.
- 5341 (3) The following records are normally public, but to the extent that a record is expressly
 5342 exempt from disclosure, access may be restricted under Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b),
 5343 Section 63G-2-302, 63G-2-304, or 63G-2-305:
- 5344 (a) administrative staff manuals, instructions to staff, and statements of policy;
- 5345 (b) records documenting a contractor's or private provider's compliance with the terms
 5346 of a contract with a governmental entity;
- 5347 (c) records documenting the services provided by a contractor or a private provider to
 5348 the extent the records would be public if prepared by the governmental entity;
- 5349 (d) contracts entered into by a governmental entity;
- 5350 (e) any account, voucher, or contract that deals with the receipt or expenditure of funds
 5351 by a governmental entity;
- 5352 (f) records relating to government assistance or incentives publicly disclosed, contracted
 5353 for, or given by a governmental entity, encouraging a person to expand or relocate a
 5354 business in Utah, except as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(35);
- 5355 (g) chronological logs and initial contact reports;
- 5356 (h) correspondence by and with a governmental entity in which the governmental entity
 5357 determines or states an opinion upon the rights of the state, a political subdivision,
 5358 the public, or any person;
- 5359 (i) empirical data contained in drafts if:
- 5360 (i) the empirical data is not reasonably available to the requester elsewhere in similar
 5361 form; and

- 5362 (ii) the governmental entity is given a reasonable opportunity to correct any errors or
5363 make nonsubstantive changes before release;
- 5364 (j) drafts that are circulated to anyone other than:
- 5365 (i) a governmental entity;
- 5366 (ii) a political subdivision;
- 5367 (iii) a federal agency if the governmental entity and the federal agency are jointly
5368 responsible for implementation of a program or project that has been legislatively
5369 approved;
- 5370 (iv) a government-managed corporation; or
- 5371 (v) a contractor or private provider;
- 5372 (k) drafts that have never been finalized but were relied upon by the governmental entity
5373 in carrying out action or policy;
- 5374 (l) original data in a computer program if the governmental entity chooses not to
5375 disclose the program;
- 5376 (m) arrest warrants after issuance, except that, for good cause, a court may order
5377 restricted access to arrest warrants prior to service;
- 5378 (n) search warrants after execution and filing of the return, except that a court, for good
5379 cause, may order restricted access to search warrants prior to trial;
- 5380 (o) records that would disclose information relating to formal charges or disciplinary
5381 actions against a past or present governmental entity employee if:
- 5382 (i) the disciplinary action has been completed and all time periods for administrative
5383 appeal have expired; and
- 5384 (ii) the charges on which the disciplinary action was based were sustained;
- 5385 (p) records maintained by the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the School and
5386 Institutional Trust Lands Administration, or the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining that
5387 evidence mineral production on government lands;
- 5388 (q) final audit reports;
- 5389 (r) occupational and professional licenses;
- 5390 (s) business licenses;
- 5391 (t) a notice of violation, a notice of agency action under Section 63G-4-201, or similar
5392 records used to initiate proceedings for discipline or sanctions against persons
5393 regulated by a governmental entity, but not including records that initiate employee
5394 discipline; and
- 5395 (u)(i) records that disclose a standard, regulation, policy, guideline, or rule regarding

5396 the operation of a correctional facility or the care and control of inmates
5397 committed to the custody of a correctional facility; and
5398 (ii) records that disclose the results of an audit or other inspection assessing a
5399 correctional facility's compliance with a standard, regulation, policy, guideline, or
5400 rule described in Subsection (3)(u)(i).

5401 (4) The list of public records in this section is not exhaustive and should not be used to limit
5402 access to records.

5403 Section 55. Section **63G-2-302** is amended to read:

5404 **63G-2-302 (Effective 04/06/26). Private records.**

5405 (1) The following records are private:

5406 (a) records concerning an individual's eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits,
5407 social services, welfare benefits, or the determination of benefit levels;

5408 (b) records containing data on individuals describing medical history, diagnosis,
5409 condition, treatment, evaluation, or similar medical data;

5410 (c) records of publicly funded libraries that when examined alone or with other records
5411 identify a patron;

5412 (d) records received by or generated by or for:

5413 (i) the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission, except for:

5414 (A) the commission's summary data report that is required under legislative rule;
5415 and

5416 (B) any other document that is classified as public under legislative rule; or

5417 (ii) a Senate or House Ethics Committee in relation to the review of ethics
5418 complaints, unless the record is classified as public under legislative rule;

5419 (e) records received by, or generated by or for, the Independent Executive Branch Ethics
5420 Commission, except as otherwise expressly provided in Title 63A, Chapter 14,
5421 Review of Executive Branch Ethics Complaints;

5422 (f) records received or generated for a Senate confirmation committee concerning
5423 character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual:

5424 (i) if, prior to the meeting, the chair of the committee determines release of the
5425 records:

5426 (A) reasonably could be expected to interfere with the investigation undertaken by
5427 the committee; or

5428 (B) would create a danger of depriving a person of a right to a fair proceeding or
5429 impartial hearing; and

- 5430 (ii) after the meeting, if the meeting was closed to the public;
- 5431 (g) employment records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for
5432 employment with, a governmental entity that would disclose that individual's home
5433 address, home telephone number, social security number, insurance coverage, marital
5434 status, or payroll deductions;
- 5435 (h) records or parts of records under Section 63G-2-303 that a current or former
5436 employee identifies as private according to the requirements of that section;
- 5437 (i) that part of a record indicating a person's social security number or federal employer
5438 identification number if provided under Section 31A-23a-104, 31A-25-202,
5439 31A-26-202, 58-1-301, 58-55-302, 61-1-4, or 61-2f-203;
- 5440 (j) that part of a voter registration record identifying a voter's:
- 5441 (i) driver license or identification card number;
- 5442 (ii) social security number, or last four digits of the social security number;
- 5443 (iii) email address;
- 5444 (iv) [date] day, month, or year of birth; or
- 5445 (v) phone number;
- 5446 (k) a voter registration record that is classified as a private record by the lieutenant
5447 governor or a county clerk under Subsection 20A-2-101.1(5)(a)[, 20A-2-104(4)(h),]
5448 or 20A-2-204(4)(b);
- 5449 (l) a voter registration record [~~that is withheld under Subsection 20A-2-104(7)~~] of an
5450 at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601;
- 5451 (m) the following forms and supporting verification:
- 5452 (i) a withholding request form used, before April 6, 2026, to request that a voter's
5453 voter registration be withheld as a private record, and any verification submitted
5454 in support of the form;
- 5455 (ii) an at-risk voter designation request form described in [Subsections 20A-2-104(7)
5456 and (8)] Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted in support of the form;
- 5457 (iii) a notice described in Section 20A-2-602; and
- 5458 (iv) a form relating to a request described in Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604,
5459 20A-2-605, or 20A-2-607;
- 5460 (n) a record or information regarding whether a voter returned a ballot with postage
5461 attached;
- 5462 (o) a record that:
- 5463 (i) contains information about an individual;

- 5464 (ii) is voluntarily provided by the individual; and
- 5465 (iii) goes into an electronic database that:
- 5466 (A) is designated by and administered under the authority of the [~~Chief~~
- 5467 ~~Information Officer~~] chief information officer; and
- 5468 (B) acts as a repository of information about the individual that can be
- 5469 electronically retrieved and used to facilitate the individual's online interaction
- 5470 with a state agency;
- 5471 (p) information provided to the [~~Commissioner of Insurance~~] commissioner of insurance
- 5472 under:
- 5473 (i) Subsection 31A-23a-115(3)(a);
- 5474 (ii) Subsection 31A-23a-302(4); or
- 5475 (iii) Subsection 31A-26-210(4);
- 5476 (q) information obtained through a criminal background check under Title 11, Chapter
- 5477 40, Criminal Background Checks by Political Subdivisions Operating Water Systems;
- 5478 (r) information provided by an offender that is:
- 5479 (i) required by the registration requirements of Title 53, Chapter 29, Sex, Kidnap, and
- 5480 Child Abuse Offender Registry; and
- 5481 (ii) not required to be made available to the public under Subsection 53-29-404(3)(a);
- 5482 (s) a statement and any supporting documentation filed with the attorney general in
- 5483 accordance with Section 34-45-107, if the federal law or action supporting the filing
- 5484 involves homeland security;
- 5485 (t) electronic toll collection customer account information received or collected under
- 5486 Section 72-6-118 and customer information described in Section 17B-2a-815
- 5487 received or collected by a public transit district, including contact and payment
- 5488 information and customer travel data;
- 5489 (u) an email address provided by a military or overseas voter under Section 20A-16-501;
- 5490 (v) a completed military-overseas ballot that is electronically transmitted under Title
- 5491 20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act;
- 5492 (w) records received by or generated by or for the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review
- 5493 Commission established in Section 63A-15-201, except for:
- 5494 (i) the commission's summary data report that is required in Section 63A-15-202; and
- 5495 (ii) any other document that is classified as public in accordance with Title 63A,
- 5496 Chapter 15, Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission;
- 5497 (x) a record described in Section 53G-9-604 that verifies that a parent was notified of an

- 5498 incident or threat;
- 5499 (y) a criminal background check or credit history report conducted in accordance with
- 5500 Section 63A-3-201;
- 5501 (z) a record described in Subsection 53-5a-104(7);
- 5502 (aa) on a record maintained by a county for the purpose of administering property taxes,
- 5503 an individual's:
- 5504 (i) email address;
- 5505 (ii) phone number; or
- 5506 (iii) personal financial information related to a person's payment method;
- 5507 (bb) a record submitted by a taxpayer to establish the taxpayer's eligibility for an
- 5508 exemption, deferral, abatement, or relief under:
- 5509 (i) Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 11, Exemptions; or
- 5510 (ii) Title 59, Chapter 2a, Tax Relief Through Property Tax;
- 5511 (cc) a record provided by the State Tax Commission in response to a request under
- 5512 Subsection 59-1-403(4)(y)(iii);
- 5513 (dd) a record of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel regarding an individual
- 5514 child welfare case, as described in Subsection 36-33-103(3);
- 5515 (ee) a record relating to drug or alcohol testing of a state employee under Section
- 5516 63A-17-1004;
- 5517 (ff) a record relating to a request by a state elected official or state employee who has
- 5518 been threatened to the Division of Technology Services to remove personal
- 5519 identifying information from the open web under Section 63A-16-109;
- 5520 (gg) a record including confidential information as that term is defined in Section
- 5521 67-27-106; and
- 5522 (hh) a record or notice received or generated under Title 53, Chapter 30, Security
- 5523 Improvements Act, relating to:
- 5524 (i) an application for certification described in Section 53-30-201; or
- 5525 (ii) a security improvement, including a building permit application or building
- 5526 permit for a security improvement described in Section 53-30-301.
- 5527 (2) The following records are private if properly classified by a governmental entity:
- 5528 (a) records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for employment
- 5529 with a governmental entity, including performance evaluations and personal status
- 5530 information such as race, religion, or disabilities, but not including records that are
- 5531 public under Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(b) or 63G-2-301(3)(o) or private under

- 5532 Subsection (1)(b);
- 5533 (b) records describing an individual's finances, except that the following are public:
- 5534 (i) records described in Subsection 63G-2-301(2);
- 5535 (ii) information provided to the governmental entity for the purpose of complying
- 5536 with a financial assurance requirement; or
- 5537 (iii) records that must be disclosed in accordance with another statute;
- 5538 (c) records of independent state agencies if the disclosure of those records would
- 5539 conflict with the fiduciary obligations of the agency;
- 5540 (d) other records containing data on individuals the disclosure of which constitutes a
- 5541 clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- 5542 (e) records provided by the United States or by a government entity outside the state that
- 5543 are given with the requirement that the records be managed as private records, if the
- 5544 providing entity states in writing that the record would not be subject to public
- 5545 disclosure if retained by it;
- 5546 (f) any portion of a record in the custody of the Division of Aging and Adult Services,
- 5547 created in Section 26B-6-102, that may disclose, or lead to the discovery of, the
- 5548 identity of a person who made a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a
- 5549 vulnerable adult; and
- 5550 (g) audio and video recordings created by a body-worn camera, as defined in Section
- 5551 77-7a-103, that record sound or images inside a home or residence except for
- 5552 recordings that:
- 5553 (i) depict the commission of an alleged crime;
- 5554 (ii) record any encounter between a law enforcement officer and a person that results
- 5555 in death or bodily injury, or includes an instance when an officer fires a weapon;
- 5556 (iii) record any encounter that is the subject of a complaint or a legal proceeding
- 5557 against a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency;
- 5558 (iv) contain an officer-involved critical incident as defined in Subsection
- 5559 76-2-408(1)(f); or
- 5560 (v) have been requested for reclassification as a public record by a subject or
- 5561 authorized agent of a subject featured in the recording.
- 5562 (3)(a) As used in this Subsection (3), "medical records" means medical reports, records,
- 5563 statements, history, diagnosis, condition, treatment, and evaluation.
- 5564 (b) Medical records in the possession of the University of Utah Hospital, its clinics,
- 5565 doctors, or affiliated entities are not private records or controlled records under

- 5566 Section 63G-2-304 when the records are sought:
- 5567 (i) in connection with any legal or administrative proceeding in which the patient's
- 5568 physical, mental, or emotional condition is an element of any claim or defense; or
- 5569 (ii) after a patient's death, in any legal or administrative proceeding in which any
- 5570 party relies upon the condition as an element of the claim or defense.
- 5571 (c) Medical records are subject to production in a legal or administrative proceeding
- 5572 according to state or federal statutes or rules of procedure and evidence as if the
- 5573 medical records were in the possession of a nongovernmental medical care provider.

5574 Section 56. Section **63G-2-303** is amended to read:

5575 **63G-2-303 (Effective 04/06/26). Private information concerning certain**

5576 **government employees.**

5577 (1) As used in this section:

- 5578 (a) "At-risk government employee" means a current or former:
- 5579 (i) peace officer as specified in Section 53-13-102;
- 5580 (ii) state or federal judge of an appellate, district, justice, or juvenile court, or court
- 5581 commissioner;
- 5582 (iii) judge authorized by Title 39A, Chapter 5, Utah Code of Military Justice;
- 5583 (iv) judge authorized by Armed Forces, Title 10, United States Code;
- 5584 (v) federal prosecutor;
- 5585 (vi) prosecutor appointed pursuant to Armed Forces, Title 10, United States Code;
- 5586 (vii) law enforcement official as defined in Section 53-5a-311;
- 5587 (viii) prosecutor authorized by Title 39A, Chapter 5, Utah Code of Military Justice; or
- 5588 (ix) state or local government employee who, because of the unique nature of the
- 5589 employee's regular work assignments or because of one or more recent credible
- 5590 threats directed to or against the employee, would be at immediate and substantial
- 5591 risk of physical harm if the employee's personal information is disclosed.
- 5592 (b) "Family member" means the spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of an
- 5593 at-risk government employee who is living with the employee.
- 5594 (c) "Personal information" means the employee's or the employee's family member's
- 5595 home address, home telephone number, personal mobile telephone number, personal
- 5596 pager number, personal email address, social security number, insurance coverage,
- 5597 marital status, or payroll deductions.

5598 (2)(a) Pursuant to Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(h), an at-risk government employee may

5599 file a written application that:

- 5600 (i) gives notice of the employee's status as an at-risk government employee to each
5601 agency of a government entity holding a record or a part of a record that would
5602 disclose the employee's personal information; and
- 5603 (ii) requests that the government agency classify those records or parts of records as
5604 private.
- 5605 (b) An at-risk government employee desiring to file an application under this section
5606 may request assistance from the government agency to identify the individual records
5607 containing personal information.
- 5608 (c) Each government agency shall develop a form that:
- 5609 (i) requires the at-risk government employee to designate each specific record or part
5610 of a record containing the employee's personal information that the applicant
5611 desires to be classified as private;
- 5612 (ii) affirmatively requests that the government entity holding those records classify
5613 them as private;
- 5614 (iii) informs the employee that by submitting a completed form the employee may
5615 not receive official announcements affecting the employee's property, including
5616 notices about proposed municipal annexations, incorporations, or zoning
5617 modifications; and
- 5618 (iv) contains a place for the signature required under Subsection (2)(d).
- 5619 (d) A form submitted by an employee under Subsection (2)(c) shall be signed by the
5620 highest ranking elected or appointed official in the employee's chain of command
5621 certifying that the employee submitting the form is an at-risk government employee.
- 5622 (3) A county recorder, county treasurer, county auditor, or a county tax assessor may fully
5623 satisfy the requirements of this section by:
- 5624 (a) providing a method for the assessment roll and index and the tax roll and index that
5625 will block public access to the home address, home telephone number, situs address,
5626 and Social Security number; and
- 5627 (b) providing the at-risk government employee requesting the classification with a
5628 disclaimer informing the employee that the employee may not receive official
5629 announcements affecting the employee's property, including notices about proposed
5630 annexations, incorporations, or zoning modifications.
- 5631 (4) A government agency holding records of an at-risk government employee classified as
5632 private under this section may release the record or part of the record if:
- 5633 (a) the employee or former employee gives written consent;

- 5634 (b) a court orders release of the records; or
- 5635 (c) the government agency receives a certified death certificate for the employee or
- 5636 former employee[; ~~or~~] .
- 5637 [~~(d) as it relates to the employee's voter registration record:]~~
- 5638 [~~(i) the person to whom the record or part of the record is released is a qualified~~
- 5639 ~~person under Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(n); and]~~
- 5640 [~~(ii) the government agency's release of the record or part of the record complies with~~
- 5641 ~~the requirements of Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(o).]~~
- 5642 (5)(a) If the government agency holding the private record receives a subpoena for the
- 5643 records, the government agency shall attempt to notify the at-risk government
- 5644 employee or former employee by mailing a copy of the subpoena to the employee's
- 5645 last-known mailing address together with a request that the employee either:
- 5646 (i) authorize release of the record; or
- 5647 (ii) within 10 days of the date that the copy and request are mailed, deliver to the
- 5648 government agency holding the private record a copy of a motion to quash filed
- 5649 with the court who issued the subpoena.
- 5650 (b) The government agency shall comply with the subpoena if the government agency
- 5651 has:
- 5652 (i) received permission from the at-risk government employee or former employee to
- 5653 comply with the subpoena;
- 5654 (ii) not received a copy of a motion to quash within 10 days of the date that the copy
- 5655 of the subpoena was mailed; or
- 5656 (iii) received a court order requiring release of the records.
- 5657 (6)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a form submitted under this section
- 5658 remains in effect until the earlier of:
- 5659 (i) four years after the date the employee signs the form, whether or not the
- 5660 employee's employment terminates before the end of the four-year period; and
- 5661 (ii) one year after the government agency receives official notice of the death of the
- 5662 employee.
- 5663 (b) A form submitted under this section may be rescinded at any time by:
- 5664 (i) the at-risk government employee who submitted the form; or
- 5665 (ii) if the at-risk government employee is deceased, a member of the employee's
- 5666 immediate family.
- 5667 Section 57. Section **73-10d-4** is amended to read:

5668 **73-10d-4 (Effective upon governor's approval). Notice of intention to enter**
5669 **privatization project -- Petition for election -- Certification of petition signatures --**
5670 **Removal of signature -- Election procedures -- Powers of political subdivision -- Public**
5671 **bidding laws not to apply.**

5672 (1)(a) The governing authority of any political subdivision considering entering into a
5673 privatization project agreement shall issue a notice of intention setting forth a brief
5674 summary of the agreement provisions and the time within which and place at which
5675 petitions may be filed requesting the calling of an election in the political subdivision
5676 to determine whether the agreement should be approved.

5677 (b) The notice of intention shall specify the form of the petitions.

5678 (c) If, within 30 days after the publication of the notice of intention, petitions are filed
5679 with the clerk, recorder, or similar officer of the political subdivision, signed by at
5680 least 5% of the registered voters of the political subdivision (as certified by the
5681 county clerks of the respective counties within which the political subdivision is
5682 located pursuant to Subsections (7) and (8)) requesting an election be held to
5683 authorize the agreement, then the governing authority shall proceed to call and hold
5684 an election.

5685 (d) If an adequate petition is not filed within 30 days, the governing authority may adopt
5686 a resolution so finding and may proceed to enter into the agreement.

5687 (e) The first page of a petition described in this Subsection (1) shall include the
5688 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other
5689 statements on the page:

5690 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
5691 RECORDS

5692 Your voter identification number, together with your address, may be publicly
5693 disclosed if you sign this petition. This disclosure may occur even if you are an
5694 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private
5695 record."

5696 (2) If, under Subsection (1), the governing authority of a political subdivision is required to
5697 call an election to authorize an agreement, the governing authority shall adopt a
5698 resolution directing that an election be held in the political subdivision for the purpose of
5699 determining whether the political subdivision may enter into the agreement. The
5700 resolution calling the election shall be adopted, notice of the election shall be given,
5701 voting precincts shall be established, the election shall be held, voters' qualifications

- 5702 shall be determined, and the results shall be canvassed in the manner and subject to the
5703 conditions provided for in Title 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act.
- 5704 (3) A political subdivision may, upon approval of an agreement as provided by Subsections
5705 (1) and (2) and subject to the powers and rules of the supervising agency:
- 5706 (a) supervise and regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of all
5707 privatization projects within its jurisdiction or in which it has a contractual interest;
- 5708 (b) contract, by entry into agreements with private owner/operators for the provision
5709 within its jurisdiction of the services of privatization projects;
- 5710 (c) levy and collect taxes, as otherwise provided by law, and impose and collect
5711 assessments, fees, or charges for services provided by privatization projects, as
5712 appropriate, and, subject to any limitation imposed by the constitution, pledge,
5713 assign, or otherwise convey as security for the payment of its obligations under any
5714 agreements any revenues and receipts derived from any assessments, fees, or charges
5715 for services provided by privatization projects;
- 5716 (d) require the private owner/operator to obtain any and all licenses as appropriate under
5717 federal, state, and local law and impose other requirements which are necessary or
5718 desirable to discharge the responsibility of the political subdivision to supervise and
5719 regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of any privatization
5720 project;
- 5721 (e) control the right to contract, maintain, own, and operate any privatization project and
5722 the services provided in connection with that project within its jurisdiction;
- 5723 (f) purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire all or any part of a privatization project;
- 5724 (g) with respect to the services of any privatization project, control the right to establish
5725 or regulate the rates paid by the users of the services within the jurisdiction of the
5726 political subdivision;
- 5727 (h) agree that the sole and exclusive right to provide the services within its jurisdiction
5728 related to privatization projects be assumed by any private owner/operator;
- 5729 (i) contract for the lease or purchase of land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles for the
5730 operation of privatization projects;
- 5731 (j) lease, sell, or otherwise convey, as permitted by state and local law, but without any
5732 requirement of competitive public bidding, land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles,
5733 previously used in connection with privatization projects, to private owner/operators;
5734 and
- 5735 (k) establish policies for the operation of any privatization project within its jurisdiction

5736 or with respect to which it has a contractual interest, including hours of operation, the
5737 character and kinds of services, and other rules necessary for the safety of operating
5738 personnel.

5739 (4) Any political subdivision may enter into agreements with respect to privatization
5740 projects. Agreements may contain provisions relating to, without limitation, any matter
5741 provided for in this section or consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

5742 (5) Any agreement entered into between a political subdivision and a private
5743 owner/operator for the provision of the services of a privatization project is considered
5744 an exercise of that political subdivision's business or proprietary power binding upon its
5745 succeeding governing authorities. Any agreement made by a political subdivision with a
5746 private owner/operator for payment for services provided or to be provided may not be
5747 construed to be an indebtedness or a lending of credit of the political subdivision within
5748 the meaning of any constitutional or statutory restriction.

5749 (6) The provisions of the various laws of the state and the rules or ordinances of a political
5750 subdivision which would otherwise require public bidding in respect to any matter
5751 provided for in this chapter shall have no application to that matter.

5752 (7) If a petition is presented to the clerk of a political subdivision under Subsection (1):
5753 (a) as applicable, within three business days after the day on which the clerk receives the
5754 petition, the clerk shall provide the petition to the county clerk for the county in
5755 which the political subdivision is located; and

5756 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition under this
5757 section, the county clerk shall:

5758 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the
5759 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1) for a registered voter petition;

5760 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the
5761 affected political subdivision; and

5762 (iii) as applicable, deliver the certified petition to the governing authority of the
5763 affected political subdivision.

5764 (8)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (1) may have the voter's signature
5765 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on
5766 which the petition is provided to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a
5767 statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

5768 (b) A statement described in Subsection (8)(a) shall comply with the requirements
5769 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5770 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to
 5771 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving
 5772 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5773 Section 58. **Effective Date.**

5774 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect:

5775 (a) except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), May 6, 2026; or

5776 (b) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:

5777 (i) upon approval by the governor;

5778 (ii) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time limit of
 5779 Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or

5780 (iii) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

5781 (2)(a) The actions affecting sections described in Subsection (2)(b) take effect:

5782 (i) except as provided in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), May 6, 2026; or

5783 (ii) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house, the later of April
 5784 6, 2026; or:

5785 (A) upon approval by the governor;

5786 (B) without the governor's approval, the day following the constitutional time
 5787 limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or

5788 (C) with the governor's veto and a vote of the Legislature to override the veto, the
 5789 date of veto override.

5790 (b) Subsection (2)(a) applies to the actions affecting the following sections:

5791 (i) Section 20A-2-101.1 (Effective 04/06/26);

5792 (ii) Section 20A-2-104 (Effective 04/06/26);

5793 (iii) Section 20A-2-108 (Effective 04/06/26);

5794 (iv) Section 20A-2-204 (Effective 04/06/26);

5795 (v) Section 20A-2-206 (Effective 04/06/26);

5796 (vi) Section 20A-2-505 (Effective 04/06/26);

5797 (vii) Section 20A-2-603 (Effective 04/06/26);

5798 (viii) Section 20A-2-604 (Effective 04/06/26);

5799 (ix) Section 20A-2-605 (Effective 04/06/26);

5800 (x) Section 20A-2-606 (Effective 04/06/26);

5801 (xi) Section 20A-5-410 (Effective 04/06/26);

5802 (xii) Section 20A-3a-401 (Effective 04/06/26);

5803 (xiii) Section 20A-6-105 (Effective 04/06/26);

- 5804 (xiv) Section 63G-2-301 (Effective 04/06/26);
- 5805 (xv) Section 63G-2-302 (Effective 04/06/26); and
- 5806 (xvi) Section 63G-2-303 (Effective 04/06/26).