

**John D. Johnson** proposes the following substitute bill:

**Election Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: John D. Johnson**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to elections.

**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 voter identification number and address of a voter signing the petition
- 36 who does not have a private voter registration record;
- 37           ▶ requires a petition to contain a warning regarding the provision described in the preceding
- 38 paragraph;
- 39           ▶ changes the person responsible for preparing the ballot title and analysis for a proposed
- 40 constitutional amendment submitted to the voters;
- 41           ▶ provides a coordination clause to merge provisions of this bill with H.B. 209, Voting
- 42 Amendments; and
- 43           ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

44 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

45 None

46 **Other Special Clauses:**

47 This bill provides a special effective date.

48 This bill provides coordination clauses.

49 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

50 AMENDS:

51 **10-2-602 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 400

52 **10-2-701.5 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1981, Chapter 55

53 **10-2a-208 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38

54 **17-60-302 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
55 First Special Session, Chapter 13

56 **17-61-201 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
57 First Special Session, Chapter 13

58 **17-61-301 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
59 First Special Session, Chapter 13

60 **17-61-401 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
61 First Special Session, Chapter 13

62 **17-62-303 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,

63 First Special Session, Chapter 13  
64 **17-62-505 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
65 First Special Session, Chapter 13  
66 **17B-1-205 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38  
67 **17B-1-506 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38  
68 **17B-1-1304 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 15  
69 **17D-2-502 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116  
70 **20A-1-102 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
71 First Special Session, Chapter 6  
72 **20A-2-101.1 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448  
73 **20A-2-104 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,  
74 448  
75 **20A-2-108 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381  
76 **20A-2-204 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,  
77 448  
78 **20A-2-206 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 381  
79 **20A-2-304 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448  
80 **20A-2-504 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
81 Chapter 448  
82 **20A-2-505 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,  
83 448  
84 **20A-3a-401 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special  
85 Session, Chapter 6  
86 **20A-6-105 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381,  
87 448  
88 **20A-7-103 (Effective upon governor's approval) (Contingently Superseded 01/01/27)**, as  
89 last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448  
90 **20A-7-103 (Contingently Effective 01/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
91 Chapter 492  
92 **20A-7-105 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448  
93 **20A-7-203 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
94 **20A-7-215 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
95 **20A-7-217 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448  
96 **20A-7-303 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442

97           **20A-7-313 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
98           **20A-7-315 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448  
99           **20A-7-503 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
100          **20A-7-514 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
101          **20A-7-516 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448  
102          **20A-7-603 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
103          **20A-7-614 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 442  
104          **20A-7-616 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448  
105          **20A-7-702 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024,  
106          Chapter 465  
107          **20A-7-703.1 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah  
108          2025, Chapter 448  
109          **20A-8-103 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 38, 448  
110          **20A-9-203 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 38, 39  
111          and 448  
112          **20A-9-404 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448  
113          **20A-9-405 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38  
114          **20A-9-408 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Second Special  
115          Session, Chapter 2  
116          **20A-9-502 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Second Special  
117          Session, Chapter 2  
118          **20A-15-103 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448  
119          **53G-3-301.1 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 38  
120          **53G-3-401 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116  
121          **53G-3-501 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 528  
122          **63G-2-202 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
123          Chapter 188  
124          **63G-2-210 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025,  
125          Chapter 188  
126          **63G-2-301 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special  
127          Session, Chapter 9  
128          **63G-2-302 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172  
129          **63G-2-303 (Effective 04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 208  
130          **73-10d-4 (Effective 05/25/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 116

131 ENACTS:

132 **20A-1-1004 (Effective 05/25/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

133 **20A-2-601 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

134 **20A-2-602 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

135 **20A-2-603 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

136 **20A-2-604 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

137 **20A-2-605 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

138 **20A-2-606 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

139 **20A-2-607 (Effective upon governor's approval)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

140 **53H-3-1304 (Effective 04/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

141 RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

142 **20A-2-608 (Effective 04/06/26)**, (Renumbered from 20A-5-410, as last amended by  
143 Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 188, 448)

144 **Utah Code Sections affected by Coordination Clause:**

145 **20A-2-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

146 **63G-2-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

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

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

150 **10-2-602 (Effective 05/25/26). Contents of resolution or petition.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

163 (3) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following

164 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the

165 page:  
 166 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS  
 167 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
 168 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
 169 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

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

171 **10-2-701.5 (Effective 05/25/26). Form of petition.**

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

174 PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL DISINCORPORATION

175 To the Honorable District Court of \_\_\_\_ County, Utah:

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

183 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

184 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
 185 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
 186 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

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

188 **10-2a-208 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition for incorporation -- Requirements and**  
 189 **form -- Removal of signature.**

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

- 195 (a) 10% of all registered voters within the area proposed to be incorporated as a  
 196 municipality, as of the day on which the petition for incorporation is filed;  
 197 (b) if the petition for incorporation proposes the incorporation of a city, and subject to  
 198 Subsection (5), 10% of all registered voters within 90% of the voting precincts within

199 the area proposed to be incorporated as a city, as of the day on which the petition for  
200 incorporation is filed; and

201 (c) the owners of private real property that:

202 (i) is located within the proposed municipality;

203 (ii) covers at least 10% of the total private land area within the proposed  
204 municipality; and

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

208 (2) The petition for incorporation shall:

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

211 (b) describe the area proposed to be incorporated as a municipality, as described in the  
212 feasibility request or the modified feasibility request that complies with Subsection  
213 10-2a-205(5)(a);

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

228 PETITION FOR INCORPORATION OF (insert the proposed name of the proposed  
229 municipality)

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

231 We, the undersigned registered voters within the area described in this petition for

232 incorporation, respectfully petition the lieutenant governor and the county legislative body to

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

238 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

239 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
240 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
241 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

266 (i) except in a proposed municipality that will be a city of the fifth class, is not

- 267 located entirely within the boundaries of a proposed city; or  
 268 (ii) includes less than 50 registered voters.  
 269 (b) A voting precinct that is not located entirely within the boundaries of the proposed  
 270 city does not qualify as a voting precinct under Subsection (1)(b).

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

272 **17-60-302 (Effective 05/25/26). Initiating a petition to move a county seat --**  
 273 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Limitation.**

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

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

281 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 282 RECORDS

283 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
 284 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
 285 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

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

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

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

- 294 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
 295 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1);  
 296 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the  
 297 county; and  
 298 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

299 (3)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's  
 300 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day

- 301 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,  
 302 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature  
 303 be removed.
- 304 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 305 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 306 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
 307 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
 308 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 309 (4) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed in all respects as provided by  
 310 law for the conducting of general elections and canvassing the returns.
- 311 (5) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article XI, Section 2, a proposition to move the  
 312 county seat may not be submitted in the same county more than once in four years, or  
 313 within four years after the day on which a proposition to move the county seat is  
 314 submitted to the voters.

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

316 **17-61-201 (Effective 05/25/26). Consolidation of counties -- Petition --**  
 317 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballot.**

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

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

- 369 (i) call a special election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
 370 November following the presentation of the petition; and
- 371 (ii) cause the proposition to be submitted to the voters of the respective counties  
 372 during the special election.
- 373 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an election under this Subsection (6) shall  
 374 be held, the results canvassed, and returns made under the provisions of the general  
 375 election laws of the state.
- 376 (d) The ballot language to be used at an election under this Subsection (6) shall be:  
 377 For combining \_\_\_\_ county with \_\_\_\_ county.  
 378 Against combining \_\_\_\_ county with \_\_\_\_ county.
- 379 Section 6. Section **17-61-301** is amended to read:  
 380 **17-61-301 (Effective 05/25/26). Annexation of portion of county to adjoining**  
 381 **county -- Petition -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature --**  
 382 **Election -- Ballot.**
- 383 (1)(a) Except as provided in Section 17-61-306, a voter who desires to have initiating  
 384 county territory in which the voter resides included within the boundary of an  
 385 adjoining county, the voter may petition the county legislative body of the initiating  
 386 county and the county legislative body of the annexing county.
- 387 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 388 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
 389 page:  
 390 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 391 RECORDS  
 392 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
 393 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
 394 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 395 (2) A petition under Subsection (1) shall be:  
 396 (a) signed by a majority of the voters living in the portion of the initiating county  
 397 proposed to be included within the boundaries of an annexing county; and  
 398 (b) presented before the first Monday in June of a year during which a general election is  
 399 held.
- 400 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body  
 401 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the  
 402 petition to the county clerk.

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

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

408 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a voter in the portion of the  
 409 initiating county that is proposed to be annexed; and

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

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

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

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

421 (5)(a) If the county clerk of the initiating county determines that the petition meets the  
 422 requirements of Subsection (2), the county clerk of the initiating county and the  
 423 county clerk of the annexing county shall ensure the petition is submitted to the  
 424 voters of the respective counties at the next regular general election as described in  
 425 this Subsection (5).

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

428 (c) The ballot language to be used in an election held under this Subsection (5) shall be:

429 For annexing a portion of \_\_\_\_ county to \_\_\_\_ county.

430 Against annexing a portion of \_\_\_\_ county to \_\_\_\_ county.

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

432 **17-61-401 (Effective 05/25/26). Creating a new county -- Petition -- Certification**  
 433 **of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballots.**

434 (1)(a) Whenever a voter desires to have the territory within which the voter resides  
 435 created into a new county, the voter may file a petition for the creation of a new  
 436 county with the county legislative body of the seceding county in which the voter

437 resides as described in this section.[-]

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

441 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
442 RECORDS

443 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
444 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
445 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

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

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

448 (ii) be signed:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

468 (5)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's  
469 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day  
470 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,

- 471 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature  
472 be removed.
- 473 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
474 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 475 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
476 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
477 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 478 (6) The seceding county legislative body shall cause the proposition to be submitted to the  
479 voters residing in the seceding county at a special election to be held according to the  
480 dates established in Section 20A-1-204, first causing 30 days' notice of the election to be  
481 given in the manner provided by law for giving notice of general elections.
- 482 (7) The county clerk shall ensure that the special election is held, the result canvassed, and  
483 returns made under the provisions of the general election laws.
- 484 (8) The form of ballot to be used at the special election shall be:  
485 For the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.  
486 Against the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.
- 487 (9)(a) Subject to Subsection (9)(b), the expenses of any special election described in this  
488 section shall be paid out of the general fund of the seceding county.
- 489 (b) If the voters approve the creation of the new county, the new county shall reimburse  
490 the seceding county for half of the cost of the special election within one year of the  
491 effective date of the new county from the general fund of the new county.
- 492 Section 8. Section **17-62-303** is amended to read:
- 493 **17-62-303 (Effective 05/25/26). Registered voter initiation of adoption of optional**  
494 **plan -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Procedure.**
- 495 (1)(a) Registered voters of a county may initiate the process of adopting an optional plan  
496 by filing with the county clerk a notice of intent to gather signatures for a petition:  
497 (i) for the establishment of a study committee described in Section 17-62-402; or  
498 (ii) to adopt an optional plan that:  
499 (A) accompanies the petition during the signature gathering process and  
500 accompanies the petition in the submission to the county clerk under  
501 Subsection (2)(b); and  
502 (B) complies with the requirements described in Sections 17-62-403 and  
503 17-62-404.
- 504 (b) A notice of intent described in Subsection (1)(a) shall:

- 505 (i) designate five sponsors for the petition;
- 506 (ii) designate a contact sponsor to serve as the primary contact for the petition
- 507 sponsors;
- 508 (iii) list the mailing address and telephone number of each of the sponsors; and
- 509 (iv) be signed by each of the petition sponsors.
- 510 (c) Registered voters of a county may not file a notice of intent to gather signatures in
- 511 bad faith.
- 512 (d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
- 513 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
- 514 page:
- 515 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
- 516 RECORDS
- 517 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
- 518 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
- 519 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 520 (2)(a) The sponsors of a petition may circulate the petition after filing a notice of intent
- 521 to gather signatures under Subsection (1).
- 522 (b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), the petition is valid if the petition
- 523 contains the number of legal signatures required under Subsection 20A-7-501(2).
- 524 (ii) For a county of the fifth or sixth class, the petition is valid if the petition contains
- 525 at least the number of legal signatures equal to 30% of the number of active
- 526 voters, as defined in Section 20A-7-501, in the county.
- 527 (iii) The county clerk may not count a signature that was collected for the petition
- 528 before the petition sponsors filed a notice of intent under Subsection (1)(a).
- 529 (iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual may not sign a petition
- 530 circulated under this section by electronic signature as defined in Section
- 531 20A-1-202.
- 532 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b)(ii), the sponsors of the petition shall submit
- 533 the completed petition and any amended or supplemental petition described in
- 534 Subsection (4) with the county clerk not more than 180 days after the day on which
- 535 the sponsors file the notice described in Subsection (1).
- 536 (d)(i) Within 30 days after the day on which the sponsors submit a petition, the
- 537 sponsors shall submit financial disclosures to the county clerk that include:
- 538 (A) a list of each contribution received by the sponsors and the name of the donor;

- 539 and
- 540 (B) a list of each expenditure for purposes of furthering or sponsoring the petition
- 541 and the recipient of each expenditure.
- 542 (ii) The county clerk shall publish the financial disclosures described in Subsection
- 543 (2)(d)(i).
- 544 (iii) All sponsors of a petition shall date and sign each list described in Subsection
- 545 (2)(d)(i).
- 546 (3) Within 30 days after the day on which the sponsors submit a petition under Subsection
- 547 (2)(c) or an amended or supplemental petition under Subsection (4), the county clerk
- 548 shall:
- 549 (a)(i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a
- 550 signer is a registered voter; and
- 551 (ii) determine whether the petition or amended or supplemental petition has been
- 552 signed by the required number of registered voters;
- 553 (b)(i) if the petition was signed by a sufficient number of registered voters:
- 554 (A) certify the petition;
- 555 (B) deliver the petition to the county legislative body and county executive; and
- 556 (C) notify the contact sponsor in writing of the certification; or
- 557 (ii) if the petition was not signed by a sufficient number of registered voters:
- 558 (A) reject the petition; and
- 559 (B) notify the county legislative body and the contact sponsor in writing of the
- 560 rejection and the reasons for the rejection; and
- 561 (c) for a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), no later than 10 days after the day on
- 562 which the county clerk certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i), the county
- 563 clerk shall send a copy of the optional plan that accompanied the petition to the
- 564 county attorney for review in accordance with Section 17-62-405.
- 565 (4) The sponsors of a petition circulated under this section may submit supplemental
- 566 signatures for the petition:
- 567 (a) if the county clerk rejects the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(ii); and
- 568 (b) before the earlier of:
- 569 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (2)(c); or
- 570 (ii) 20 days after the day on which the county clerk rejects the petition under
- 571 Subsection (3)(b)(ii).
- 572 (5) With the unanimous approval of petition sponsors, a petition filed under this section

573 may be withdrawn at any time within 90 days after the day on which the county clerk  
574 certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i) and no later than 45 days before an  
575 election under Section 17-62-501 if the petition included a notification to petition  
576 signers, in conspicuous language and in a conspicuous location, that the petition  
577 sponsors are authorized to withdraw the petition.

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

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

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

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

588 **17-62-505 (Effective 05/25/26). Repeal of optional plan -- Certification of petition**  
589 **signatures -- Removal of signature.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

606 (B) shall wait an additional four, and not more than five, years after the date of

- 607 certification of the previous petition for each petition filed thereafter.
- 608 (4) A petition described in Subsection (2) shall:
- 609 (a) be signed by registered voters residing in the county:
- 610 (i) equal in number to at least 15% of the total number of votes cast in each precinct
- 611 described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii) for all candidates for president of the United
- 612 States at the most recent election in which a president of the United States was
- 613 elected; and
- 614 (ii) who represent at least 85% of the voting precincts located within the county;
- 615 (b) designate up to five of the petition signers as sponsors, designating one petition
- 616 signer as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of each;[
- 617 and]
- 618 (c) include the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the same
- 619 size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:
- 620 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
- 621 RECORDS
- 622 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
- 623 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
- 624 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."; and
- 625 [(e)] (d) be filed in the office of the clerk of the county in which the petition signers
- 626 reside.
- 627 (5) Within 30 days after the filing of a petition under Subsection (2) or an amended petition
- 628 under Subsection (6), the county clerk shall:
- 629 (a)(i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a
- 630 signer is a registered voter; and
- 631 (ii) determine whether the required number of voters have signed the petition or
- 632 amended petition has been signed by the required number of registered voters; and
- 633 (b)(i) if a sufficient number of voters have signed the petition, certify the petition or
- 634 amended petition and deliver it to the county legislative body, and notify in
- 635 writing the contact sponsor of the certification; or
- 636 (ii) if a sufficient number of voters have not signed the petition, reject the petition or
- 637 the amended petition and notify the county legislative body and the contact
- 638 sponsor in writing of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection.
- 639 (6) If a county clerk rejects a petition or an amended petition under Subsection (5)(b)(ii),
- 640 the petition may be amended or an amended petition may be further amended with

- 641 additional signatures and refiled within 20 days of the date of rejection.
- 642 (7)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature  
643 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
644 which the sponsors file the petition in the office of the county clerk, submitting to the  
645 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 646 (b) A statement described in Subsection (7)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
647 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 648 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
649 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
650 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 651 (8) If a county clerk certifies a petition under Subsection (2), the county legislative body  
652 shall hold an election on the proposal to repeal the optional plan at the next regular  
653 general election that is at least 60 days after the day on which the county clerk certifies  
654 the petition.
- 655 (9) If, at an election held under Subsection (8), a majority of voters voting on the proposal  
656 to repeal the optional plan vote in favor of repealing:
- 657 (a) the optional plan is repealed, effective January 1 of the year following the election of  
658 county officers under Subsection (9)(c);
- 659 (b) upon the effective date of the repeal under Subsection (9)(a), the form of government  
660 under which the county operates reverts to the form it had before the optional plan  
661 was adopted; and
- 662 (c) the county officers under the form of government to which the county reverts, who  
663 are different than the county officers under the repealed optional plan, shall be  
664 elected at the next regular general election following the election under Subsection (8).
- 665 Section 10. Section **17B-1-205** is amended to read:
- 666 **17B-1-205 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition and request requirements -- Removal or**  
667 **reinstatement of signature.**
- 668 (1) Each petition and request shall:
- 669 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each property  
670 owner, groundwater right owner, or registered voter signing the petition;
- 671 (b)(i) if it is a property owner request or petition, indicate the address of the property  
672 as to which the owner is signing the request or petition; or
- 673 (ii) if it is a groundwater right owner request or petition, indicate the location of the  
674 diversion of the groundwater as to which the owner is signing the groundwater

- 675 right owner request or petition;
- 676 (c) describe the entire area of the proposed special district;
- 677 (d) be accompanied by a map showing the boundaries of the entire proposed special  
678 district;
- 679 (e) specify the service proposed to be provided by the proposed special district;
- 680 (f) if the petition or request proposes the creation of a specialized special district, specify  
681 the type of specialized special district proposed to be created;
- 682 (g) for a proposed basic special district:
- 683 (i) state whether the members of the board of trustees will be elected or appointed or  
684 whether some members will be elected and some appointed, as provided in  
685 Section 17B-1-1402;
- 686 (ii) if one or more members will be elected, state the basis upon which each elected  
687 member will be elected; and
- 688 (iii) if applicable, explain how the election or appointment of board members will  
689 transition from one method to another based on stated milestones or events, as  
690 provided in Section 17B-1-1402;
- 691 (h) for a proposed improvement district whose remaining area members or county  
692 members, as those terms are defined in Section 17B-2a-404, are to be elected, state  
693 that those members will be elected;
- 694 (i) for a proposed service area that is entirely within the unincorporated area of a single  
695 county, state whether the initial board of trustees will be:
- 696 (i) the county legislative body;
- 697 (ii) appointed as provided in Section 17B-1-304; or
- 698 (iii) elected as provided in Section 17B-1-306;
- 699 (j) designate up to five signers of the petition or request as sponsors, one of whom shall  
700 be designated as the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number  
701 of each;
- 702 (k) if the petition or request is a groundwater right owner petition or request proposing  
703 the creation of a special district to acquire a groundwater right under Section  
704 17B-1-202, explain the anticipated method:
- 705 (i) of paying for the groundwater right acquisition; and
- 706 (ii) of addressing blowing dust created by the reduced use of water;
- 707 (l) if the petition or request is a groundwater right owner petition or request proposing  
708 the creation of a special district to assess a groundwater right under Section

- 709 17B-1-202, explain the anticipated method:
- 710 (i) of assessing the groundwater right and securing payment of the assessment; and
- 711 (ii) of addressing blowing dust created by the reduced use of water; and
- 712 (m) for a proposed infrastructure financing district:
- 713 (i) state whether the members of the board of trustees will be elected or appointed or
- 714 whether some members will be elected and some appointed;
- 715 (ii) if one or more members will be elected, state the basis upon which each elected
- 716 member will be elected;
- 717 (iii) explain how appointed board member positions will transition to elected board
- 718 member positions based on stated milestones or events, as provided in Section
- 719 17B-2a-1303;
- 720 (iv) state whether divisions will be established within the boundary of the
- 721 infrastructure financing district so that some or all board members represent a
- 722 division rather than the district at large and, if so, describe the boundary of each
- 723 division; and
- 724 (v) if applicable, be accompanied by the governing document prepared according to
- 725 Section 17B-2a-1303.

726 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following

727 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the

728 page:

729 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

730 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed

731 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter

732 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

733 [~~(2)~~] (3)(a) Subject to Subsection [~~(2)(b)~~] (3)(b), a signer of a request or petition may

734 remove or, once removed, reinstate the signer's signature at any time before the filing

735 of the request or petition by filing a written statement for removal or reinstatement

736 with:

737 (i) in the case of a request:

738 (A) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose

739 applicable area the signer's property is located, if the request is a property

740 owner request;

741 (B) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose

742 applicable area the signer's groundwater diversion point is located, if the

743 request is a groundwater right owner request; or  
 744 (C) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose  
 745 applicable area the signer resides, if the request is a registered voter request; or  
 746 (ii) in the case of a petition, the responsible clerk.

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

750 ~~[(3)]~~ (4)(a) A clerk of the county who receives a timely, valid written statement for  
 751 removal or reinstatement from a signer of a registered voter request or registered  
 752 voter petition shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
 753 determine whether to remove or reinstate the individual's signature.

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

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

760 **17B-1-506 (Effective 05/25/26). Withdrawal petition requirements -- Removal or**  
 761 **reinstatement of signature.**

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

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

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

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

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

776 (e) state the reasons for withdrawal;~~and]~~

- 777 (f) when the petition is filed with the special district board of trustees, be accompanied  
778 by a map generally depicting the boundaries of the area proposed to be withdrawn  
779 and a legal description of the area proposed to be withdrawn[-] ; and
- 780 (g) include the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the same  
781 size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:  
782 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
783 RECORDS  
784 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
785 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
786 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 787 (2)(a) The special district may prepare an itemized list of expenses, other than attorney  
788 expenses, that will necessarily be incurred by the special district in the withdrawal  
789 proceeding. The itemized list of expenses may be submitted to the contact sponsor.  
790 If the list of expenses is submitted to the contact sponsor within 21 days after receipt  
791 of the petition, the contact sponsor on behalf of the petitioners shall be required to  
792 pay the expenses to the special district within 90 days of receipt. Until funds to cover  
793 the expenses are delivered to the special district, the district will have no obligation to  
794 proceed with the withdrawal and the time limits on the district stated in this part will  
795 be tolled. If the expenses are not paid within the 90 days, or within 90 days from the  
796 conclusion of any arbitration under Subsection (2)(b), the petition requesting the  
797 withdrawal shall be considered to have been withdrawn.
- 798 (b) If there is no agreement between the board of trustees of the special district and the  
799 contact sponsor on the amount of expenses that will necessarily be incurred by the  
800 special district in the withdrawal proceeding, either the board of trustees or the  
801 contact sponsor may submit the matter to binding arbitration in accordance with Title  
802 78B, Chapter 6, Part 2, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act[;] , provided that, if the  
803 parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator and the rules and procedures that will control  
804 the arbitration, either party may pursue arbitration under Title 78B, Chapter 11, Utah  
805 Uniform Arbitration Act.
- 806 (3)(a) A signer of a petition may remove or, once removed, reinstate the signer's  
807 signature at any time before the public hearing under Section 17B-1-508 by  
808 submitting a written statement requesting removal or reinstatement with the board of  
809 trustees of the special district in which the area proposed to be withdrawn is located.
- 810 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements

- 811 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 812 (c) As applicable and using the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the  
813 county clerk shall assist the board of trustees to determine whether to remove or  
814 reinstate a registered voter's signature after the voter submits a timely, valid statement  
815 described in Subsection (3)(a).
- 816 (4) If it reasonably appears that, if the withdrawal which is the subject of a petition filed  
817 under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(i) or (ii) is granted, it will be necessary for a  
818 municipality to provide to the withdrawn area the service previously supplied by the  
819 special district, the board of trustees of the special district may, within 21 days after  
820 receiving the petition, notify the contact sponsor in writing that, before it will be  
821 considered by the board of trustees, the petition shall be presented to and approved by  
822 the governing body of the municipality as provided in Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv)  
823 before it will be considered by the special district board of trustees. If the notice is  
824 timely given to the contact sponsor, the petition shall be considered to have been  
825 withdrawn until the municipality files a petition with the special district under  
826 Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv).
- 827 (5)(a) After receiving the notice required by Subsection 17B-1-504(2), unless  
828 specifically allowed by law, a public entity may not make expenditures from public  
829 funds to support or oppose the gathering of signatures on a petition for withdrawal.
- 830 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits a public entity from providing factual information  
831 and analysis regarding a withdrawal petition to the public, so long as the information  
832 grants equal access to both the opponents and proponents of the petition for  
833 withdrawal.
- 834 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a public official from speaking, campaigning,  
835 contributing personal money, or otherwise exercising the public official's  
836 constitutional rights.
- 837 (6) Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) do not apply to a petition seeking the withdrawal of an  
838 area from an infrastructure financing district.

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

840 **17B-1-1304 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition requirements.**

- 841 (1) Each petition under Subsection 17B-1-1303(1)(a) or (2) shall:
- 842 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each owner of  
843 acre-feet of water, property owner, or registered voter signing the petition;
- 844 (b) if it is a petition signed by the owners of acre-feet of water or property owners,

- 845 indicate the address of the property as to which the owner is signing;
- 846 (c) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, one of whom shall be
- 847 designated the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of
- 848 each; and
- 849 (d) be filed with the clerk.

850 (2) A signer of a petition to dissolve a special district may withdraw, or, once withdrawn,

851 reinstate the signer's signature at any time until 30 days after the public hearing under

852 Section 17B-1-1306.

853 (3) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following

854 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the

855 page:

856 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

857 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed

858 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter

859 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

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

861 **17D-2-502 (Effective 05/25/26). Required process for issuance of local building**

862 **authority bonds -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature.**

863 (1) A local building authority may not issue bonds unless the creating local entity's

864 governing body approves the issuance and terms of the bonds.

865 (2)(a) Before issuing bonds, the authority board of a local building authority shall give

866 public notice of the authority board's intent to issue bonds.

867 (b)(i) A local building authority may not issue bonds without the approval of the

868 creating local entity's voters if, within 30 days after the notice under Subsection

869 (2)(a) is given, a written petition requesting an election is filed with the local

870 building authority, signed by at least 20% of the active voters, as defined in

871 Section 20A-1-102, within the creating local entity.

872 (ii) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following

873 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on

874 the page:

875 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION

876 RECORDS

877 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you

878 signed may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an

879 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private  
 880 record."

881 [(ii)] (iii) Each election under Subsection (2)(b)(i) shall be held as provided in Title  
 882 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act, in the same manner as an  
 883 election for general obligation bonds issued by the creating local entity.

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

888 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
 889 local building authority under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk shall:

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

892 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of an active voter within the  
 893 creating local entity; and

894 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the local building authority.

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

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

902 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in [~~Section~~] Subsection  
 903 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a  
 904 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

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

906 **20A-1-102 (Effective upon governor's approval). Definitions.**

907 As used in this title:

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

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

912 (3)(a) "Ballot" means the storage medium, including a paper, mechanical, or electronic

- 913 storage medium, that records an individual voter's vote.
- 914 (b) "Ballot" does not include a record to tally multiple votes.
- 915 (4) "Ballot proposition" means a question, issue, or proposal that is submitted to voters on  
916 the ballot for their approval or rejection including:
- 917 (a) an opinion question specifically authorized by the Legislature;
- 918 (b) a constitutional amendment;
- 919 (c) an initiative;
- 920 (d) a referendum;
- 921 (e) a bond proposition;
- 922 (f) a judicial retention question;
- 923 (g) an incorporation of a city or town; or
- 924 (h) any other ballot question specifically authorized by the Legislature.
- 925 (5) "Bind," "binding," or "bound" means securing more than one piece of paper together  
926 using staples or another means in at least three places across the top of the paper in the  
927 blank space reserved for securing the paper.
- 928 (6) "Board of canvassers" means the entities established by Sections 20A-4-301 and  
929 20A-4-306 to canvass election returns.
- 930 (7) "Bond election" means an election held for the purpose of approving or rejecting the  
931 proposed issuance of bonds by a government entity.
- 932 (8) "Business day" means a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday that is not  
933 a holiday.
- 934 (9) "Business reply mail envelope" means an envelope that may be mailed free of charge by  
935 the sender.
- 936 (10) "Calendar day" means any day, regardless of whether the day is a weekend, a holiday,  
937 a business day, or any other type of day.
- 938 (11) "Canvass" means the review of election returns and the official declaration of election  
939 results by the board of canvassers.
- 940 (12) "Canvassing judge" means a poll worker designated to assist in counting ballots at the  
941 canvass.
- 942 (13) "Contracting election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or  
943 interlocal agreement with a provider election officer.
- 944 (14) "Convention" means the political party convention at which party officers and  
945 delegates are selected.
- 946 (15) "Counting center" means one or more locations selected by the election officer in

- 947 charge of the election for the automatic counting of ballots.
- 948 (16) "Counting judge" means a poll worker designated to count the ballots during election  
949 day.
- 950 (17) "Counting room" means a suitable and convenient private place or room for use by the  
951 poll workers and counting judges to count ballots.
- 952 (18) "County officers" means those county officers that are required by law to be elected.
- 953 (19) "Date of the election" or "election day" or "day of the election":
- 954 (a) means the day that is specified in the calendar year as the day on which the election  
955 occurs; and
- 956 (b) does not include:
- 957 (i) deadlines established for voting by mail, military-overseas voting, or emergency  
958 voting; or
- 959 (ii) any early voting or early voting period as provided under Chapter 3a, Part 6,  
960 Early Voting.
- 961 (20) "Elected official" means:
- 962 (a) a person elected to an office under Section 20A-1-303 or Chapter 4, Part 6,  
963 Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project;
- 964 (b) a person who is considered to be elected to a municipal office in accordance with  
965 Subsection 20A-1-206(1)(c)(ii); or
- 966 (c) a person who is considered to be elected to a special district office in accordance  
967 with Subsection 20A-1-206(3)(b)(ii).
- 968 (21) "Election" means a regular general election, a municipal general election, a statewide  
969 special election, a local special election, a regular primary election, a municipal primary  
970 election, and a special district election.
- 971 (22) "Election Assistance Commission" means the commission established by the Help  
972 America Vote Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-252.
- 973 (23) "Election cycle" means the period beginning on the first day on which individuals are  
974 eligible to file declarations of candidacy and ending when the canvass is completed.
- 975 (24) "Election judge" means a poll worker that is assigned to:
- 976 (a) preside over other poll workers at a polling place;
- 977 (b) act as the presiding election judge; or
- 978 (c) serve as a canvassing judge, counting judge, or receiving judge.
- 979 (25) "Election material" includes:
- 980 (a) the verification documentation described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(9)(b)(iv);

- 981 (b) the list of voters contacted to cure a ballot described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(10)(b);  
 982 (c) the record of rejected and resolved ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(11)(a);  
 983 (d) any chain of custody documentation described in Section 20A-3a-401.1, including:  
 984 (i) the count of ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(3); and  
 985 (ii) the batch log described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(5);  
 986 (e) the record of signature verification audits described in Subsection 20A-3a-402.5(4);  
 987 (f) the affidavit of compliance described in Subsection 20A-3a-404(2);  
 988 (g) the physical and electronic log of replicated ballots described in Subsection  
 989 20A-4-104(3);  
 990 (h) the physical or electronic log of adjudicated ballots described in Section 20A-5-802.5;  
 991 (i) the record of voter database access described in Subsection 20A-5-905(2);  
 992 (j) the reports on military and overseas voters described in Section 20A-16-202;  
 993 (k) scanned copies of return envelopes;  
 994 (l) a copy of the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5; and  
 995 (m) the materials used in the programming of the automatic tabulating equipment.
- 996 (26) "Election officer" means:
- 997 (a) the lieutenant governor, for all statewide ballots and elections;  
 998 (b) the county clerk for:  
 999 (i) a county ballot and election; and  
 1000 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section  
 1001 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;  
 1002 (c) the municipal clerk for:  
 1003 (i) a municipal ballot and election; and  
 1004 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section  
 1005 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5;  
 1006 (d) the special district clerk or chief executive officer for:  
 1007 (i) a special district ballot and election; and  
 1008 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section  
 1009 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5; or  
 1010 (e) the business administrator or superintendent of a school district for:  
 1011 (i) a school district 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 (27) "Election official" means any election officer, election judge, or poll worker.

- 1015 (28) "Election results" means:
- 1016 (a) for an election other than a bond election, the count of votes cast in the election and
- 1017 the election returns requested by the board of canvassers; or
- 1018 (b) for bond elections, the count of those votes cast for and against the bond proposition
- 1019 plus any or all of the election returns that the board of canvassers may request.
- 1020 (29) "Election results database" means the following information generated by voting
- 1021 equipment:
- 1022 (a) one or more electronic files that contains a digital interpretation of each ballot that is
- 1023 counted in an election;
- 1024 (b) a ballot image; and
- 1025 (c) other information related to a ballot that is adjudicated under Section 20A-4-105.
- 1026 (30) "Election returns" means:
- 1027 (a) the pollbook;
- 1028 (b) the military and overseas absentee voter registration and voting certificates;
- 1029 (c) one of the tally sheets;
- 1030 (d) any unprocessed ballots;
- 1031 (e) all counted ballots;
- 1032 (f) all excess ballots;
- 1033 (g) all unused ballots;
- 1034 (h) all spoiled ballots;
- 1035 (i) all ballot disposition forms, including any provisional ballot disposition forms;
- 1036 (j) the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5;
- 1037 (k) all return envelopes;
- 1038 (l) any provisional ballot envelopes; and
- 1039 (m) the total votes cast form.
- 1040 (31) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or
- 1041 logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to
- 1042 sign the record.
- 1043 (32) "Holiday" means a legal holiday described in Subsections 63G-1-301(1) and (2).
- 1044 (33) "Inactive voter" means a registered voter who is listed as inactive by a county clerk
- 1045 under Subsection 20A-2-505(4)(c)(i) or (ii).
- 1046 (34) "Judicial office" means the office filled by any judicial officer.
- 1047 (35) "Judicial officer" means any justice or judge of a court of record or any county court
- 1048 judge.

- 1049 (36) "Local election" means a regular county election, a regular municipal election, a  
1050 municipal primary election, a local special election, a special district election, and a  
1051 bond election.
- 1052 (37) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a special district, or a  
1053 local school district.
- 1054 (38) "Local special election" means a special election called by the governing body of a  
1055 local political subdivision in which all registered voters of the local political subdivision  
1056 may vote.
- 1057 (39) "Manual ballot" means a paper document produced by an election officer on which an  
1058 individual records an individual's vote by directly placing a mark on the paper document  
1059 using a pen or other marking instrument.
- 1060 (40) "Mechanical ballot" means a record, including a paper record, electronic record, or  
1061 mechanical record, that:
- 1062 (a) is created via electronic or mechanical means; and
- 1063 (b) records an individual voter's vote cast via a method other than an individual directly  
1064 placing a mark, using a pen or other marking instrument, to record an individual  
1065 voter's vote.
- 1066 (41) "Municipal executive" means:
- 1067 (a) the mayor in the council-mayor form of government defined in Section 10-3b-102; or
- 1068 (b) the mayor in the council-manager form of government defined in Subsection  
1069 10-3b-103(6).
- 1070 (42) "Municipal general election" means the election held in municipalities and, as  
1071 applicable, special districts on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of  
1072 each odd-numbered year for the purposes established in Section 20A-1-202.
- 1073 (43) "Municipal legislative body" means the council of the city or town in any form of  
1074 municipal government.
- 1075 (44) "Municipal office" means an elective office in a municipality.
- 1076 (45) "Municipal officers" means those municipal officers that are required by law to be  
1077 elected.
- 1078 (46) "Municipal primary election" means an election held to nominate candidates for  
1079 municipal office.
- 1080 (47) "Municipality" means a city or town.
- 1081 (48) "Official ballot" means the ballots distributed by the election officer for voters to  
1082 record their votes.

- 1083 (49) "Official endorsement" means the information on the ballot that identifies:  
1084 (a) the ballot as an official ballot;  
1085 (b) the date of the election; and  
1086 (c)(i) for a ballot prepared by an election officer other than a county clerk, the  
1087 facsimile signature required by Subsection 20A-6-401(1)(a)(iii); or  
1088 (ii) for a ballot prepared by a county clerk, the words required by Subsection  
1089 20A-6-301(1)(b)(iii).
- 1090 (50) "Official register" means the official record furnished to election officials by the  
1091 election officer that contains the information required by Section 20A-5-401.
- 1092 (51) "Political party" means an organization of registered voters that has qualified to  
1093 participate in an election by meeting the requirements of Chapter 8, Political Party  
1094 Formation and Procedures.
- 1095 (52)(a) "Poll worker" means a person assigned by an election official to assist with an  
1096 election, voting, or counting votes.  
1097 (b) "Poll worker" includes election judges.  
1098 (c) "Poll worker" does not include a watcher.
- 1099 (53) "Pollbook" means a record of the names of voters in the order that the voters appear to  
1100 cast votes.
- 1101 (54) "Polling place" means a building where voting is conducted.
- 1102 (55) "Position" means a square, circle, rectangle, or other geometric shape on a ballot in  
1103 which the voter marks the voter's choice.
- 1104 (56) "Presidential Primary Election" means the election established in Chapter 9, Part 8,  
1105 Presidential Primary Election.
- 1106 (57) "Primary convention" means the political party conventions held during the year of the  
1107 regular general election.
- 1108 (58) "Protective counter" means a separate counter, which cannot be reset, that:  
1109 (a) is built into a voting machine; and  
1110 (b) records the total number of movements of the operating lever.
- 1111 (59) "Provider election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or  
1112 interlocal agreement with a contracting election officer to conduct an election for the  
1113 contracting election officer's local political subdivision in accordance with Section  
1114 20A-5-400.1.
- 1115 (60) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot voted provisionally by a person:  
1116 (a) whose name is not listed on the official register at the polling place;

- 1117 (b) whose legal right to vote is challenged as provided in this title; or  
1118 (c) whose identity was not sufficiently established by a poll worker.
- 1119 (61) "Provisional ballot envelope" means an envelope printed in the form required by  
1120 Section 20A-6-105 that is used to identify provisional ballots and to provide information  
1121 to verify a person's legal right to vote.
- 1122 (62)(a) "Public figure" means an individual who, due to the individual being considered  
1123 for, holding, or having held a position of prominence in a public or private capacity,  
1124 or due to the individual's celebrity status, has an increased risk to the individual's  
1125 safety.
- 1126 [~~(b) "Public figure" does not include an individual:~~]  
1127 [(i) elected to public office; or]  
1128 [(ii) appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected public office.]
- 1129 (b) "Public figure" includes an individual who is elected to public office, appointed to  
1130 fill a vacancy in an elected public office, or employed by a government entity if, in  
1131 relation to the individual's service in public office or employment as an employee of  
1132 a government entity, the individual has received a threat of harm to a person or  
1133 property.
- 1134 (63) "Qualify" or "qualified" means to take the oath of office and begin performing the  
1135 duties of the position for which the individual was elected.
- 1136 (64) "Receiving judge" means the poll worker that checks the voter's name in the official  
1137 register at a polling place and provides the voter with a ballot.
- 1138 (65) "Registration form" means a form by which an individual may register to vote under  
1139 this title.
- 1140 (66) "Regular ballot" means a ballot that is not a provisional ballot.
- 1141 (67) "Regular general election" means the election held throughout the state on the first  
1142 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year for the  
1143 purposes established in Section 20A-1-201.
- 1144 (68) "Regular primary election" means the election, held on the date specified in Section  
1145 20A-1-201.5, to nominate candidates of political parties and candidates for nonpartisan  
1146 local school board positions to advance to the regular general election.
- 1147 (69) "Resident" means a person who resides within a specific voting precinct in Utah.
- 1148 (70) "Return envelope" means the envelope, described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(4),  
1149 provided to a voter with a manual ballot:  
1150 (a) into which the voter places the manual ballot after the voter has voted the manual

- 1151 ballot in order to preserve the secrecy of the voter's vote; and
- 1152 (b) that includes the voter affidavit and a place for the voter's signature.
- 1153 (71) "Sample ballot" means a mock ballot similar in form to the official ballot, published as
- 1154 provided in Section 20A-5-405.
- 1155 (72) "Special district" means a local government entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose
- 1156 Local Government Entities - Special Districts, and includes a special service district
- 1157 under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.
- 1158 (73) "Special district officers" means those special district board members who are required
- 1159 by law to be elected.
- 1160 (74) "Special election" means an election held as authorized by Section 20A-1-203.
- 1161 (75) "Spoiled ballot" means each ballot that:
- 1162 (a) is spoiled by the voter;
- 1163 (b) is unable to be voted because it was spoiled by the printer or a poll worker; or
- 1164 (c) lacks the official endorsement.
- 1165 (76) "Statewide special election" means a special election called by the governor or the
- 1166 Legislature in which all registered voters in Utah may vote.
- 1167 (77) "Tabulation system" means a device or system designed for the sole purpose of
- 1168 tabulating votes cast by voters at an election.
- 1169 (78) "Ticket" means a list of:
- 1170 (a) political parties;
- 1171 (b) candidates for an office; or
- 1172 (c) ballot propositions.
- 1173 (79) "Transfer case" means the sealed box used to transport voted ballots to the counting
- 1174 center.
- 1175 (80) "Vacancy" means:
- 1176 (a) except as provided in Subsection (80)(b), the absence of an individual to serve in a
- 1177 position created by state constitution or state statute, whether that absence occurs
- 1178 because of death, disability, disqualification, resignation, or other cause; or
- 1179 (b) in relation to a candidate for a position created by state constitution or state statute,
- 1180 the removal of a candidate due to the candidate's death, resignation, or
- 1181 disqualification.
- 1182 (81) "Valid voter identification" means:
- 1183 (a) a form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter which may
- 1184 include:

- 1185 (i) a currently valid Utah driver license;
- 1186 (ii) a currently valid identification card issued under Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 8,
- 1187 Identification Card Act;
- 1188 (iii) a currently valid identification card that is issued by:
- 1189 (A) the state; or
- 1190 (B) a branch, department, or agency of the United States;
- 1191 (iv) a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;
- 1192 (v) a currently valid United States passport; or
- 1193 (vi) a currently valid United States military identification card;
- 1194 (b) one of the following identification cards, regardless of whether the card includes a
- 1195 photograph of the voter:
- 1196 (i) a valid tribal identification card;
- 1197 (ii) a Bureau of Indian Affairs card; or
- 1198 (iii) a tribal treaty card; or
- 1199 (c) two forms of identification not listed under Subsection (81)(a) or (b) but that bear the
- 1200 name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct,
- 1201 which may include:
- 1202 (i) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a current utility bill, dated no more
- 1203 than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1204 (ii) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a bank or other financial account
- 1205 statement, dated no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1206 (iii) a certified birth certificate;
- 1207 (iv) a valid social security card;
- 1208 (v) an original or copy of a check issued by the state or the federal government, dated
- 1209 no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1210 (vi) an original or copy of a paycheck from the voter's employer, dated no more than
- 1211 90 calendar days before the date of the election;
- 1212 (vii) a currently valid Utah hunting or fishing license;
- 1213 (viii) certified naturalization documentation;
- 1214 (ix) a currently valid license issued by an authorized agency of the United States;
- 1215 (x) a certified copy of court records showing the voter's adoption or name change;
- 1216 (xi) a valid Medicaid card, Medicare card, or Electronic Benefits Transfer [~~Card~~] card;
- 1217 (xii) a currently valid identification card issued by:
- 1218 (A) a local government within the state;

- 1219 (B) an employer for an employee; or
- 1220 (C) a college, university, technical school, or professional school located within
- 1221 the state; or
- 1222 (xiii) a current Utah vehicle registration.
- 1223 (82) "Valid write-in candidate" means a candidate who has qualified as a write-in candidate
- 1224 by following the procedures and requirements of this title.
- 1225 (83) "Vote by mail" means to vote, using a manual ballot that is mailed to the voter, by:
- 1226 (a) mailing the ballot to the location designated in the mailing; or
- 1227 (b) depositing the ballot in a ballot drop box designated by the election officer.
- 1228 (84) "Voter" means an individual who:
- 1229 (a) meets the requirements for voting in an election;
- 1230 (b) meets the requirements of election registration;
- 1231 (c) is registered to vote; and
- 1232 (d) is listed in the official register.
- 1233 (85) "Voter registration deadline" means the registration deadline provided in Section
- 1234 20A-2-102.5.
- 1235 (86) "Voting area" means the area within six feet of the voting booths, voting machines,
- 1236 and ballot box.
- 1237 (87) "Voting booth" means:
- 1238 (a) the space or compartment within a polling place that is provided for the preparation
- 1239 of ballots, including the voting enclosure or curtain; or
- 1240 (b) a voting device that is free standing.
- 1241 (88) "Voting device" means any device provided by an election officer for a voter to vote a
- 1242 mechanical ballot.
- 1243 (89) "Voting precinct" means the smallest geographical voting unit, established under
- 1244 Chapter 5, Part 3, Duties of the County and Municipal Legislative Bodies.
- 1245 (90) "Watcher" means an individual who complies with the requirements described in
- 1246 Section 20A-3a-801 to become a watcher for an election.
- 1247 (91) "Write-in ballot" means a ballot containing any write-in votes.
- 1248 (92) "Write-in vote" means a vote cast for an individual, whose name is not printed on the
- 1249 ballot, in accordance with the procedures established in this title.
- 1250 Section 15. Section **20A-1-1004** is enacted to read:
- 1251 **20A-1-1004 (Effective 05/25/26). Signing a petition -- Waiver of privacy status by**
- 1252 **at-risk voter.**

- 1253 (1) As used in this section, "at-risk voter" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
1254 20A-2-601.
- 1255 (2) Subject to Subsection (3), if an at-risk voter signs a petition, the voter's voter  
1256 identification number and date of signature are subject to disclosure to the same extent,  
1257 and in the same manner, as the voter identification number and date of signature of a  
1258 voter who is not an at-risk voter who signs the petition.
- 1259 (3)(a) Subsection (2) applies only to the extent of a disclosure made in direct relation to  
1260 the petition, including:
- 1261 (i) disclosing the voter identification number and date of signature of an at-risk voter  
1262 who signed the petition;
- 1263 (ii) signature verification or certification for the petition; or
- 1264 (iii) removing a signature from the petition.
- 1265 (b) Except to the extent described in Subsection (3)(a), the voter registration record of an  
1266 at-risk voter retains the classification as a private record.
- 1267 Section 16. Section **20A-2-101.1** is amended to read:
- 1268 **20A-2-101.1 (Effective 04/06/26). Preregistering to vote.**
- 1269 (1) An individual may preregister to vote if the individual:
- 1270 (a) is 16 or 17 years [~~of age~~] old;
- 1271 (b) is not eligible to register to vote because the individual does not comply with the age  
1272 requirements described in Subsection 20A-2-101(1)(c);
- 1273 (c) is a citizen of the United States;
- 1274 (d) has been a resident of Utah for at least 30 calendar days; and
- 1275 (e) currently resides within the voting district or precinct in which the individual  
1276 preregisters to vote.
- 1277 (2) An individual described in Subsection (1) may not vote in an election and is not  
1278 registered to vote until:
- 1279 (a) the individual is otherwise eligible to register to vote because the individual complies  
1280 with the age requirements described in Subsection 20A-2-101(1)(c); and
- 1281 (b) the county clerk registers the individual to vote under Subsection (4).
- 1282 (3) An individual who preregisters to vote shall:
- 1283 (a) complete a voter registration form, including an indication that the individual is  
1284 preregistering to vote; and
- 1285 (b) submit the voter registration form to a county clerk in person, by mail, or in any  
1286 other manner authorized by this chapter for the submission of a voter registration

- 1287 form.
- 1288 (4)(a) A county clerk shall:
- 1289 (i) retain the voter registration form of an individual who meets the qualifications for
- 1290 preregistration and who submits a completed voter registration form to the county
- 1291 clerk under Subsection (3)(b);
- 1292 (ii) register the individual to vote in the next election in which the individual will be
- 1293 eligible to vote, before the voter registration deadline established in Section
- 1294 20A-2-102.5 for that election; and
- 1295 (iii) send a notice to the individual that:
- 1296 (A) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been
- 1297 accepted as an application for preregistration;
- 1298 (B) informs the individual that the individual will be registered to vote in the next
- 1299 election in which the individual will be eligible to vote; and
- 1300 (C) indicates in which election the individual will be registered to vote.
- 1301 (b) An individual who the county clerk registers under Subsection (4)(a)(ii) is
- 1302 considered to have applied for voter registration on the earlier of:
- 1303 (i) the day of the voter registration deadline immediately preceding the election day
- 1304 on which the individual will be at least 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old; or
- 1305 (ii) the day on which the individual turns 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old.
- 1306 (c) A county clerk shall refer a voter registration form to the county attorney for
- 1307 investigation and possible prosecution if the clerk or the clerk's designee believes the
- 1308 individual is attempting to preregister to vote in an election in which the individual
- 1309 will not be legally entitled to vote.
- 1310 (5)(a) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration
- 1311 record of an individual who preregisters to vote as a private record until the day on
- 1312 which the individual turns 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old.
- 1313 (b) ~~[On]~~ Subject to Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(l), and except as otherwise provided in
- 1314 Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (m), on the day on which the individual
- 1315 described in Subsection (5)(a) turns 18 years [of age] old, the lieutenant governor or
- 1316 county clerk shall classify the individual's voter registration record as a public record[
- 1317 in accordance with Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(l)].
- 1318 (6) If an individual who is at least 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old erroneously indicates on the voter
- 1319 registration form that the individual is preregistering to vote, the county clerk shall
- 1320 consider the form as a voter registration form and shall process the form in accordance

1321 with this chapter.

1322 Section 17. Section **20A-2-104** is amended to read:

1323 **20A-2-104 (Effective 04/06/26). Voter registration form -- Registered voter lists**  
 1324 **-- Fees for copies.**

1325 [~~(1) As used in this section:~~]

1326 [~~(a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:~~]

1327 [~~(i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;~~]

1328 [~~(ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or]~~

1329 [~~(iii) employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual described in~~  
 1330 ~~Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) for political campaign purposes.]~~

1331 [~~(b) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-402 and~~  
 1332 ~~the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.]~~

1333 [~~(c) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and~~  
 1334 ~~the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.]~~

1335 [~~(d) "Hash Code" means a code generated by applying an algorithm to a set of data to~~  
 1336 ~~produce a code that:]~~

1337 [~~(i) uniquely represents the set of data;~~]

1338 [~~(ii) is always the same if the same algorithm is applied to the same set of data; and]~~

1339 [~~(iii) cannot be reversed to reveal the data applied to the algorithm.]~~

1340 [~~(e) "Protected individual" means an individual:]~~

1341 [~~(i) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration~~  
 1342 ~~record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates~~  
 1343 ~~on the form that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is~~  
 1344 ~~a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of~~  
 1345 ~~domestic violence or dating violence;]~~

1346 [~~(ii) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration~~  
 1347 ~~record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates~~  
 1348 ~~on the form and provides verification that the individual, or an individual who~~  
 1349 ~~resides with the individual, is a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed~~  
 1350 ~~forces as defined in Section 20A-1-513, a public figure, or protected by a~~  
 1351 ~~protective order or protection order; or]~~

1352 [~~(iii) whose voter registration record was classified as a private record at the request~~  
 1353 ~~of the individual before May 12, 2020.]~~

1354 [~~(2)~~] (1)(a) An individual applying for voter registration, or an individual preregistering

1355 to vote, shall complete a voter registration form in substantially the following form:

1356 (i) the first part of the form shall include the following:

1357 " \_\_\_\_\_

1358 -----

1359 UTAH ELECTION REGISTRATION FORM

1360 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

1361 If you checked "no" to the above question, do not complete this form.

1362 Will you be 18 years [~~of age~~] old on or before election day? Yes No

1363 If you checked "no" to the above question, are you 16 or 17 years [~~of age~~] old and  
1364 preregistering to vote? Yes No

1365 If you checked "no" to both of the prior two questions, do not complete this form.

1366 Name of Voter

1367 \_\_\_\_\_

1368 First Middle Last

1369 Utah Driver License or Utah Identification Card

1370 Number \_\_\_\_\_

1371 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

1372 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

1373 \_\_\_\_\_

1374 City County State Zip Code

1375 Telephone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

1376 Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_";

1377 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2027, immediately following the portion of the form  
1378 described in Subsection (1)(a)(i), the form shall include the following:

1379 "Do you consent to the election officer providing the following information to  
1380 the political party with which you affiliate? (optional):

1381 • The email address you provided above? Yes No

1382 • The phone number you provided above? Yes No"; and

1383 (iii) following the portions of the form required under Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii), the form  
1384 shall include the following:

1385 "Last four digits of Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

1386 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if  
1387 known) \_\_\_\_\_

1388 \_\_\_\_\_

1389 City County State Zip Code

1390 Political Party

1391 (a listing of each registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101 and  
1392 maintained by the lieutenant governor under Section 67-1a-2, with each party's name preceded  
1393 by a checkbox)

1394 Unaffiliated (no political party preference) Other (Please  
1395 specify)\_\_\_\_\_

1396 I do swear (or affirm), subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information  
1397 contained in this form is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the  
1398 state of Utah, residing at the above address. Unless I have indicated above that I am  
1399 preregistering to vote in a later election, I will be at least 18 years [~~of age~~] old and will have  
1400 resided in Utah for 30 calendar days immediately before the next election. I am not a  
1401 convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

1402 Signed and sworn

1403 \_\_\_\_\_

1404 Voter's Signature

1405 \_\_\_\_\_(month/day/year).

1406 PRIVACY INFORMATION

1407 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such  
1408 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state  
1409 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized  
1410 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an  
1411 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the  
1412 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

1413 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

1414 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration  
1415 record be withheld from public disclosure if:

- 1416 • you are a victim of, or are threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence;
- 1417 • you are, or reside with, a law enforcement officer;
- 1418 • you are, or are a qualified family member of, a member of the military who is deployed  
1419 away from home;
- 1420 • you are, or reside with, a public figure; or
- 1421 • you are, or reside with a person who is, protected by a court order.

1422 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by

1423 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.  
1424 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at  
1425 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor].  
1426 ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~  
1427 ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~  
1428 ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~  
1429 ~~requirements of law.~~

1430 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~  
1431 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~  
1432 ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~  
1433 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.~~

1434 ~~You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld~~  
1435 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~  
1436 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:~~

1437 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld~~  
1438 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~  
1439 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.~~

#### 1440 ~~REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION~~

1441 ~~In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying~~  
1442 ~~information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates~~  
1443 ~~for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a~~  
1444 ~~withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following~~  
1445 ~~paragraphs:~~

1446 ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~  
1447 ~~records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their~~  
1448 ~~contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this~~  
1449 ~~registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely~~  
1450 ~~to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating~~  
1451 ~~violence.~~

1452 ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~  
1453 ~~records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their~~  
1454 ~~contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any~~  
1455 ~~required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,~~  
1456 ~~if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the~~

1457 ~~armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]~~

1458 CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT

1459 Name:

1460 Name at birth, if different:

1461 Place of birth:

1462 Date of birth:

1463 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

1464 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a  
1465 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and  
1466 correct.

1467 \_\_\_\_\_

1468 Signature of Applicant

1469 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or  
1470 allowing yourself to be registered or preregistered to vote if you know you are not entitled to  
1471 register or preregister to vote is up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

1472 NOTICE: IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, YOU MUST PRESENT VALID  
1473 VOTER IDENTIFICATION TO THE POLL WORKER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
1474 REQUIREMENTS OF LAW.

1475 FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1476 Type of I.D. \_\_\_\_\_

1477 Voting Precinct \_\_\_\_\_

1478 Voting I.D. Number \_\_\_\_\_

1479 -----"

1480 (b) The voter registration form described in Subsection [~~(2)(a)~~] (1)(a) shall include:

1481 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

1482 "-----"

1483 BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

1484 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official  
1485 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

1486 -----";

1487 and

1488 (ii) [~~no later than November 5, 2025,~~]the following, immediately after the question described  
1489 in Subsection [~~(2)(b)(i)~~] (1)(b)(i):

1490 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

- 1491 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail a ballot to me.
- 1492 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."
- 1493 ~~[(e)(i) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the county clerk shall retain a~~  
 1494 ~~copy of each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file,~~  
 1495 ~~which may be electronic or some other recognized system.]~~
- 1496 ~~[(ii) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the~~  
 1497 ~~Division of Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.]~~
- 1498 ~~[(3)(a) Each county clerk shall retain lists of currently registered voters.]~~
- 1499 ~~[(b) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.]~~
- 1500 ~~[(c) If there are any discrepancies between the two lists, the county clerk's list is the~~  
 1501 ~~official list.]~~
- 1502 ~~[(d) The lieutenant governor and the county clerks may charge the fees established under~~  
 1503 ~~the authority of Subsection 63G-2-203(10) to individuals who wish to obtain a copy~~  
 1504 ~~of the list of registered voters.]~~
- 1505 ~~[(4)(a) As used in this Subsection (4), "qualified person" means:]~~
- 1506 ~~[(i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's~~  
 1507 ~~or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government~~  
 1508 ~~employee;]~~
- 1509 ~~[(ii) a health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, or an agent, employee,~~  
 1510 ~~or independent contractor of a health care provider;]~~
- 1511 ~~[(iii) an insurance company, as defined in Section 67-4a-102, or an agent, employee,~~  
 1512 ~~or independent contractor of an insurance company;]~~
- 1513 ~~[(iv) a financial institution, as defined in Section 7-1-103, or an agent, employee, or~~  
 1514 ~~independent contractor of a financial institution;]~~
- 1515 ~~[(v) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a political~~  
 1516 ~~party;]~~
- 1517 ~~[(vi) a candidate for public office, or an employee, independent contractor, or~~  
 1518 ~~volunteer of a candidate for public office;]~~
- 1519 ~~[(vii) a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi) who, after obtaining a~~  
 1520 ~~year of birth from the list of registered voters:]~~
- 1521 ~~[(A) provides the year of birth only to a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i)~~  
 1522 ~~through (vi);]~~
- 1523 ~~[(B) verifies that the person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii)(A) is a person~~  
 1524 ~~described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi);]~~

- 1525 [~~(C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the year of birth may~~  
1526 ~~not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsections~~  
1527 ~~(4)(a)(i) through (vi);]~~
- 1528 [~~(D) verifies that each person described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii) through (iv) to~~  
1529 ~~whom the person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth to~~  
1530 ~~verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to~~  
1531 ~~confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;]~~
- 1532 [~~(E) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) to whom the person~~  
1533 ~~provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth in the person's capacity~~  
1534 ~~as a government official or government employee; and]~~
- 1535 [~~(F) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom the~~  
1536 ~~person provides the year of birth will only use the year of birth for a political~~  
1537 ~~purpose of the political party or candidate for public office; or]~~
- 1538 [~~(viii) a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) who, after obtaining~~  
1539 ~~information under Subsection (4)(n) and (o);]~~
- 1540 [~~(A) provides the information only to another person described in Subsection~~  
1541 ~~(4)(a)(v) or (vi);]~~
- 1542 [~~(B) verifies that the other person described in Subsection (4)(a)(viii)(A) is a~~  
1543 ~~person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi);]~~
- 1544 [~~(C) ensures, using industry standard security measures, that the information may~~  
1545 ~~not be accessed by a person other than a person described in Subsection~~  
1546 ~~(4)(a)(v) or (vi); and]~~
- 1547 [~~(D) verifies that each person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) to whom~~  
1548 ~~the person provides the information will only use the information for a political~~  
1549 ~~purpose of the political party or candidate for public office.]~~
- 1550 [(b) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j)(iv), and except as provided in  
1551 Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall,  
1552 when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person under this section,  
1553 include, with the list, the years of birth of the registered voters, if:]
- 1554 [(i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and  
1555 that the person is a qualified person; and]
- 1556 [(ii) the qualified person signs a document that includes the following:]
- 1557 [(A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of  
1558 registered voters;]

- 1559           ~~[(B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list~~  
 1560           ~~claims to be;]~~
- 1561           ~~[(C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the~~  
 1562           ~~years of birth;]~~
- 1563           ~~[(D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the year of birth~~  
 1564           ~~of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters;]~~
- 1565           ~~[(E) a statement that the year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the~~  
 1566           ~~list of registered voters may not be provided or used for a purpose other than a~~  
 1567           ~~purpose described under Subsection (4)(b)(ii)(D);]~~
- 1568           ~~[(F) a statement that if the person obtains the year of birth of a registered voter~~  
 1569           ~~from the list of registered voters under false pretenses, or provides or uses the~~  
 1570           ~~year of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered~~  
 1571           ~~voters in a manner that is prohibited by law, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor~~  
 1572           ~~and is subject to a civil fine;]~~
- 1573           ~~[(G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the year~~  
 1574           ~~of birth of a registered voter that is obtained from the list of registered voters in~~  
 1575           ~~a manner that is prohibited by law; and]~~
- 1576           ~~[(H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person~~  
 1577           ~~is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.]~~
- 1578       ~~[(e) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk:]~~
- 1579           ~~[(i) may not disclose the year of birth of a registered voter to a person that the~~  
 1580           ~~lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:]~~
- 1581           ~~[(A) is not a qualified person or a person described in Subsection (4)(l); or]~~  
 1582           ~~[(B) will provide or use the year of birth in a manner prohibited by law; and]~~
- 1583           ~~[(ii) may not disclose information under Subsections (4)(n) or (o) to a person that the~~  
 1584           ~~lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes:]~~
- 1585           ~~[(A) is not a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); or]~~  
 1586           ~~[(B) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.]~~
- 1587       ~~[(d) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the voter registration~~  
 1588           ~~form of a person, or information included in the person's voter registration form,~~  
 1589           ~~whose voter registration form is classified as private under Subsection (4)(h) to a~~  
 1590           ~~person other than:]~~
- 1591           ~~[(i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's~~  
 1592           ~~or government employee's capacity as a government official or government~~

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

- 1627           the voter's voter registration record be classified as private;]
- 1628           [(ii) requests on the voter's voter registration form that the voter's voter registration
- 1629           record be classified as a private record; or]
- 1630           [(iii) submits a withholding request form described in Subsection (7) and any
- 1631           required verification.]
- 1632           [(i) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(d)(ii) and (e)(ii), the lieutenant governor or a
- 1633           county clerk may not disclose to a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) a
- 1634           voter registration record, or information obtained from a voter registration record, if
- 1635           the record is withheld under Subsection (7).]
- 1636           [(j) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed under this section, the
- 1637           lieutenant governor may impose a civil fine against a person who violates a provision
- 1638           of this section, in an amount equal to the greater of:]
- 1639           [(i) the product of 30 and the square root of the total number of:]
- 1640                 [(A) records obtained, provided, or used unlawfully, rounded to the nearest whole
- 1641                 dollar; or]
- 1642                 [(B) records from which information is obtained, provided, or used unlawfully,
- 1643                 rounded to the nearest whole dollar; or]
- 1644           [(ii) \$200.]
- 1645           [(k) A qualified person may not obtain, provide, or use the year of birth of a registered
- 1646           voter, if the year of birth is obtained from the list of registered voters or from a voter
- 1647           registration record, unless the person:]
- 1648                 [(i) is a government official or government employee who obtains, provides, or uses
- 1649                 the year of birth in the government official's or government employee's capacity
- 1650                 as a government official or government employee;]
- 1651                 [(ii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), (iii), or (iv) and obtains or
- 1652                 uses the year of birth only to verify the accuracy of personal information
- 1653                 submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to
- 1654                 prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;]
- 1655                 [(iii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) and obtains,
- 1656                 provides, or uses the year of birth for a political purpose of the political party or
- 1657                 candidate for public office; or]
- 1658                 [(iv) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(vii) and obtains, provides, or
- 1659                 uses the year of birth to provide the year of birth to another qualified person to
- 1660                 verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by an individual or to

- 1661 confirm the identity of a person in order to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse.]
- 1662 [(l) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may provide a year of birth to a member  
1663 of the media, in relation to an individual designated by the member of the media, in  
1664 order for the member of the media to verify the identity of the individual.]
- 1665 [(m) A person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) may not use or disclose  
1666 information from a voter registration record for a purpose other than a political  
1667 purpose.]
- 1668 [(n) Notwithstanding Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l), the lieutenant governor or a  
1669 county clerk shall, when providing the list of registered voters to a qualified person  
1670 described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), include, from the record of a voter whose  
1671 record is withheld under Subsection (7), the information described in Subsection  
1672 (4)(o), if:]
- 1673 [(i) the lieutenant governor or a county clerk verifies the identity of the person and  
1674 that the person is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi); and]
- 1675 [(ii) the qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) signs a document  
1676 that includes the following:]
- 1677 [(A) the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the list of  
1678 registered voters;]
- 1679 [(B) an indication of the type of qualified person that the person requesting the list  
1680 claims to be;]
- 1681 [(C) a statement regarding the purpose for which the person desires to obtain the  
1682 information;]
- 1683 [(D) a list of the purposes for which the qualified person may use the information;]
- 1684 [(E) a statement that the information may not be provided or used for a purpose  
1685 other than a purpose described under Subsection (4)(n)(ii)(D);]
- 1686 [(F) a statement that if the person obtains the information under false pretenses, or  
1687 provides or uses the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, the  
1688 person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and is subject to a civil fine;]
- 1689 [(G) an assertion from the person that the person will not provide or use the  
1690 information in a manner that is prohibited by law; and]
- 1691 [(H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person  
1692 is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.]
- 1693 [(o) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(p), the information that the lieutenant  
1694 governor or a county clerk is required to provide, under Subsection (4)(n), from the

- 1695 record of a protected individual is:]
- 1696 [(i) a single hash code, generated from a string of data that includes both the voter's
- 1697 voter identification number and residential address;]
- 1698 [(ii) the voter's residential address;]
- 1699 [(iii) the voter's mailing address, if different from the voter's residential address;]
- 1700 [(iv) the party affiliation of the voter;]
- 1701 [(v) the precinct number for the voter's residential address;]
- 1702 [(vi) the voter's voting history; and]
- 1703 [(vii) a designation of which age group, of the following age groups, the voter falls
- 1704 within:]
- 1705 [(A) 25 or younger;]
- 1706 [(B) 26 through 35;]
- 1707 [(C) 36 through 45;]
- 1708 [(D) 46 through 55;]
- 1709 [(E) 56 through 65;]
- 1710 [(F) 66 through 75; or]
- 1711 [(G) 76 or older.]
- 1712 [(p) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose:]
- 1713 [(i) information described in Subsection (4)(o) that, due to a small number of voters
- 1714 affiliated with a particular political party, or due to another reason, would likely
- 1715 reveal the identity of a voter if disclosed; or]
- 1716 [(ii) the address described in Subsection (4)(o)(iii) if the lieutenant governor or the
- 1717 county clerk determines that the nature of the address would directly reveal
- 1718 sensitive information about the voter.]
- 1719 [(q) A qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), may not obtain,
- 1720 provide, or use the information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), except to the
- 1721 extent that the qualified person uses the information for a political purpose of a
- 1722 political party or candidate for public office.]
- 1723 [(5)] (2) When political parties not listed on the voter registration form qualify as registered
- 1724 political parties under Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures, the
- 1725 lieutenant governor shall inform the county clerks of the name of the new political party
- 1726 and direct the county clerks to ensure that the voter registration form is modified to
- 1727 include that political party.
- 1728 [(6)] (3) Upon receipt of a voter registration form from an applicant, the county clerk or the

1729 clerk's designee shall:

1730 (a) review each voter registration form for completeness and accuracy; and

1731 (b) if the county clerk believes, based upon a review of the form, that an individual may  
1732 be seeking to register or preregister to vote who is not legally entitled to register or  
1733 preregister to vote, refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and  
1734 possible prosecution.

1735 ~~[(7) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall withhold from a person, other than a  
1736 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), the voter registration record, and information  
1737 obtained from the voter registration record, of a protected individual.]~~

1738 ~~[(8)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute a withholding request form  
1739 for the purpose described in Subsections (1)(e)(i), (1)(e)(ii), (7), and this Subsection  
1740 (8) to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration form.]~~

1741 ~~[(b) An individual described in Subsection (1)(e)(i) is not required to provide  
1742 verification, other than the individual's attestation and signature on the withholding  
1743 request form, that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a  
1744 victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic  
1745 violence or dating violence.]~~

1746 ~~[(c) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make  
1747 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
1748 establishing requirements for providing the verification described in Subsection  
1749 (1)(e)(ii).]~~

1750 ~~[(9) An election officer or an employee of an election officer may not encourage an  
1751 individual to submit, or discourage an individual from submitting, a withholding request  
1752 form.]~~

1753 ~~[(10)(a) The lieutenant governor shall make and execute a plan to provide notice to  
1754 registered voters who are protected individuals, that includes the following  
1755 information:]~~

1756 ~~[(i) that the voter's classification of the record as private remains in effect;]~~

1757 ~~[(ii) that certain non-identifying information from the voter's voter registration record  
1758 may, under certain circumstances, be released to political parties and candidates  
1759 for public office;]~~

1760 ~~[(iii) that the voter's name, driver license or identification card number, social  
1761 security number, email address, phone number, and the voter's day, month, and  
1762 year of birth will remain private and will not be released to political parties or~~

- 1763 candidates for public office;]
- 1764 [~~(iv) that a county clerk will only release the information to political parties and~~
- 1765 ~~candidates in a manner that does not associate the information with a particular~~
- 1766 ~~voter; and]~~
- 1767 [~~(v) that a county clerk may, under certain circumstances, withhold other information~~
- 1768 ~~that the county clerk determines would reveal identifying information about the~~
- 1769 ~~voter.]~~
- 1770 [(b) ~~The lieutenant governor may include in the notice described in this Subsection (10)~~
- 1771 ~~a statement that a voter may obtain additional information on the lieutenant~~
- 1772 ~~governor's website.]~~
- 1773 [(c) ~~The plan described in Subsection (10)(a) may include providing the notice described~~
- 1774 ~~in Subsection (10)(a) by:]~~
- 1775 [~~(i) publication on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section 63A-16-601;]~~
- 1776 [~~(ii) publication on the lieutenant governor's website or a county's website;]~~
- 1777 [~~(iii) posting the notice in public locations;]~~
- 1778 [~~(iv) publication in a newspaper;]~~
- 1779 [~~(v) sending notification to the voters by electronic means;]~~
- 1780 [~~(vi) sending notice by other methods used by government entities to communicate~~
- 1781 ~~with citizens; or]~~
- 1782 [~~(vii) providing notice by any other method.]~~
- 1783 [(d) ~~The lieutenant governor shall provide the notice included in a plan described in this~~
- 1784 ~~Subsection (10) before June 16, 2023.]~~

1785 Section 18. Section **20A-2-108** is amended to read:

1786 **20A-2-108 (Effective 04/06/26). Driver license or state identification card**  
 1787 **registration form -- Transmittal of information.**

1788 (1) As used in this section, "qualifying form" means:

- 1789 (a) a driver license application form; or
- 1790 (b) a state identification card application form.

1791 (2) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall design each qualifying  
 1792 form to include:

- 1793 (a)(i) the following question, which an applicant is required to answer: "Do you  
 1794 authorize the use of information in this form for voter registration purposes?  
 1795 YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_"; and

1796 (ii) [~~no later than November 5, 2025,]~~the following:

1797 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

1798 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail a ballot to me.

1799 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person.";

1800 (b) the following statement:

1801 "PRIVACY INFORMATION

1802 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such  
 1803 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state  
 1804 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized  
 1805 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an  
 1806 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the  
 1807 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

1808 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

1809 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration  
 1810 record be withheld from public disclosure if:

- 1811 • you are a victim of, or are threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence;
- 1812 • you are, or reside with, a law enforcement officer;
- 1813 • you are, or are a qualified family member of, a member of the military who is deployed  
 1814 away from home;
- 1815 • you are, or reside with, a public figure; or
- 1816 • you are, or reside with a person who is, protected by a court order.

1817 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by  
 1818 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.  
 1819 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at  
 1820 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor]."; and  
 1821 [Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as  
 1822 your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and  
 1823 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the  
 1824 requirements of law.

1825 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~  
 1826 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~  
 1827 ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~  
 1828 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.~~

1829 ~~You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld~~  
 1830 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~

1831 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

1832        Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld  
1833 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,  
1834 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

1835 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

1836 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying  
1837 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates  
1838 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a  
1839 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following  
1840 paragraphs.

1841 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration  
1842 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their  
1843 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this  
1844 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely  
1845 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating  
1846 violence.

1847 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration  
1848 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their  
1849 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any  
1850 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,  
1851 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the  
1852 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."; and]

1853 (c) a section in substantially the following form:

1854 "-----

1855 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**

1856 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official  
1857 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above?        Yes        No

1858 -----".

1859 (3) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall ensure that a qualifying  
1860 form contains:

1861 (a) a place for an individual to affirm the individual's citizenship, voting eligibility, and  
1862 Utah residency, and that the information provided in the form is true;

1863 (b) a records disclosure that is similar to the records disclosure on a voter registration  
1864 form described in Section 20A-2-104;

- 1865 (c) a statement that if an applicant declines to register or preregister to vote, the fact that  
 1866 the applicant has declined to register or preregister will remain confidential and will  
 1867 be used only for voter registration purposes;
- 1868 (d) a statement that if an applicant does register or preregister to vote, the office at which  
 1869 the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will  
 1870 be used only for voter registration purposes; and
- 1871 (e) if the applicant answers "yes" to the question described in Subsection [~~(2)~~(a)] (2)(a)(i),  
 1872 a space where an individual may, if desired:
- 1873 (i) indicate the individual's desired political affiliation from a listing of each  
 1874 registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101;
- 1875 (ii) specify a political party that is not listed under Subsection (3)(e)(i) with which the  
 1876 individual desires to affiliate; or
- 1877 (iii) indicate that the individual does not wish to affiliate with a political party.

1878 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

1879 Section 19. Section **20A-2-204** is amended to read:

1880 **20A-2-204 (Effective 04/06/26). Registering to vote when applying for or**  
 1881 **renewing a driver license or other qualifying form.**

- 1882 (1) As used in this section, "voter registration form" means, when an individual named on a  
 1883 qualifying form, as defined in Section 20A-2-108, answers "yes" to the question  
 1884 described in Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(a)(i), the information on the qualifying form that  
 1885 can be used for voter registration purposes.
- 1886 (2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a citizen who is qualified to vote may  
 1887 register to vote, and a citizen who is qualified to preregister to vote may preregister to  
 1888 vote, by answering "yes" to the question described in Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(a)(i)  
 1889 and completing the voter registration form.
- 1890 (b) A citizen who is a program participant in the Safe at Home Program created in  
 1891 Section 77-38-602 is not eligible to register to vote as described in Subsection (2)(a),  
 1892 but is eligible to register to vote by any other means described in this part.
- 1893 (3) The Driver License Division shall:
- 1894 (a) assist an individual in completing the voter registration form unless the individual  
 1895 refuses assistance;
- 1896 (b) electronically transmit each address change to the lieutenant governor on or before  
 1897 the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on which the  
 1898 division receives the address change; and

- 1899 (c) on or before the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on  
 1900 which the division receives a voter registration form, electronically transmit the form  
 1901 to the [~~Office of the Lieutenant Governor~~] lieutenant governor, including the  
 1902 following for the individual named on the form:
- 1903 (i) the name, date of birth, driver license or state identification card number, last four  
 1904 digits of the social security number, Utah residential address, place of birth, and  
 1905 signature;
- 1906 (ii) a mailing address, if different from the individual's Utah residential address;
- 1907 (iii) an email address and phone number, if available;
- 1908 (iv) the desired political affiliation, if indicated; and
- 1909 [~~(v) an indication of whether the individual requested that the individual's voter~~  
 1910 ~~registration record be classified as a private record under Subsection~~  
 1911 ~~20A-2-108(2)(b); and]~~
- 1912 [(vi)] (v) [~~a withholding~~] an at-risk designation request form described in [~~Subsections~~  
 1913 ~~20A-2-104(7) and (8)]~~ Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted with the  
 1914 form.
- 1915 (4) Upon receipt of an individual's voter registration form from the Driver License Division  
 1916 under Subsection (3), the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall:
- 1917 (a) enter the information into the statewide voter registration database; and
- 1918 (b) if the individual [~~requests on the individual's voter registration form that the~~  
 1919 ~~individual's voter registration record be classified as a private record or the individual~~  
 1920 ~~submits a withholding request form described in Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)]~~  
 1921 submits an at-risk designation request form described in Section 20A-2-606 and any  
 1922 required verification, classify the individual's voter registration record as a private  
 1923 record.
- 1924 (5) The county clerk of an individual whose information is entered into the statewide voter  
 1925 registration database under Subsection (4) shall:
- 1926 (a) ensure that the individual meets the qualifications to be registered or preregistered to  
 1927 vote; and
- 1928 (b)(i) if the individual meets the qualifications to be registered to vote:
- 1929 (A) ensure that the individual is assigned to the proper voting precinct; and
- 1930 (B) send the individual the notice described in Section 20A-2-304; or
- 1931 (ii) if the individual meets the qualifications to be preregistered to vote, process the  
 1932 form in accordance with the requirements of Section 20A-2-101.1.

- 1933 (6)(a) When the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form  
1934 under this section, the clerk shall:
- 1935 (i) comply with the applicable provisions of this Subsection (6); or
  - 1936 (ii) if the individual is preregistering to vote, comply with Section 20A-2-101.1.
- 1937 (b) If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this  
1938 section no later than 5 p.m. or, if submitting the form electronically, midnight, 11  
1939 calendar days before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:
- 1940 (i) accept the voter registration form; and
  - 1941 (ii) unless the individual is preregistering to vote:
    - 1942 (A) enter the individual's name on the list of registered voters for the voting
    - 1943 precinct in which the individual resides; and
    - 1944 (B) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming
    - 1945 election; and
  - 1946 (iii) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section  
1947 20A-2-101.1.
- 1948 (c) If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this  
1949 section after the deadline described in Subsection (6)(b), the county clerk shall,  
1950 unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:
- 1951 (i) accept the application for registration of the individual;
  - 1952 (ii) process the voter registration form; and
  - 1953 (iii) unless the individual is preregistering to vote, and except as provided in  
1954 Subsection 20A-2-207(6), inform the individual that the individual will not be  
1955 registered to vote in the pending election, unless the individual registers to vote by  
1956 provisional ballot during the early voting period, if applicable, or on election day,  
1957 in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.
- 1958 (7)(a) If the county clerk determines that an individual's voter registration form received  
1959 from the Driver License Division is incorrect because of an error, because the form is  
1960 incomplete, or because the individual does not meet the qualifications to be registered  
1961 to vote, the county clerk shall mail notice to the individual stating that the individual  
1962 has not been registered or preregistered because of an error, because the registration  
1963 form is incomplete, or because the individual does not meet the qualifications to be  
1964 registered to vote.
- 1965 (b) If a county clerk believes, based upon a review of a voter registration form, that an  
1966 individual, who knows that the individual is not legally entitled to register or

1967 preregister to vote, may be intentionally seeking to register or preregister to vote, the  
 1968 county clerk shall refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and possible  
 1969 prosecution.

1970 Section 20. Section **20A-2-206** is amended to read:

1971 **20A-2-206 (Effective 04/06/26). Electronic registration -- Requesting to receive a**  
 1972 **ballot by mail.**

- 1973 (1) The lieutenant governor shall create and maintain an electronic system that is publicly  
 1974 available on the [~~Internet~~] internet for an individual to:
- 1975 (a) apply for voter registration or preregistration; or  
 1976 (b) beginning no later than July 1, 2025, request to receive a ballot by mail.
- 1977 (2) The electronic system described in Subsection (1) shall require, to register to vote, the  
 1978 applicant to:
- 1979 (a) enter the applicant's name, address, date of birth, driver license number or state  
 1980 identification card number, and any other information determined to be necessary by  
 1981 the lieutenant governor;
- 1982 (b) provide the information required by Section 20A-2-104, except that the applicant's  
 1983 signature may be obtained in the manner described in Subsections (2)(d) and (5);
- 1984 (c) attest to the truth of the information provided; and
- 1985 (d) authorize the lieutenant governor's and county clerk's use of the applicant's:
- 1986 (i) driver license or identification card signature, obtained under Title 53, Chapter 3,  
 1987 Uniform Driver License Act, for voter registration or preregistration purposes; or
- 1988 (ii) signature on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database  
 1989 developed under Section 20A-2-502, for voter registration or preregistration  
 1990 purposes.
- 1991 (3) Notwithstanding Section 20A-2-104, an applicant using the electronic system described  
 1992 in Subsection (1) is not required to complete a printed registration form.
- 1993 (4) A system created and maintained under this section shall provide to an individual who is  
 1994 registering to vote the notices concerning a voter's presentation of identification  
 1995 described in Subsection [~~20A-2-104(2)~~] 20A-2-104(1).
- 1996 (5) The lieutenant governor shall, in relation to an individual who is registering to vote:
- 1997 (a) obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver license signature or identification card  
 1998 signature from the Driver License Division; or
- 1999 (b) ensure that the applicant's signature is on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide  
 2000 voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.

- 2001 (6) The lieutenant governor shall send the information described in Subsections (2) and (5)  
2002 to the county clerk for the county in which the applicant's principal place of residence is  
2003 found for further action as required by Section 20A-2-304 after:
- 2004 (a) receiving all information from an applicant;[~~and~~]  
2005 (b)[~~(i)~~] receiving all information from the Driver License Division, if applicable; and  
2006 [~~(ii)~~] (c) ensuring that the applicant's signature is on file in the lieutenant governor's  
2007 statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502.
- 2008 (7) The lieutenant governor may use additional security measures to ensure the accuracy  
2009 and integrity of information submitted electronically under this section.
- 2010 (8) If an individual applies to register under this section no later than 11 calendar days  
2011 before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:
- 2012 (a) accept and process the voter registration form;  
2013 (b) unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:  
2014 (i) enter the applicant's name on the list of registered voters for the voting precinct in  
2015 which the applicant resides; and  
2016 (ii) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming  
2017 election; and  
2018 (c) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section  
2019 20A-2-101.1.
- 2020 (9) If an individual applies to register under this section after the deadline described in  
2021 Subsection (8), the county clerk shall, unless the individual is preregistering to vote:  
2022 (a) accept the application for registration; and  
2023 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-2-207(6), if possible, promptly inform the  
2024 individual that the individual will not be registered to vote in the pending election,  
2025 unless the individual registers to vote by provisional ballot during the early voting  
2026 period, if applicable, on election day, in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.
- 2027 (10) The lieutenant governor shall provide a means by which a registered voter shall sign  
2028 the application form.
- 2029 (11) For an individual who is registering to vote or is already registered to vote, the electronic  
2030 system described in Subsection (1) shall include the following:  
2031 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:  
2032 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail a ballot to me.  
2033 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."  
2034 Section 21. Section **20A-2-304** is amended to read:

2035           **20A-2-304 (Effective 04/06/26). County clerk's responsibilities -- Notice of**  
 2036 **disposition.**

2037           Each county clerk shall:

- 2038           (1) register to vote each individual who meets the requirements for registration and who:  
 2039               (a) submits a completed voter registration form to the county clerk;  
 2040               (b) submits a completed voter registration form, as defined in [~~Section 20A-2-204~~]  
 2041                     Subsection 20A-2-204(1), to the Driver License Division;  
 2042               (c) submits a completed voter registration form to a public assistance agency or a  
 2043                     discretionary voter registration agency; or  
 2044               (d) mails a completed voter registration form to the county clerk; and  
 2045           (2) within 30 calendar days after the day on which the county clerk processes a voter  
 2046           registration form, send a notice to the individual who submits the form that:  
 2047               (a)(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been  
 2048                     accepted and that the individual is registered to vote;  
 2049                     (ii) informs the individual of the procedure for designating or changing the  
 2050                     individual's political affiliation;  
 2051                     (iii) informs the individual of the procedure to cancel a voter registration;  
 2052                     (iv) provides instructions to the voter on how the voter may sign up to receive  
 2053                     electronic ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in  
 2054                     Section 20A-3a-401.5; and  
 2055                     (v) confirms that the individual has chosen to receive electronic ballot status  
 2056                     notifications if the individual opted to receive electronic ballot status notifications  
 2057                     on the voter registration form;  
 2058               (b) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been rejected  
 2059                     and the reason for the rejection; or  
 2060               (c)(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form is being  
 2061                     returned to the individual for further action because the form is incomplete; and  
 2062                     (ii) gives instructions to the individual on how to properly complete the form.

2063           Section 22. Section **20A-2-504** is amended to read:

2064           **20A-2-504 (Effective upon governor's approval). Removing names from the**  
 2065 **official register -- General requirements -- Deceased individuals.**

- 2066           (1) The county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register solely  
 2067           because the voter has failed to vote in an election.  
 2068           (2) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register if:

- 2069 (a) the voter dies and the requirements of Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4) are met;
- 2070 (b) the county clerk, after complying with the requirements of Section 20A-2-505,
- 2071 receives written confirmation from the voter that the voter no longer resides within
- 2072 the county clerk's county;
- 2073 (c)(i) the county clerk obtains evidence that the voter's residence has changed;
- 2074 (ii) the county clerk mails notice to the voter as required under Section 20A-2-505;
- 2075 (iii) the county clerk:
- 2076 (A) receives no response from the voter; or
- 2077 (B) does not receive information that confirms the voter's residence; and
- 2078 (iv) the voter does not vote or appear to vote in an election during the period
- 2079 beginning on the date of the notice described in Section 20A-2-505 and ending on
- 2080 the day after the date of the second regular general election occurring after the
- 2081 date of the notice;
- 2082 (d) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed from the official
- 2083 register;
- 2084 (e) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has been convicted of any felony or a
- 2085 misdemeanor for an offense under this title and the voter's right to vote has not been
- 2086 restored as provided in Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5; or
- 2087 (f) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has registered to vote in another state
- 2088 after the day on which the voter registered to vote in this state.
- 2089 (3) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk the United States Social
- 2090 Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased
- 2091 individuals.
- 2092 [~~(3)~~] (4) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register within five
- 2093 business days after the day on which the county clerk[-] :
- 2094 (a) receives, from the lieutenant governor, the information described in Subsection (3) or
- 2095 26B-8-114(11) in relation to the voter; or
- 2096 (b) receives confirmation from the Office of Vital Records and Statistics that the voter is
- 2097 deceased.
- 2098 [~~(4)~~] (5) No later than 90 calendar days before each primary election day and general
- 2099 election day[-] :
- 2100 (a) the county clerk shall update the official register by reviewing the official register
- 2101 and taking the actions permitted or required by law under this section, Section
- 2102 20A-2-503, and Section 20A-2-505[-] ; and

2103 (b) the lieutenant governor shall compare the records that the lieutenant governor  
 2104 receives under Subsections (3) and 26B-8-114(11) to the official register to ensure  
 2105 that each county clerk complies with Subsection (4).

2106 Section 23. Section **20A-2-505** is amended to read:

2107 **20A-2-505 (Effective 04/06/26). Removing names from the official register --**  
 2108 **Determining and confirming change of residence.**

2109 (1) A county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register on the grounds  
 2110 that the voter has changed residence unless the voter:

2111 (a) confirms in writing that the voter has changed residence to a place outside the  
 2112 county; or

2113 (b)(i) does not vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the  
 2114 notice described in Subsection (3), and ending on the day after the date of the  
 2115 second regular general election occurring after the date of the notice; and

2116 (ii) does not respond to the notice described in Subsection (3).

2117 (2)(a) Within 31 calendar days after the day on which a county clerk obtains information  
 2118 that a voter's address has changed, if it appears that the voter still resides within the  
 2119 same county, the county clerk shall:

2120 (i) change the official register to show the voter's new address; and

2121 (ii) send to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3).

2122 (b) When a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed and it  
 2123 appears that the voter now resides in a different county, the county clerk shall verify  
 2124 the changed residence by sending to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice  
 2125 described in Subsection (3), printed on a postage prepaid, preaddressed return form.

2126 (3)(a) Each county clerk shall use substantially the following form to notify voters  
 2127 whose addresses have changed:

2128 (i) the first part of the form shall include the following:

2129 "VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

2130 We have been notified that your residence has changed. Please read, complete, and  
 2131 return this form so that we can update our voter registration records. What is your current  
 2132 street address?

2133 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2134 Street City County State Zip

2135 What is your current phone number (optional)? \_\_\_\_\_

2136 What is your current email address (optional)? \_\_\_\_\_";

2137 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2027, immediately following the portion of the form described in  
 2138 Subsection (3)(a)(i), the form shall include the following:

2139 "Do you consent to the election officer providing the following information to the  
 2140 political party with which you affiliate? (optional):

- 2141 • The email address you provided above? Yes No
- 2142 • The phone number you provided above? Yes No"; and

2143 (iii) following the portions of the form required under Subsections (3)(a)(i) and (ii), the form  
 2144 shall include the following:

2145 "If you have not changed your residence, or have moved but stayed within the same county,  
 2146 you must complete and return this form to the county clerk so that it is received by the county  
 2147 clerk before 5 p.m. no later than 30 calendar days before the date of the election. If you fail to  
 2148 return this form within that time:

2149 - you may be required to show evidence of your address to the poll worker before being  
 2150 allowed to vote in either of the next two regular general elections; or

2151 - if you fail to vote at least once, from the date this notice was mailed until the passing of  
 2152 two regular general elections, you will no longer be registered to vote. If you have changed  
 2153 your residence and have moved to a different county in Utah, you may register to vote by  
 2154 contacting the county clerk in your county.

2155 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2156 Signature of Voter

#### 2157 PRIVACY INFORMATION

2158 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such  
 2159 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state  
 2160 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized  
 2161 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an  
 2162 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the  
 2163 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

#### 2164 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

2165 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration  
 2166 record be withheld from public disclosure if:

- 2167 • you are a victim of, or are threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence;
- 2168 • you are, or reside with, a law enforcement officer;
- 2169 • you are, or are a qualified family member of, a member of the military who is deployed  
 2170 away from home;

- 2171 • you are, or reside with, a public figure; or
- 2172 • you are, or reside with a person who is, protected by a court order.

2173 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by  
 2174 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.  
 2175 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at  
 2176 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor]."  
 2177 ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~  
 2178 ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~  
 2179 ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~  
 2180 ~~requirements of law.~~

2181 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~  
 2182 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~  
 2183 ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~  
 2184 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.~~

2185 ~~You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld~~  
 2186 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~  
 2187 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:~~

2188 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld~~  
 2189 ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~  
 2190 ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.~~

#### 2191 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

2192 ~~In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying~~  
 2193 ~~information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates~~  
 2194 ~~for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a~~  
 2195 ~~withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following~~  
 2196 ~~paragraphs.~~

2197 ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~  
 2198 ~~records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their~~  
 2199 ~~contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this~~  
 2200 ~~registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely~~  
 2201 ~~to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating~~  
 2202 ~~violence.~~

2203 ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~  
 2204 ~~records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their~~

2205 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any  
2206 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,  
2207 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the  
2208 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."]

2209 (b) The form described in Subsection (3)(a) shall also include:

2210 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

2211 "-----

2212 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**

2213 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official  
2214 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

2215 -----";

2216 and

2217 (ii) [no later than November 5, 2025,]the following, immediately after the question described  
2218 in Subsection (3)(b)(i):

2219 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

2220 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail a ballot to me.

2221 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

2222 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the county clerk may not remove the  
2223 names of any voters from the official register during the 90 calendar days before a  
2224 regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before a regular general election.

2225 (b) The county clerk may remove the names of voters from the official register during  
2226 the 90 calendar days before a regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before  
2227 a regular general election if:

2228 (i) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed; or

2229 (ii) the voter dies.

2230 (c)(i) After a county clerk mails a notice under this section, the county clerk shall,  
2231 unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.

2232 (ii) If a county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that  
2233 there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further  
2234 information to contact the voter, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise  
2235 prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.

2236 (iii) An inactive voter may vote, sign petitions, and have all other privileges of a  
2237 registered voter.

2238 (iv) A county is not required to:

2239 (A) send routine mailings to an inactive voter; or

2240 (B) count inactive voters when dividing precincts and preparing supplies.

2241 [~~(5) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk United States Social~~  
 2242 ~~Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased~~  
 2243 ~~individuals.]~~

2244 [~~(6) A county clerk shall, within 10 business days after the day on which the county clerk~~  
 2245 ~~receives the information described in Subsection (5) or Subsections 26B-8-114(11) and~~  
 2246 ~~(12) relating to a decedent whose name appears on the official register, remove the~~  
 2247 ~~decedent's name from the official register.]~~

2248 [~~(7) Ninety calendar days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor~~  
 2249 ~~shall compare the information the lieutenant governor has received under Subsection~~  
 2250 ~~26B-8-114(11) with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have~~  
 2251 ~~been removed from the official register.]~~

2252 Section 24. Section **20A-2-601** is enacted to read:

2253 **Part 6. Provision and Protection of Voter Data**

2254 **20A-2-601 (Effective upon governor's approval). Definitions.**

2255 As used in this part:

2256 (1) "Age range" means one of the following age ranges within which a registered voter's  
 2257 age falls:

2258 (a) 18 through 19 years old;

2259 (b) 20 through 22 years old;

2260 (c) 23 through 25 years old;

2261 (d) 26 through 30 years old;

2262 (e) 31 through 35 years old;

2263 (f) 36 through 40 years old;

2264 (g) 41 through 45 years old;

2265 (h) 46 through 55 years old; or

2266 (i) an age range above the age range described in Subsection (1)(h), in increasing  
 2267 10-year increments.

2268 (2) "At-risk voter" means a voter who is designated as an at-risk voter under Subsection  
 2269 20A-2-602(4)(a) or Section 20A-2-606.

2270 (3)(a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:

2271 (i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;

2272 (ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or

- 2273 (iii) who is employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual  
2274 described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) or (ii), who is authorized to act on behalf of the  
2275 individual described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) or (ii) for political purposes.
- 2276 (b) "Candidate for public office" does not include:
- 2277 (i) an individual described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) or (ii) who is eliminated as a  
2278 candidate for:
- 2279 (A) failure to qualify for the primary election ballot via signature-gathering or  
2280 convention;
- 2281 (B) failure to advance to the general election; or
- 2282 (C) any other reason provided by law; or
- 2283 (ii) an individual who is employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an  
2284 individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(i).
- 2285 (4) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-102 and the  
2286 federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
- 2287 (5) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and the  
2288 federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
- 2289 (6)(a) "Government entity" means:
- 2290 (i) the state; or
- 2291 (ii) a county, city, town, school district, special district, special service district, or  
2292 other political subdivision of the state.
- 2293 (b) "Government entity" includes an agency, bureau, office, department, division, board,  
2294 commission, institution, laboratory, or other instrumentality of an entity described in  
2295 Subsection (6)(a).
- 2296 (7) "Government official" means:
- 2297 (a) an elected or appointed officer of a government entity; or
- 2298 (b) an employee of a government entity.
- 2299 (8) "Mailed ballot report" means the following information for an election:
- 2300 (a) for each public registered voter:
- 2301 (i) the voter's voter identification number;
- 2302 (ii) the voter's full legal name;
- 2303 (iii) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
- 2304 (iv) the voter's county of residence;
- 2305 (v) the voter's precinct and congressional district;
- 2306 (vi) the date the election officer created the ballot order;

- 2307            (vii) the date the ballot was processed; and
- 2308            (viii) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated; and
- 2309            (b) for each at-risk voter, the information described in Subsections (8)(a)(iv) through
- 2310            (viii), without disclosing the identity of the voter.
- 2311            (9) "Political party" means the same as that term is defined in Section 20A-1-102.
- 2312            (10) "Political purpose" means to lawfully engage in, bring about, prevent, advocate for or
- 2313            against, or otherwise influence a political activity or process, including:
- 2314            (a) candidacy for public office;
- 2315            (b) a ballot measure;
- 2316            (c) voting;
- 2317            (d) an election;
- 2318            (e) a political caucus or convention;
- 2319            (f) political party administration; or
- 2320            (g) circulating a political petition.
- 2321            (11) "Public office" means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general,
- 2322            state auditor, state treasurer, state senator, state representative, state school board
- 2323            member, or an elective office of a local political subdivision.
- 2324            (12) "Public registered voter" means a registered voter who is not an at-risk voter.
- 2325            (13) "Qualified family member," when used in relation to a remotely-deployed member of
- 2326            the armed forces, means an individual who:
- 2327            (a) resides with the remotely-deployed member of the armed forces; or
- 2328            (b) would reside with the remotely-deployed member of the armed forces, but for the
- 2329            deployment.
- 2330            (14) "Remotely-deployed member of the armed forces" means a member of the armed
- 2331            forces, as defined in Section 20A-1-513, who is deployed to a location where the
- 2332            member of the armed forces would not live but for the deployment.
- 2333            (15) "Standard voter data" means the following information from a voter registration record:
- 2334            (a) the voter's full legal name;
- 2335            (b) the voter's voter identification number and federal information processing series
- 2336            geographic code;
- 2337            (c) the voter's age range;
- 2338            (d) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
- 2339            (e) the voter's county of residence;
- 2340            (f) the voter's mailing address, including the city;

- 2341 (g) the voter's precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives district,  
 2342 state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district, county  
 2343 council district, and city council district;  
 2344 (h) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;  
 2345 (i) the voter's status as active or inactive;  
 2346 (j) the last day on which the voter's voter registration record was updated; and  
 2347 (k) the voting history of the voter.

2348 (16) "Voted report" means, the following information for an election:

- 2349 (a) for a public registered voter:  
 2350 (i) the voter's voter identification number;  
 2351 (ii) the voter's full legal name;  
 2352 (iii) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;  
 2353 (iv) the voter's county of residence;  
 2354 (v) the voter's precinct and congressional district;  
 2355 (vi) the method by which the voter voted;  
 2356 (vii) the date the ballot was processed; and  
 2357 (viii) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated; and  
 2358 (b) for an at-risk voter, the information described in Subsections(16)(a)(iv) through  
 2359 (viii), without disclosing the identity of the voter.

2360 (17) "Voting history" means the following information in relation to a registered voter for  
 2361 an election held in the preceding eight years:

- 2362 (a) the voter's voter identification number;  
 2363 (b) the voter's full legal name;  
 2364 (c) the voter's status as active or inactive;  
 2365 (d) the voter's precinct; and  
 2366 (e) whether the voter voted in that election.

2367 Section 25. Section **20A-2-602** is enacted to read:

2368 **20A-2-602 (Effective upon governor's approval). Change of voter registration**  
 2369 **record disclosure status -- Notice -- Redesignation of status.**

2370 (1) On or before April 6, 2026, the lieutenant governor shall mail to each registered voter  
 2371 whose voter registration record is designated as withheld:

- 2372 (a) an at-risk designation request form;  
 2373 (b) the following written notice:

2374 "Notice of Voter Registration Record Status Change

2375

2376 You are receiving this notice because your voter registration record is currently  
2377 classified as withheld and is not subject to public disclosure. Your voter registration  
2378 will no longer be classified as withheld, and will be subject to public disclosure  
2379 unless, before May 6, 2026, you submit the enclosed at-risk designation request form,  
2380 and the required proof that you qualify as an at-risk voter, to your county clerk. If  
2381 you do not take this action before May 6, 2026, or if you do not qualify as an at-risk  
2382 voter, you will be designated as a public registered voter.

2383

2384 As a public registered voter, the following information from your voter  
2385 registration record is subject to public disclosure:

- 2386 • full legal name;
- 2387 • voter identification number and federal information processing series geographic  
2388 code;
- 2389 • age range;
- 2390 • complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
- 2391 • county of residence;
- 2392 • mailing address, including the city;
- 2393 • voting precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives district,  
2394 state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district, county  
2395 council district, and city council district;
- 2396 • party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;
- 2397 • status as an active or inactive voter;
- 2398 • the last day on which your registration record was updated; and
- 2399 • your voting history.

2400

2401 You may apply for designation as an at-risk voter in accordance with Utah Code  
2402 Section 20A-2-606 at any time, but if the application is not received by your county  
2403 clerk before May 6, 2026, your information, described above will, beginning on May  
2404 25, 2026, be subject to public disclosure, unless and until you request and receive  
2405 designation as an at-risk voter.

2406

2407 A person who uses or discloses information from a voter registration record in a  
2408 manner that is prohibited by law, including information in a voter registration that is

- 2409 subject to public disclosure, is subject to criminal prosecution."; and  
2410 (c) immediately after the notice described in Subsection (1)(b), a brief, concise statement  
2411 of:  
2412 (i) the qualifications to become an at-risk voter; and  
2413 (ii) 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:  
2416 (a) the following written notice:  
2417 "Notice of Voter Registration Record Status Change  
2418  
2419 You are receiving this notice because your voter registration record is currently  
2420 classified as private and is not subject to public disclosure. Your voter registration  
2421 will no longer be classified as private, and will be subject to public disclosure unless,  
2422 before May 6, 2026, you submit the enclosed at-risk designation request form, and  
2423 the required proof that you qualify as an at-risk voter, to your county clerk. If you do  
2424 not take this action before May 6, 2026, or if you do not qualify as an at-risk voter,  
2425 you will be designated as a public registered voter.  
2426  
2427 As a public registered voter, the following information from your voter  
2428 registration record is subject to public disclosure:  
2429 • full legal name;  
2430 • voter identification number and federal information processing series geographic  
2431 code;  
2432 • age range;  
2433 • complete residential address, including the unit type and number;  
2434 • county of residence;  
2435 • mailing address, including the city;  
2436 • voting precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives district,  
2437 state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district, county  
2438 council district, and city council district;  
2439 • party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;  
2440 • status as an active or inactive voter;  
2441 • the last day on which your registration record was updated; and  
2442 • your voting history.

2443

2444 You may apply for designation as an at-risk voter in accordance with Utah Code  
2445 Section 20A-2-606 at any time, but if the application is not received by your county  
2446 clerk before May 6, 2026, your information, described above will, beginning on May  
2447 25, 2026, be subject to public disclosure, unless and until you request and receive  
2448 designation as an at-risk voter.

2449

2450 A person who uses or discloses information from a voter registration record in a  
2451 manner that is prohibited by law, including information in a voter registration that is  
2452 subject to public disclosure, is subject to criminal prosecution."; and

2453 (b) immediately after the notice described in Subsection (2)(a), a brief, concise statement  
2454 of:

2455 (i) the qualifications to become an at-risk voter;

2456 (ii) how to apply for designation as an at-risk voter; and

2457 (iii) how to obtain an at-risk voter designation request form.

2458 (3) A county clerk who receives a completed at-risk designation request form on or before  
2459 May 6, 2026, shall, on or before May 21, 2026:

2460 (a) process the form; and

2461 (b)(i) if, based on the information provided in the form and the supporting documents  
2462 provided with the form, the county clerk determines that the voter has established  
2463 that the voter qualifies as an at-risk voter, designate the voter as an at-risk voter; or

2464 (ii) if, based on the information provided in the form and the supporting documents  
2465 provided with the form, the county clerk does not make the determination  
2466 described in Subsection (3)(b)(i), the county clerk shall, as soon as reasonably  
2467 possible, notify the voter, by mail or other means:

2468 (A) that the county clerk was not able to make the determination described in  
2469 Subsection (3)(b)(i);

2470 (B) of the reason that the county clerk was not able to make the determination  
2471 described in Subsection (3)(b)(i); and

2472 (C) of what, if anything, the voter can do to resolve the reason the county clerk  
2473 was not able to make the determination described in Subsection (3)(b)(i).

2474 (4) On or before May 24, 2026, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall:

2475 (a) designate a current registered voter as an at-risk voter if:

2476 (i) before May 12, 2020, the voter's voter registration record was protected from

- 2477 disclosure due to the election officer determining that the voter was facing a threat  
2478 or risk of harm;
- 2479 (ii) on or after May 12, 2020, the voter was designated as a withheld voter; or  
2480 (iii) on or before May 24, 2026, the voter was designated as an at-risk voter under  
2481 Subsection 20A-2-606; and
- 2482 (b) designate a current registered voter who is not designated as an at-risk voter under  
2483 Subsection (4)(a) as a public registered voter.
- 2484 (5) After the lieutenant governor or a county clerk finishes taking the action described in  
2485 Subsection (4):
- 2486 (a) a voter designated as an at-risk voter shall maintain the designation, unless and until:  
2487 (i) the voter is removed from the list of registered voters in accordance with the  
2488 requirements of this chapter;  
2489 (ii) the voter requests removal of the designation; or  
2490 (iii) the designation is removed in accordance with Subsection 20A-2-606(6); and
- 2491 (b) a voter designated as a public registered voter shall maintain the designation, unless  
2492 and until the voter is designated as an at-risk voter in accordance with Section  
2493 20A-2-606.
- 2494 (6) Beginning on January 1, 2027, the lieutenant governor shall ensure that the Statewide  
2495 Electronic Voter Information Website provides a process where:
- 2496 (a) an individual may enter a voter identification number;  
2497 (b) the website will respond to the entry described in Subsection (6)(a) with:  
2498 (i) the current political party affiliation of the voter to which the voter identification  
2499 relates; and  
2500 (ii) the last date on which the voter's voter registration was updated; and
- 2501 (c) the website will not provide any information, other than the information described in  
2502 Subsection (6)(b), in response to the entry described in Subsection (6)(a).
- 2503 (7) As soon as possible, but no later than January 1, 2027, the lieutenant governor shall post  
2504 the following information on the lieutenant governor's website, and update the  
2505 information on a monthly basis:
- 2506 (a) for the entire state:  
2507 (i) the total number of at-risk voters in the state; and  
2508 (ii) the total number of at-risk voters in the state who are affiliated with a political  
2509 party; and
- 2510 (b) for each state House of Representatives district and each state Senate district:

- 2511 (i) the total number of at-risk voters in the district; and  
 2512 (ii) the total number of at-risk voters in the district who are affiliated with a political  
 2513 party.

2514 Section 26. Section **20A-2-603** is enacted to read:

2515 **20A-2-603 (Effective 04/06/26). General request for voter registration records.**

- 2516 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this part, or another express provision of  
 2517 law, upon receiving a request under this section from a person for voter registration  
 2518 records, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk:
- 2519 (a) shall disclose to the person the standard voter data from a public registered voter's  
 2520 voter registration record; and
- 2521 (b) may not disclose to the person:
- 2522 (i) information from a public registered voter's voter registration record that is not  
 2523 standard voter data; or
- 2524 (ii) any information from an at-risk voter's voter registration record.
- 2525 (2) A person that receives information under Subsection (1)(a):
- 2526 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not  
 2527 be accessed by another person, unless the other person is an authorized agent of the  
 2528 person that receives the information under Subsection (1)(a);
- 2529 (b) may only use the information in a manner the person is permitted to use the  
 2530 information under Subsection 20A-2-607(3):
- 2531 (c) may not:
- 2532 (i) use or share the information for a purpose other than a purpose described in  
 2533 Subsection (2)(b); or
- 2534 (ii) grant access to the information to a person other than an authorized agent of the  
 2535 person that receives the information under Subsection (1)(a);
- 2536 (d) notwithstanding Subsection (2)(b), may not grant access to the information or share  
 2537 the information with another person, if the person that receives the information under  
 2538 this section believes that the other person:
- 2539 (i) will use or share the information in a manner other than a manner described in  
 2540 Subsection (2)(b); or
- 2541 (ii) will not comply with Subsection (2)(a), (b), or (c); and
- 2542 (e) may limit access by an authorized agent of the person to only the portion of the  
 2543 information needed for the authorized agent to fulfill a purpose for which the  
 2544 authorized agent is:

- 2545           (i) permitted by law to use the information; and
- 2546           (ii) authorized by the person who receives the information under Subsection (1)(a).
- 2547 (3) Before providing the information described in Subsection (1)(a) to a person under this
- 2548 section:
- 2549       (a) if an individual is requesting the information on behalf of another person, the
- 2550 lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that the individual requesting the
- 2551 information on behalf of the other person is an authorized agent of the other person;
- 2552 and
- 2553       (b) the individual requesting the information under Subsection (3)(a) shall sign a request
- 2554 form that includes:
- 2555           (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the person that is seeking the
- 2556 information;
- 2557           (ii) the individual's name, address, and telephone number;
- 2558           (iii) a statement that the individual is requesting the information:
- 2559               (A) on the individual's own behalf; or
- 2560               (B) as an authorized agent of the other person described in Subsection (3)(a) and
- 2561 has presented to the lieutenant governor or the county clerk valid verification
- 2562 that the individual is an authorized agent of the other person;
- 2563           (iv) a statement that the individual and, if applicable, the other person described in
- 2564 Subsection (3)(a):
- 2565               (A) will comply with the requirements described in Subsection (2); and
- 2566               (B) will not provide or use the information obtained from the list of registered
- 2567 voters in a manner that is prohibited by law;
- 2568           (v) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or
- 2569 using the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, is punishable as a
- 2570 class A misdemeanor and by a civil fine; and
- 2571           (vi) notice that if a person makes a false statement in the request form, the person is
- 2572 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 2573       (c) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information described
- 2574 in Subsection (1)(a) to a person requesting the information under this section if the
- 2575 lieutenant governor or county clerk has probable cause to believe that the person:
- 2576           (i) is not the person whom the person claims to be;
- 2577           (ii) is not an agent of the person of whom the person claims to be an agent; or
- 2578           (iii) will use or share the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2579 Section 27. Section **20A-2-604** is enacted to read:

2580 **20A-2-604 (Effective 04/06/26). Request for voter registration records by**  
2581 **political party -- Confirmation of political party affiliation.**

2582 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon  
2583 receiving a request from a political party for voter registration records, the lieutenant  
2584 governor or a county clerk:

2585 (a) for each public registered voter who is not affiliated with the political party:

2586 (i) shall provide to the political party the voter's standard voter data; and

2587 (ii) may not provide to the political party any information from the public registered  
2588 voter's voter registration record that is not standard voter data;

2589 (b) for each public registered voter who is affiliated with the political party:

2590 (i) shall provide to the political party the voter's standard voter data;

2591 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, shall provide the public registered voter's phone  
2592 number, only if the voter consents on the voter's voter registration form to the  
2593 election officer disclosing the voter's phone number to the political party;

2594 (iii) beginning January 1, 2027, shall provide the public registered voter's email  
2595 address, only if the voter consents on the voter's voter registration form to the  
2596 election officer disclosing the voter's email address to the political party; and

2597 (iv) may not provide to the political party any information relating to the voter other  
2598 than the information provided in accordance with Subsections (1)(b)(i) through  
2599 (iii); and

2600 (c) may not provide to the political party any information from an at-risk voter's voter  
2601 registration record.

2602 (2) If an at-risk voter consents, on the voter's voter registration form, to provide the political  
2603 party with which the voter chooses to affiliate with the voter's phone number or email  
2604 address, the county clerk or the lieutenant governor:

2605 (a) may not provide the phone number or email address to the political party; and

2606 (b) shall notify the at-risk voter that the voter must contact the political party directly to  
2607 provide the voter's phone number or email address to the political party.

2608 (3) A political party, or an agent of a political party, that receives information under this  
2609 section:

2610 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not  
2611 be accessed by a person other than the political party or an authorized agent of the  
2612 political party;

- 2613 (b) may only use the information:
- 2614 (i) to communicate with an individual who is affiliated with the political party in
- 2615 relation to the business of the political party or for a political purpose;
- 2616 (ii) to verify that the voter is a member of the political party;
- 2617 (iii) to conduct demographic or other analysis for a political purpose; or
- 2618 (iv) for a purpose described in Subsection 20A-2-607(3);
- 2619 (c) may not:
- 2620 (i) use or share the information for a purpose other than a purpose described in
- 2621 Subsection (3)(b); or
- 2622 (ii) grant access to the information to a person other than an authorized agent of the
- 2623 political party;
- 2624 (d) notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a) or (b), may not grant access to the information or
- 2625 share the information with a person whom the political party believes:
- 2626 (i) will use or share the information in a manner other than a manner described in
- 2627 Subsection (3)(b); or
- 2628 (ii) will not comply with Subsection (3)(a), (b), or (c); and
- 2629 (e) may limit access by an authorized agent to only the portion of the information
- 2630 needed for the authorized agent to fulfill a purpose for which the authorized agent is:
- 2631 (i) permitted by law to use the information; and
- 2632 (ii) authorized by the state political party to use the information.
- 2633 (4) Before providing the information described in this section to a political party:
- 2634 (a) the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that the individual requesting the
- 2635 information on behalf of the political party is an authorized agent of the political
- 2636 party; and
- 2637 (b) the individual requesting the information under Subsection (4)(a) shall sign a request
- 2638 form that includes:
- 2639 (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the political party that is seeking the
- 2640 information;
- 2641 (ii) the individual's name, address, and telephone number;
- 2642 (iii) a statement that the individual is an authorized agent of the political party and
- 2643 has presented to the lieutenant governor or the county clerk valid verification that
- 2644 the individual is an authorized agent of the political party;
- 2645 (iv) a statement that the political party and the individual will comply with the
- 2646 requirements described in Subsection (3);

- 2647           (v) a statement that the political party, or an agent of the political party, will not  
 2648           provide or use the information obtained from the list of registered voters in a  
 2649           manner that is prohibited by law;  
 2650           (vi) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or  
 2651           using the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, is punishable as a  
 2652           class A misdemeanor and by a civil fine; and  
 2653           (vii) notice that if a person makes a false statement in the request form, the person is  
 2654           punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.

2655 (5) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information described in  
 2656       Subsection (1)(a) or (b) to a person requesting the information under this section if the  
 2657       lieutenant governor or county clerk has probable cause to believe that the person:

- 2658       (a) is not a political party or an agent of the political party; or  
 2659       (b) will use or share the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2660       Section 28. Section **20A-2-605** is enacted to read:

2661       **20A-2-605 (Effective 04/06/26). Request for voter registration records by a**  
 2662       **government official.**

2663 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon  
 2664       request by a government official acting in the government official's capacity as a  
 2665       government official, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk:

- 2666       (a) shall disclose to the government official only the information in a voter registration  
 2667       record necessary to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty imposed  
 2668       by law on the government official; and  
 2669       (b) may not disclose to the government official the information in a voter registration  
 2670       record that is not necessary to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty  
 2671       imposed by law on the government official.

2672 (2) A government official who receives information under Subsection (1)(a):

- 2673       (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not  
 2674       be accessed by a person other than the government official or the government entity  
 2675       that the government official represents;  
 2676       (b) may only use the information to the extent necessary to fulfill a duty of the  
 2677       government official; and  
 2678       (c) may not disclose the information to a person other than a person needing the  
 2679       information to fulfill a duty of the government official or the government entity that  
 2680       the government official represents.

- 2681 (3) Before providing the information described in Subsection (1)(a) to a government  
2682 official:
- 2683 (a) the lieutenant governor or county clerk shall verify that:
- 2684 (i) the person requesting the information is a government official; and  
2685 (ii) it is necessary to provide the information requested to permit the government  
2686 official to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on the government official; and
- 2687 (b) the government official requesting the information shall sign a request form that  
2688 includes:
- 2689 (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the government official;  
2690 (ii) the government official's position or title;  
2691 (iii) a description of the information requested;  
2692 (iv) a description of the official duty imposed by law on the government official that  
2693 requires the requested information;
- 2694 (v) a statement that the government official will ensure, using industry standard  
2695 security measures, that the information may not be accessed by a person other  
2696 than the government official or the government entity that the government official  
2697 represents;
- 2698 (vi) a statement that the government official will only use the information to the  
2699 extent necessary to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on the government  
2700 official;
- 2701 (vii) an assertion that the government official will not provide or use the information  
2702 obtained from the voter registration records in a manner that is prohibited by law;
- 2703 (viii) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or  
2704 using the information from the voter registration records in a manner that is  
2705 prohibited by law, is punishable as a class A misdemeanor and a civil fine; and
- 2706 (ix) notice that if the person signing the request form makes a false statement in the  
2707 request form, the person is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.
- 2708 (4) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information under this  
2709 section if the lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes that the person:
- 2710 (a) is not a government official;  
2711 (b) does not need the information requested to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on  
2712 the government official; or
- 2713 (c) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.  
2714 Section 29. Section **20A-2-606** is enacted to read:

- 2715           **20A-2-606 (Effective 04/06/26). At-risk registered voter -- Application --**  
2716           **Designation -- Change of status.**
- 2717           (1) Except to the extent expressly authorized in this part or otherwise expressly provided by  
2718           law, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose an at-risk voter's voter  
2719           registration record, or any information from an at-risk voter's voter registration record.
- 2720           (2)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute an at-risk designation request  
2721           form to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration  
2722           form.
- 2723           (b) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor may make  
2724           rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
2725           establishing requirements for providing the proof described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii),  
2726           (b)(ii), and (c)(ii).
- 2727           (3) The following may not encourage an individual to submit, or discourage an individual  
2728           from submitting, an at-risk designation request form:
- 2729           (a) an election officer;
- 2730           (b) an agency described in Subsection (2)(a); or
- 2731           (c) an employee of a person described in Subsection (3)(a) or (b).
- 2732           (4) A voter may apply for designation as an at-risk voter by submitting, either with the  
2733           voter's voter registration form, or separately to the voter's county clerk:
- 2734           (a)(i) an at-risk designation request form indicating that the voter is a victim of, or is  
2735           threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence; and
- 2736           (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (2)(b), proof of the  
2737           indication described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) in the form of a sworn affidavit where  
2738           the voter swears to the following statement: "I am applying for designation as an  
2739           at-risk voter because I am a victim of, or threatened with, domestic violence or  
2740           dating violence.";
- 2741           (b)(i) an at-risk designation request form indicating that the voter, or an individual  
2742           who resides with the voter, is a law enforcement officer, a public figure, or  
2743           protected by a protective order or protection order; and
- 2744           (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (2)(b), proof of the  
2745           indication described in Subsection (4)(b)(i); or
- 2746           (c)(i) an at-risk designation request form indicating that the voter is, or is a qualified  
2747           family member of, a remotely-deployed member of the armed forces; and  
2748           (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (2)(b), proof of the

2749 indication described in Subsection (4)(c)(i).

2750 (5) A county clerk shall designate a voter as an at-risk voter if the voter complies with  
2751 Subsection (4).

2752 (6) A county clerk shall, beginning in 2030, and every five years after 2030, before July 15:

2753 (a) mail to each voter who, for a period of one year or longer, has been designated as an  
2754 at-risk voter:

2755 (i) notice that the voter is designated as an at-risk voter and the grounds for the  
2756 designation;

2757 (ii) a list of the grounds for designating a voter as an at-risk voter;

2758 (iii) an inquiry regarding whether the voter still qualifies as an at-risk voter; and

2759 (iv) a self-addressed envelope, with postage prepaid, for the voter to mail the voter's  
2760 response to the inquiry described in Subsection (5)(a)(iii); and

2761 (b) remove the designation of a voter as an at-risk voter if the voter responds that the  
2762 voter no longer qualifies as an at-risk voter.

2763 Section 30. Section **20A-2-607** is enacted to read:

2764 **20A-2-607 (Effective upon governor's approval). Applicability and enforcement**

2765 **-- Transition.**

2766 (1) This part does not govern or restrict the release of a voter registration record:

2767 (a) to an election officer or an employee of an election officer;

2768 (b) for a government purpose relating to maintaining the voter registration list or the  
2769 administration of an election;

2770 (c) to the extent required by law, to the federal government to comply with, or verify  
2771 compliance with, the requirements of federal election law;

2772 (d) in accordance with an order of a court with jurisdiction; or

2773 (e) to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency for a legitimate law enforcement  
2774 purpose related to election law.

2775 (2) Beginning on March 9, 2026, and ending on May 25, 2026, a person that requests a  
2776 copy of the voter registration list:

2777 (a) will receive the portion of the list, as the list existed on March 8, 2026, that the  
2778 person was eligible to receive on March 8, 2026; and

2779 (b) will not receive an updated version of the list, or of any information in an updated  
2780 version of the list, until May 25, 2026.

2781 (3) A person may only obtain or use information from the list of registered voters for:

2782 (a) a political purpose;

- 2783 (b) another purpose for which the person is, under this part, expressly permitted to  
 2784 obtain or use the information; or
- 2785 (c) another purpose for which the person is permitted to obtain or use the information:  
 2786 (i) under a provision of state or federal law; or  
 2787 (ii) by order of a court with jurisdiction.
- 2788 (4) It is unlawful for a person to:
- 2789 (a) obtain information from the list of registered voters under false pretenses;  
 2790 (b) obtain or use information from the list of registered voters for a purpose other than:  
 2791 (i) a political purpose;  
 2792 (ii) another purpose for which the person is, under this part, expressly permitted to  
 2793 obtain or use the information; or  
 2794 (iii) another purpose for which the person is permitted to obtain or use the  
 2795 information:  
 2796 (A) under a provision of state or federal law; or  
 2797 (B) by order of a court with jurisdiction;
- 2798 (c) knowingly post on the internet or otherwise disclose to the public, for a fee or free of  
 2799 charge, the list of registered voters or information obtained from the list of registered  
 2800 voters; or
- 2801 (d) knowingly disclose information from the list of registered voters in a manner that is  
 2802 not permitted by law.

2803 (5) A violation of Subsection (4) is a class A misdemeanor.

2804 Section 31. Section **20A-2-608**, which is renumbered from Section 20A-5-410 is renumbered  
 2805 and amended to read:

2806 **[20A-5-410] 20A-2-608 (Effective 04/06/26). Election officer to keep voting**  
 2807 **history information and status -- Restrictions.**

2808 ~~[(1) As used in this section, "voting history record" means the following information~~  
 2809 ~~relating to a registered voter:]~~

- 2810 ~~[(a) the information in the voter's voter registration record, other than the information~~  
 2811 ~~classified as private under Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j);]~~
- 2812 ~~[(b) the voter's privacy status;]~~
- 2813 ~~[(c) the voter's status as active or inactive;]~~
- 2814 ~~[(d) the voter's voter identification number;]~~
- 2815 ~~[(e) the voter's federal information processing system code;]~~
- 2816 ~~[(f) the voter's precinct;]~~

- 2817 ~~[(g) each political district in which the voter is a resident;]~~  
 2818 ~~[(h) a list of elections in which the voter voted;]~~  
 2819 ~~[(i) whether the voter voted in person on election day;]~~  
 2820 ~~[(j) whether the voter voted in person before election day;]~~  
 2821 ~~[(k) whether the voter returned a mailed ballot;]~~  
 2822 ~~[(l) whether the voter's ballot was mailed to an alternate address; and]~~  
 2823 ~~[(m) the date on which the voter voted or on which the voter returned a mailed ballot.]~~  
 2824 ~~[(2)(a) Each election officer shall maintain, in the election officer's office, a voting~~  
 2825 ~~history record of those voters registered to vote in the election officer's jurisdiction.]~~  
 2826 ~~[(b) The voting history record is a public record under Title 63G, Chapter 2,~~  
 2827 ~~Government Records Access and Management Act, except:]~~  
 2828 ~~[(i) as it relates to a voter whose voter registration record is classified as private under~~  
 2829 ~~Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l); or]~~  
 2830 ~~[(ii) a record or information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(n).]~~  
 2831 (1) A county clerk shall maintain:  
 2832 (a) for each registered voter:  
 2833 (i) the standard voter information for that voter; and  
 2834 (ii) whether the voter is a public registered voter or an at-risk voter; and  
 2835 (b) only during the time period beginning on the day on which the bulk of ballots are  
 2836 mailed for an election and ending at the close of operating hours on the day before  
 2837 the election, a voted report and a mailed ballot report for the election.  
 2838 (2)(a) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(b), the county clerk shall retain a copy of  
 2839 each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file, which may  
 2840 be electronic or some other recognized system.  
 2841 (b) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the Division of  
 2842 Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.  
 2843 (c) A county clerk shall retain a list of currently registered voters.  
 2844 (d) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.  
 2845 (e) If there are any discrepancies between the lists described in Subsections (2)(c) and (d),  
 2846 the county clerk's list is the official list.  
 2847 (3) Subsection (1) or (2) does not authorize the disclosure of the information described in  
 2848 Subsection (1) or (2) beyond the extent expressly provided in this part.  
 2849 ~~[(3)(a) When an election officer reports voting history for an election, the election~~  
 2850 ~~officer shall, for each voter whose voter registration is classified as private under~~

2851 Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(h), report the following, for that election only, without  
 2852 disclosing the identity of the voter:]

2853 [(i) for voting by mail, the information described in Subsection (4)(a);]  
 2854 [(ii) for early voting, the date the individual voted; and]  
 2855 [(iii) for voting on election day, the date the individual voted.]

2856 [(b) In relation to the information of a voter whose voter registration is classified as  
 2857 private under Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(h), a report described in Subsection (3)(a)  
 2858 may not disclose, by itself or in conjunction with any other public information, the  
 2859 identity or any other personal identifying information of the voter.]

2860 [(4) Subject to Subsection (5), the election officer shall ensure that the voting history record  
 2861 kept by the election officer for each voting precinct contains:]

2862 [(a) for voting by mail:]

2863 [(i) the date that the manual ballot was mailed to the voter; and]  
 2864 [(ii) the date that the voted manual ballot was received by the election officer;]

2865 [(b) for early voting:]

2866 [(i) the name and address of each individual who participated in early voting; and]  
 2867 [(ii) the date the individual voted; and]

2868 [(c) for voting on election day, the name and address of each individual who voted on  
 2869 election day.]

2870 [(5) Subsection (4) does not authorize the disclosure of the information described in  
 2871 Subsection (4) beyond the extent expressly provided in Subsections (2) and (3).]

2872 (4) A person may, on a subscription basis, obtain the voted report and the mailed ballot  
 2873 report during time period described in Subsection (1)(b).

2874 [(6)] (5)(a) Notwithstanding the time limits for response to a request for records under  
 2875 Section 63G-2-204 or the time limits for a request for records established in any  
 2876 ordinance, the election officer shall ensure that the information required to be  
 2877 disclosed under this [section] part is recorded and made available[ to the public] , upon  
 2878 request and subject to the provisions of this part, no later than one business day after  
 2879 the day on which the election officer receives the information.

2880 (b) Notwithstanding the fee requirements of Section 63G-2-203 or the fee requirements  
 2881 established in any ordinance, the election officer shall [make copies of the voting  
 2882 history record available to the public, in accordance with this section, for the actual  
 2883 cost of production or copying] provide the information disclosed under this section,  
 2884 Section 20A-6-603, or Section 20A-6-604, in accordance with the fees established

2885           under Subsection 63G-2-203(10).

2886           Section 32. Section **20A-3a-401** is amended to read:

2887           **20A-3a-401 (Effective 04/06/26). Custody of voted ballots mailed or deposited in**  
2888 **a ballot drop box -- Disposition -- Notice -- Disclosures relating to unresolved ballots.**

2889           (1) This section governs ballots returned by mail, via a ballot drop box, or by other legal  
2890           means.

2891           (2) Poll workers shall process return envelopes containing manual ballots that are in the  
2892           custody of the poll workers in accordance with this section.

2893           (3) Poll workers shall examine a return envelope to make the determinations described in  
2894           Subsection (4).

2895           (4) The poll workers shall take the action described in Subsection (5)(a) if the poll workers  
2896           determine:

2897           (a) for an election held before January 1, 2029:

2898               (i) that the return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver  
2899               license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security number;  
2900               or

2901               (ii) if the return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection (4)(a)(i),  
2902               that:

2903                   (A) in accordance with the rules made under Subsection (13), the signature on the  
2904                   affidavit of the return envelope is reasonably consistent with the individual's  
2905                   signature in the voter registration records; or

2906                   (B) for an individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v), the  
2907                   signature is verified by alternative means;

2908           (b) for an election held on or after January 1, 2029:

2909               (i) that the return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver  
2910               license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security number;

2911               (ii) if the return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection (4)(b)(i),  
2912               that the voter included in the return envelope a copy of the identification described  
2913               in Subsection 20A-3a-204(2)(c)(ii); or

2914               (iii) for a voter described in Subsection 20A-3a-301(7), that the voter complied with  
2915               Subsection 20A-3a-301(7);

2916           (c) that the affidavit is sufficient;

2917           (d) that the voter is registered to vote in the correct precinct;

2918           (e) that the voter's right to vote the ballot has not been challenged;

- 2919 (f) that the voter has not already voted in the election; and
- 2920 (g) for a voter who has not yet provided valid voter identification with the voter's voter
- 2921 registration, whether the voter has provided valid voter identification with the return
- 2922 envelope.
- 2923 (5)(a) If the poll workers make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the poll
- 2924 workers shall:
- 2925 (i) remove the manual ballot from the return envelope in a manner that does not
- 2926 destroy the affidavit on the return envelope;
- 2927 (ii) ensure that the ballot is not examined in connection with the return envelope; and
- 2928 (iii) place the ballot with the other ballots to be counted.
- 2929 (b) If the poll workers do not make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the
- 2930 poll workers shall:
- 2931 (i) disallow the vote;
- 2932 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (6), without opening the return envelope, record
- 2933 the ballot as "rejected" and state the reason for the rejection; and
- 2934 (iii) except as provided in Subsection (6), place the return envelope, unopened, with
- 2935 the other rejected return envelopes.
- 2936 (6) A poll worker may open a return envelope, if necessary, to determine compliance with
- 2937 Subsection (4)(b)(ii), (4)(b)(iii), or (4)(g).
- 2938 (7)(a) If the poll workers reject an individual's ballot because the poll workers determine
- 2939 that the return envelope does not comply with Subsection (4), the election officer
- 2940 shall:
- 2941 (i) contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (8); and
- 2942 (ii) inform the individual:
- 2943 (A) that the identification information provided on the return envelope is in
- 2944 question;
- 2945 (B) how the individual may resolve the issue; and
- 2946 (C) that, in order for the ballot to be counted, the individual is required to deliver
- 2947 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county
- 2948 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).
- 2949 (b) If, under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A), the poll workers reject an individual's ballot
- 2950 because the poll workers determine, in accordance with rules made under Subsection
- 2951 (13), that the signature on the return envelope is not reasonably consistent with the
- 2952 individual's signature in the voter registration records, the election officer shall:

- 2953 (i) contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (8); and  
2954 (ii) inform the individual:  
2955 (A) that the individual's signature is in question;  
2956 (B) how the individual may resolve the issue; and  
2957 (C) that, in order for the ballot to be counted, the individual is required to deliver  
2958 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county  
2959 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).
- 2960 (c) The election officer shall ensure that the notice described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b)  
2961 includes:  
2962 (i) when communicating the notice by mail, a printed copy of the affidavit described  
2963 in Subsection (7)(d) and a courtesy reply envelope;  
2964 (ii) when communicating the notice electronically, a link to a copy of the affidavit  
2965 described in Subsection (7)(d) or information on how to obtain a copy of the  
2966 affidavit; or  
2967 (iii) when communicating the notice by phone, either during a direct conversation  
2968 with the voter or in a voicemail, arrangements for the voter to receive a copy of  
2969 the affidavit described in Subsection (7)(d), either in person from the clerk's  
2970 office, by mail, or electronically.
- 2971 (d) An affidavit described in Subsection (7)(a)(ii)(C) or (7)(b)(ii)(C) shall include:  
2972 (i) an attestation that the individual voted the ballot;  
2973 (ii) a space for the individual to enter the individual's name, date of birth, and driver  
2974 license number or the last four digits of the individual's social security number;  
2975 (iii) a space for the individual to sign the affidavit;  
2976 (iv) a statement that, by signing the affidavit, the individual authorizes the lieutenant  
2977 governor's and county clerk's use of the information in the affidavit and the  
2978 individual's signature on the affidavit for voter identification purposes; and  
2979 (v) a check box accompanied by language in substantially the following form: "I am  
2980 a voter with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that  
2981 impacts my ability to sign my name consistently. I can provide appropriate  
2982 documentation upon request. To discuss accommodations, I can be contacted at  
2983 \_\_\_\_\_".
- 2984 (e) In order for an individual described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b) to have the  
2985 individual's ballot counted, the individual shall deliver the affidavit described in  
2986 Subsection (7)(d) to the election officer.

- 2987 (f) An election officer who receives a signed affidavit under Subsection (7)(e) shall  
2988 immediately:
- 2989 (i) scan the signature on the affidavit electronically and keep the signature on file in  
2990 the statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502;
- 2991 (ii) if the election officer receives the affidavit no later than noon on the last business  
2992 day before the day on which the canvass begins, count the individual's ballot; and
- 2993 (iii) if the check box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v) is checked, comply with the  
2994 rules described in Subsection (13)(c).
- 2995 (8)(a) The election officer shall, within two business days after the day on which an  
2996 individual's ballot is rejected, notify the individual of the rejection and the reason for  
2997 the rejection, by phone, mail, email, or, if consent is obtained, text message, unless:
- 2998 (i) the ballot is cured within one business day after the day on which the ballot is  
2999 rejected; or
- 3000 (ii) the ballot is rejected because the ballot is received late or for another reason that  
3001 cannot be cured.
- 3002 (b) If an individual's ballot is rejected for a reason described in Subsection (8)(a)(ii), the  
3003 election officer shall notify the individual of the rejection and the reason for the  
3004 rejection by phone, mail, email, or, if consent is obtained, text message, within the  
3005 later of:
- 3006 (i) 30 calendar days after the day of the rejection; or
- 3007 (ii) 30 calendar days after the day of the election.
- 3008 (c) The election officer may, when notifying an individual by phone under this  
3009 Subsection (8), use auto-dial technology.
- 3010 (9) An election officer may not count the ballot of an individual whom the election officer  
3011 contacts under Subsection (7) or (8) unless, no later than noon on the last business day  
3012 before the day on which the canvass begins, the election officer:
- 3013 (a) receives a signed affidavit from the individual under Subsection (7); or
- 3014 (b)(i) contacts the individual;
- 3015 (ii) if the election officer has reason to believe that an individual, other than the voter  
3016 to whom the ballot was sent, signed the ballot affidavit, informs the individual that  
3017 it is unlawful to sign a ballot affidavit for another person, even if the person gives  
3018 permission;
- 3019 (iii) verifies the identity of the individual by:
- 3020 (A) requiring the individual to provide at least two types of personal identifying

- 3021 information for the individual; and
- 3022 (B) comparing the information provided under Subsection (9)(b)(iii)(A) to records
- 3023 relating to the individual that are in the possession or control of an election
- 3024 officer; and
- 3025 (iv) documents the verification described in Subsection (9)(b)(iii), by recording:
- 3026 (A) the name and voter identification number of the individual contacted;
- 3027 (B) the name of the individual who conducts the verification;
- 3028 (C) the date and manner of the communication;
- 3029 (D) the type of personal identifying information provided by the individual;
- 3030 (E) a description of the records against which the personal identifying information
- 3031 provided by the individual is compared and verified; and
- 3032 (F) other information required by the lieutenant governor.
- 3033 (10)(a) The election officer shall retain and preserve:
- 3034 (i) the return envelopes in accordance with Subsection 20A-4-202(2); and
- 3035 (ii) the documents described in Subsection (9)(b)(iv) in accordance with Subsection
- 3036 20A-4-202(3).
- 3037 (b) If the election officer complies with Subsection (10)(a)(ii) by including the
- 3038 documentation in the voter's voter registration record, the election officer shall make,
- 3039 retain, and preserve a record of the name and voter identification number of each
- 3040 voter contacted under Subsection (9)(b).
- 3041 (11)(a) The election officer shall record the following in the database used in the
- 3042 verification process:
- 3043 (i) any initial rejection of a ballot under Subsection (5)(b), within one business day
- 3044 after the day on which the election officer rejects the ballot; and
- 3045 (ii) any resolution of a rejection of a ballot under Subsection (9), within one business
- 3046 day after the day on which the ballot rejection is resolved.
- 3047 (b) An election officer shall include, in the canvass report, a final report of the
- 3048 disposition of all rejected and resolved ballots, including, for ballots rejected, the
- 3049 following:
- 3050 (i) the number of ballots rejected because the voter did not sign the voter's ballot; and
- 3051 (ii) the number of ballots rejected because the voter's signatures on the ballot, and in
- 3052 records on file, do not correspond.
- 3053 (12) Willful failure to comply with this section constitutes willful neglect of duty under
- 3054 Section 20A-5-701.

- 3055 (13) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make  
 3056 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to  
 3057 establish:
- 3058 (a) criteria and processes for use by poll workers in determining if a signature  
 3059 corresponds with the signature on file for the voter under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A);
  - 3060 (b) training and certification requirements for election officers and employees of election  
 3061 officers regarding the criteria and processes described in Subsection (13)(a); and
  - 3062 (c) in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.  
 3063 Secs. 12131 through 12165, an alternative means of verifying the identity of an  
 3064 individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v).
- 3065 (14)(a) Upon request, and subject to Subsections (14)(b) and (c), an election officer may  
 3066 disclose the name and address of a voter whose ballot has been rejected and not yet  
 3067 resolved with:
- 3068 (i) a candidate in the election;
  - 3069 (ii) an individual who represents the candidate's campaign;
  - 3070 (iii) the sponsors of an initiative or referendum appearing on the ballot; or
  - 3071 (iv) for a ballot proposition appearing on the ballot, an individual who represents a  
 3072 political issues committee, as defined in Section 20A-11-101, if the political  
 3073 issues committee supports or opposes the ballot proposition.
- 3074 (b) If an election officer discloses the information described in Subsection (14)(a), the  
 3075 election officer shall:
- 3076 (i) make the disclosure within two business days after the day on which the request is  
 3077 made;
  - 3078 (ii) respond to each request in the order the requests were made; and
  - 3079 (iii) make each disclosure in a manner, and within a period of time, that does not  
 3080 reflect favoritism to one requestor over another.
- 3081 (c) A disclosure described in this Subsection (14) may not include [~~the name or address~~  
 3082 ~~of a protected individual, as defined in Subsection 20A-2-104(1)] any information  
 3083 relating to an at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601.~~
- 3084 Section 33. Section **20A-6-105** is amended to read:
- 3085 **20A-6-105 (Effective 04/06/26). Provisional ballot envelopes.**
- 3086 (1) Each election officer shall ensure that provisional ballot envelopes are printed in  
 3087 substantially the following form:
- 3088 (a) the envelope shall include the following[~~statement~~]:

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"AFFIRMATION

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

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

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

Name of Voter \_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

Driver License or Identification Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

State of Issuance of Driver License or Identification Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

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City County State Zip Code

Telephone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_";

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

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

• The email address you provided above? Yes No

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

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

"Last four digits of Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

City County State Zip Code

Voting Precinct (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

I, (please print your full name) \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear or affirm:

That I am eligible to vote in this election; that I have not voted in this election in any other precinct; that I am eligible to vote in this precinct; and that I request that I be permitted to vote in this precinct; and

Subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information contained in this form

3123 is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Utah, residing at the above  
 3124 address; and that I am at least 18 years old and have resided in Utah for the 30 calendar days  
 3125 immediately before this election.

3126 Signed

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3130 In accordance with Section 20A-3a-506, wilfully providing false information above is a  
 3131 class B misdemeanor under Utah law and is punishable by imprisonment and by fine.

3132 **PRIVACY INFORMATION**

3133 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as  
 3134 your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state  
 3135 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized  
 3136 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an  
 3137 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the  
 3138 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

3139 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

3140 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration  
 3141 record be withheld from public disclosure if:

- 3142 • you are a victim of, or are threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence;
- 3143 • you are, or reside with, a law enforcement officer;
- 3144 • you are, or are a qualified family member of, a member of the military who is deployed  
 3145 away from home;
- 3146 • you are, or reside with, a public figure; or
- 3147 • you are, or reside with a person who is, protected by a court order.

3148 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by  
 3149 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.  
 3150 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at  
 3151 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor].

3152 ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~  
 3153 ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~  
 3154 ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~  
 3155 ~~requirements of law.~~

3156 Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email

3157 address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your  
 3158 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,  
 3159 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

3160 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld  
 3161 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,  
 3162 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

3163  Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld  
 3164 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,  
 3165 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

3166 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

3167 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying  
 3168 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates  
 3169 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a  
 3170 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following  
 3171 paragraphs.

3172 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration  
 3173 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their  
 3174 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this  
 3175 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely  
 3176 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating  
 3177 violence.

3178 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration  
 3179 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their  
 3180 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any  
 3181 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,  
 3182 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the  
 3183 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]

3184 **CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT**

3185 Name:

3186 Name at birth, if different:

3187 Place of birth:

3188 Date of birth:

3189 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

3190 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a

3191 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and  
 3192 correct.

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3194 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Applicant

3195 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or  
 3196 allowing yourself to be registered to vote if you know you are not entitled to register to vote is  
 3197 up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500."; and

3198 ~~[(b)]~~ (d) the following statement shall appear after the statement described in Subsection ~~[(1)(a)]~~

3199 (1)(c):

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"BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

3201 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official  
 3202 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No [  
 3203 "]; and]

3204 ~~[(e) no later than November 5, 2025, after the statement described in Subsection (1)(b), the  
 3205 following:~~

3206 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

3207 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail a ballot to me.

3208 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

3209 (2) The provisional ballot envelope shall include:

3210 (a) a unique number;

3211 (b) a detachable part that includes the unique number;

3212 (c) a telephone number, internet address, or other indicator of a means, in accordance  
 3213 with Section 20A-6-105.5, where the voter can find out if the provisional ballot was  
 3214 counted; and

3215 (d) an insert containing written instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive ballot  
 3216 status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5.

3217 Section 34. Section **20A-7-103** is amended to read:

3218 **20A-7-103 (Effective upon governor's approval) (Contingently Superseded 01/01/27).**

3219 **Constitutional amendments and other questions submitted by the Legislature --**

3220 **Publication -- Ballot title -- Procedures for submission to popular vote.**

3221 (1) The procedures contained in this section govern when the Legislature submits a  
 3222 proposed constitutional amendment or other question to the voters.

3223 (2) The lieutenant governor shall, not more than 60 calendar days or less than 14 calendar  
 3224 days before the date of the election, publish the full text of the amendment, question, or

3225 statute for the state, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, through the date of  
3226 the election.

3227 (3)(a) The [~~presiding officers~~] legislative general counsel shall:

3228 [~~(a)~~] (i) entitle each proposed constitutional amendment "Constitutional Amendment  
3229 \_\_\_" and assign a letter to the constitutional amendment in accordance with the  
3230 requirements of Section 20A-6-107;

3231 [~~(b)~~] (ii) entitle each proposed question "Proposition Number \_\_\_" with the number  
3232 assigned to the proposition under Section 20A-6-107 placed in the blank;

3233 [~~(c)~~] (iii) draft and designate a ballot title for each proposed amendment or question  
3234 submitted by the Legislature that:

3235 [~~(i)~~] (A) summarizes the subject matter of the amendment or question; and

3236 [~~(ii)~~] (B) for a proposed constitutional amendment, summarizes any legislation that  
3237 is enacted and will become effective upon the voters' adoption of the proposed  
3238 constitutional amendment; and

3239 [~~(d)~~] (iv) deliver each letter or number and ballot title to the lieutenant governor.

3240 (b) Consistent with Section 36-12-12, the legislative general counsel performs the duties  
3241 in this section as counsel for the presiding officers.

3242 (4) The lieutenant governor shall certify the letter or number and ballot title of each  
3243 amendment or question to the county clerk of each county no later than 65 calendar days  
3244 before the date of the election.

3245 (5) The county clerk of each county shall:

3246 (a) ensure that the letter or number and the ballot title of each amendment and question  
3247 prepared in accordance with this section are included in the sample ballots and  
3248 official ballots; and

3249 (b) publish the sample ballots and official ballots as provided by law.

3250 Section 35. Section **20A-7-103** is amended to read:

3251 **20A-7-103 (Contingently Effective 01/01/27). Constitutional amendments and**  
3252 **other questions submitted by the Legislature -- Publication -- Ballot title -- Procedures**  
3253 **for submission to popular vote.**

3254 (1) The procedures contained in this section govern when the Legislature submits a  
3255 proposed constitutional amendment or other question to the voters.

3256 (2) The lieutenant governor shall:

3257 (a) for a proposed constitutional amendment, in accordance with Utah Constitution,  
3258 Article XXIII, Section 1, publish the entire text of the proposed constitutional

3259 amendment for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, as  
3260 a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102; or

3261 (b) for a question other than a proposed constitutional amendment, publish the question  
3262 for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, as a class A  
3263 notice under Section 63G-30-102.

3264 (3)(a) The ~~[presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall:

3265 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) entitle each proposed constitutional amendment "Constitutional Amendment  
3266 \_\_\_" and assign a letter to the constitutional amendment in accordance with the  
3267 requirements of Section 20A-6-107;

3268 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) entitle each proposed question "Proposition Number \_\_\_" with the number  
3269 assigned to the proposition under Section 20A-6-107 placed in the blank;

3270 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) draft and designate a ballot title for each proposed amendment or question  
3271 submitted by the Legislature that:

3272 ~~[(i)]~~ (A) summarizes the subject matter of the amendment or question; and

3273 ~~[(ii)]~~ (B) for a proposed constitutional amendment, summarizes any legislation that  
3274 is enacted and will become effective upon the voters' adoption of the proposed  
3275 constitutional amendment; and

3276 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) deliver each letter or number and ballot title to the lieutenant governor.

3277 (b) Consistent with Section 36-12-12, the legislative general counsel performs the duties  
3278 in this section as counsel for the presiding officers.

3279 (4) The lieutenant governor shall certify the letter or number and ballot title of each  
3280 amendment or question to the county clerk of each county no later than 65 calendar days  
3281 before the date of the election.

3282 (5) The county clerk of each county shall:

3283 (a) ensure that the letter or number and the ballot title of each amendment and question  
3284 prepared in accordance with this section are included in the sample ballots and  
3285 official ballots; and

3286 (b) publish the sample ballots and official ballots as provided by law.

3287 Section 36. Section **20A-7-105** is amended to read:

3288 **20A-7-105 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual petition processes -- Obtaining**  
3289 **signatures -- Verification -- Submitting the petition -- Certification of signatures --**  
3290 **Transfer to lieutenant governor -- Removal of signature.**

3291 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process and the manual referendum  
3292 process.

- 3293 (2) As used in this section:
- 3294 (a) "Local petition" means:
- 3295 (i) a manual local initiative petition described in Part 5, Local Initiatives -
- 3296 Procedures; or
- 3297 (ii) a manual local referendum petition described in Part 6, Local Referenda -
- 3298 Procedures.
- 3299 (b) "Packet" means an initiative packet or referendum packet.
- 3300 (c) "Petition" means a local petition or statewide petition.
- 3301 (d) "Statewide petition" means:
- 3302 (i) a manual statewide initiative petition described in Part 2, Statewide Initiatives; or
- 3303 (ii) a manual statewide referendum petition described in Part 3, Statewide Referenda.
- 3304 (3)(a) A Utah voter may sign a statewide petition if the voter is a legal voter.
- 3305 (b) A Utah voter may sign a local petition if the voter:
- 3306 (i) is a legal voter; and
- 3307 (ii) resides in the local jurisdiction.
- 3308 (4)(a) The sponsors shall ensure that the individual in whose presence each signature
- 3309 sheet was signed:
- 3310 (i) is at least 18 years old;
- 3311 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification printed on the last
- 3312 page of each packet; and
- 3313 (iii) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand:
- 3314 (A) for an initiative petition, the law proposed by the initiative; or
- 3315 (B) for a referendum petition, the law that the referendum seeks to overturn.
- 3316 (b) An individual may not sign the verification printed on the last page of a packet if the
- 3317 individual signed a signature sheet in the packet.
- 3318 (5)(a) The sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall submit a signed and verified
- 3319 packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5
- 3320 p.m. no later than the earlier of:
- 3321 (i) for a statewide initiative:
- 3322 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
- 3323 the first individual signs the initiative packet;
- 3324 (B) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on
- 3325 which the application for the initiative petition is filed; or
- 3326 (C) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election

- 3327 immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-202;
- 3328 (ii) for a statewide referendum:
- 3329 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
- 3330 the first individual signs the referendum packet; or
- 3331 (B) the first business day that is at least 40 calendar days after the day on which
- 3332 the legislative session at which the law passed ends;
- 3333 (iii) for a local initiative:
- 3334 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
- 3335 the first individual signs the initiative packet;
- 3336 (B) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on
- 3337 which the application is filed;
- 3338 (C) the April 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately
- 3339 after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502, if the local initiative is a
- 3340 county initiative; or
- 3341 (D) the April 15 immediately before the next municipal general election
- 3342 immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-502, if the local
- 3343 initiative is a municipal initiative; or
- 3344 (iv) for a local referendum:
- 3345 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
- 3346 the first individual signs the referendum packet; or
- 3347 (B) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which
- 3348 the sponsors receive the items described in Subsection 20A-7-604(3) from the
- 3349 local clerk.
- 3350 (b) A person may not submit a packet after the applicable deadline described in
- 3351 Subsection (5)(a).
- 3352 (c) Before delivering an initiative packet to the county clerk under this Subsection (5),
- 3353 the sponsors shall send an email to each individual who provides a legible, valid
- 3354 email address on the signature sheet that includes the following:
- 3355 (i) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding
- 3356 Your Petition Signature"; and
- 3357 (ii) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:
- 3358 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:
- 3359 [insert title of initiative]
- 3360 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the initiative, the fiscal impact statement, and

3361 information on the deadline for removing your signature from the petition, please visit the  
 3362 following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the individual directly to the page  
 3363 on the lieutenant governor's or county clerk's website that includes the information referred to  
 3364 in the email]."

3365 (d) For a statewide initiative, the sponsors shall, no later than 5 p.m. on the day on which  
 3366 the sponsors submit the last initiative packet to the county clerk, submit to the  
 3367 lieutenant governor:

3368 (i) a list containing:

3369 (A) the name and email address of each individual the sponsors sent, or caused to  
 3370 be sent, the email described in Subsection (5)(c); and

3371 (B) the date the email was sent;

3372 (ii) a copy of the email described in Subsection (5)(c); and

3373 (iii) the following written verification, completed and signed by each of the sponsors:

3374 "Verification of initiative sponsor State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_ I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 3375 of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3376 I am a sponsor of the initiative petition entitled \_\_\_\_\_; and

3377 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email  
 3378 address on a signature sheet submitted to the county clerk in relation to the initiative petition,  
 3379 the email described in Utah Code Subsection 20A-7-105(5)(c).

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3381 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)."[;]

3382 (e) For a local initiative, the sponsors shall, no later than 5 p.m. on the day on which the  
 3383 sponsors submit the last initiative packet to the local clerk, submit to the local clerk  
 3384 the items described in Subsection (5)(d).

3385 (f) Signatures gathered for an initiative petition are not valid if the sponsors do not  
 3386 comply with Subsection (5)(c), (d), or (e).

3387 (6)(a) Within 21 calendar days after the day on which the county clerk receives the  
 3388 packet, the county clerk shall:

3389 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002, or 20A-7-106 if applicable,  
 3390 to determine whether each signer is a legal voter and, as applicable, the  
 3391 jurisdiction where the signer is registered to vote;

3392 (ii) for a statewide initiative or a statewide referendum:

3393 (A) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a legal voter;

3394 (B) post the [~~name,~~]voter identification number[;] and the date of signature of

- 3395 each legal voter certified under Subsection (6)(a)(ii)(A) on the lieutenant  
 3396 governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant  
 3397 governor; and
- 3398 (C) deliver the verified packet to the lieutenant governor;
- 3399 (iii) for a local initiative or a local referendum:
- 3400 (A) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a legal voter who is  
 3401 registered in the jurisdiction to which the initiative or referendum relates;
- 3402 (B) post the ~~[name,-]~~voter identification number~~[-]~~ and the date of signature of  
 3403 each legal voter certified under Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(A) on the lieutenant  
 3404 governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant  
 3405 governor; and
- 3406 (C) deliver the verified packet to the local clerk.
- 3407 (b) For a local initiative or local referendum, the local clerk shall post a link in a  
 3408 conspicuous location on the local government's website to the posting described in  
 3409 Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(B):
- 3410 (i) for a local initiative, during the period of time described in Subsection  
 3411 20A-7-507(3)(a); or
- 3412 (ii) for a local referendum, during the period of time described in Subsection  
 3413 20A-7-607(2)(a)(i).
- 3414 (7) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (6):
- 3415 (a) on a packet that is not verified in accordance with Subsection (4); or
- 3416 (b) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.
- 3417 (8)(a) A voter who signs a statewide initiative petition may have the voter's signature  
 3418 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to  
 3419 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later  
 3420 than 5 p.m. the earlier of:
- 3421 (i) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk before December 1:
- 3422 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which  
 3423 the voter signs the signature removal statement; or
- 3424 (B) the first business day that is at least 90 calendar days after the day on which  
 3425 the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-207(2);  
 3426 or
- 3427 (ii) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk on or after December 1:
- 3428 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which

- 3429 the voter signs the signature removal statement; or
- 3430 (B) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which
- 3431 the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-207(2).
- 3432 (b) A voter who signs a statewide referendum petition may have the voter's signature
- 3433 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to
- 3434 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later
- 3435 than 5 p.m. the earlier of:
- 3436 (i) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which the
- 3437 voter signs the statement requesting removal; or
- 3438 (ii) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which the
- 3439 lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-307(2).
- 3440 (c) A voter who signs a local initiative petition may have the voter's signature removed
- 3441 from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to the
- 3442 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later than
- 3443 5 p.m. the earlier of:
- 3444 (i) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which the
- 3445 voter signs the signature removal statement;
- 3446 (ii) the first business day that is at least 90 calendar days after the day on which the
- 3447 local clerk posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-507(2);
- 3448 (iii) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on
- 3449 which the application is filed; or
- 3450 (iv)(A) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular
- 3451 general election immediately after the application is filed under Section
- 3452 20A-7-502; or
- 3453 (B) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal
- 3454 general election immediately after the application is filed under Section
- 3455 20A-7-502.
- 3456 (d) A voter who signs a local referendum petition may have the voter's signature
- 3457 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to
- 3458 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later
- 3459 than 5 p.m. the earlier of:
- 3460 (i) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which the
- 3461 voter signs the statement requesting removal; or
- 3462 (ii) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which the

3463 local clerk posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-607(2)(a).

3464 (e) In order for the signature to be removed, the county clerk must receive the statement  
3465 described in this Subsection (8) before 5 p.m. no later than the applicable deadline  
3466 described in this Subsection (8).

3467 (f) A county clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature from a  
3468 petition, in accordance with Subsection 20A-1-1003(3).

3469 (9)(a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under  
3470 Subsection (8) and determines that the signature should be removed from the petition  
3471 under Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the county clerk shall:

3472 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are  
3473 not included in the posting described in Subsection (6)(a)(ii)(B) or (iii)(B); and

3474 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the signature packets and signature packet  
3475 totals.

3476 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (9)(a) before the later of:

3477 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (6)(a); or

3478 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement  
3479 requesting signature removal under Subsection (8).

3480 (10) A person may not retrieve a packet from a county clerk, or make any alterations or  
3481 corrections to a packet, after the packet is submitted to the county clerk.

3482 Section 37. Section **20A-7-203** is amended to read:

3483 **20A-7-203 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative**  
3484 **petition and signature sheets.**

3485 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

3486 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3487 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_, Lieutenant Governor:

3488 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed  
3489 law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or rejection at the  
3490 regular general election/session to be held/ beginning on \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year);

3491 Each signer says:

3492 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying  
3493 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the  
3494 initials "AV" as my signature;

3495 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
3496 initiative petition;

3497 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3498 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3499 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.

3500 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3501 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
 3502 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
 3503 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3504 NOTICE TO SIGNERS:

3505 Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public  
 3506 hearings.)".

3507 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least  
 3508 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

3509 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax  
 3510 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
 3511 increase in the current tax rate."[:]

3512 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
 3513 proposed law to each initiative petition.

3514 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

3515 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3516 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the  
 3517 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3518 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,  
 3519 bold type;

3520 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch  
 3521 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3522 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3523 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
 3524 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3525 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

3526 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

3527 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3528 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
 3529 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point  
 3530 type;

- 3531 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3532 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3533 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 3534 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3535 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3536 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3537 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 3538 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3539 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3540 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 3541 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3542 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 3543 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3544 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 3545 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3546 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3547 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 3548 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 3549 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 3550 and contain the following statement, "By signing this initiative petition, you are
- 3551 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
- 3552 petition." in 12-point type;
- 3553 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 3554 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 3555 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 3556 (i) the words "Fiscal Impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at least
- 3557 12-point, bold type;
- 3558 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (5), the initial fiscal impact statement issued by
- 3559 the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in accordance with Subsection
- 3560 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in accordance with Subsection
- 3561 20A-7-204.1(5), in not less than 12-point type;
- 3562 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:
- 3563 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
- 3564 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent

3565 increase in the current tax rate."; and

3566 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not  
3567 less than eight-point type:

3568 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name  
3569 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
3570 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
3571 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3572 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity  
3573 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
3574 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified  
3575 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3576 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed  
3577 statement:

3578 Verification of signature collector

3579 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

3580 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3581 I am at least 18 years old;

3582 All the names that appear in this initiative packet were signed by individuals who  
3583 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed  
3584 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying  
3585 disability, I have signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the  
3586 individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's  
3587 signature;

3588 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative  
3589 packet by the initials "AV":

3590 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative  
3591 petition on the individual's behalf;

3592 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
3593 capacity to give direction or consent;

3594 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
3595 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

3596 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
3597 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

3598 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature

3599 sheet;

3600 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by  
3601 the initiative;

3602 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
3603 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is  
3604 registered to vote in Utah;

3605 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

3606 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this initiative  
3607 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

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3609 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

3610 (5) If the initial fiscal impact statement described in Subsection (3)(f)(ii), as updated in  
3611 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), exceeds 200 words, the Office of the  
3612 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall prepare a shorter summary statement, for the purpose of  
3613 inclusion on an initiative signature sheet, that does not exceed 200 words.

3614 (6) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions  
3615 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3616 Section 38. Section **20A-7-215** is amended to read:

3617 **20A-7-215 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative**  
3618 **petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3619 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

3620 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3621 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Lieutenant  
3622 Governor:

3623 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following  
3624 proposed law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or  
3625 rejection at the regular general election/session to be held/beginning on  
3626 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year)."

3627 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
3628 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
3629 understand the information presented on this screen."

3630 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the following  
3631 statement:

3632 "Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public

- 3633 hearings.)".
- 3634 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
3635 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
3636 and understand the information presented on this screen."
- 3637 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of  
3638 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-202(2)(e)(i), followed by the entire text  
3639 of the proposed law.
- 3640 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link  
3641 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
3642 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."
- 3643 (5) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the  
3644 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to  
3645 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement: "By clicking here, I  
3646 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen":
- 3647 (a) a description of all proposed sources of funding for the costs associated with the  
3648 proposed law, including the proposed percentage of total funding from each source;
- 3649 (b)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative  
3650 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage  
3651 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
3652 increase in the current tax rate."; or
- 3653 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This  
3654 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";
- 3655 (c) the initial fiscal impact statement issued by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal  
3656 Analyst in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in  
3657 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5)(b);
- 3658 (d) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition  
3659 may be paid for gathering signatures; and
- 3660 (e) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":  
3661 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;  
3662 I am personally signing this initiative petition;  
3663 I am registered to vote in Utah; and  
3664 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is  
3665 accurate.
- 3666 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name

3667 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
 3668 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
 3669 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3670 [WARNING

3671 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter  
 3672 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be  
 3673 made public.]

3674 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3675 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
 3676 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
 3677 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3678 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

3679 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection  
 3680 (5)(e), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your  
 3681 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3682 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection  
 3683 (5)(e), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
 3684 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the initiative petition through the  
 3685 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3686 Section 39. Section **20A-7-217** is amended to read:

3687 **20A-7-217 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Collecting**  
 3688 **signatures -- Email notification -- Removal of signatures.**

3689 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

3690 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., the earlier of:

3691 (a) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on which  
 3692 the initiative application is filed; or

3693 (b) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately  
 3694 after the initiative application is filed under Section 20A-7-202.

3695 (3) The lieutenant governor shall send to each individual who provides a valid email  
 3696 address during the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

3697 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding  
 3698 Your Petition Signature"; and

3699 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

3700 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

3701 [insert title of initiative]

3702 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the text of the law proposed by the initiative,  
3703 the fiscal impact statement, and information on the deadline for removing your signature from  
3704 the initiative petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that  
3705 takes the individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the  
3706 information referred to in the email]."

3707 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days  
3708 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs an initiative petition is  
3709 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [~~name,~~]voter identification number[~~,~~] and  
3710 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a  
3711 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor.

3712 (5)(a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under  
3713 Subsection 20A-7-216(4), the county clerk shall:

3714 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are  
3715 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

3716 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the initiative petition and the initiative petition  
3717 signature totals.

3718 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

3719 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

3720 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement  
3721 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-216(4).

3722 Section 40. Section **20A-7-303** is amended to read:

3723 **20A-7-303 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual referendum process -- Form of**  
3724 **referendum petition and signature sheets.**

3725 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

3726 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3727 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_, Lieutenant Governor:

3728 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill No.

3729 \_\_\_\_, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth here

3730 the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state of

3731 Utah during the \_\_\_\_ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or rejection

3732 at a regular general election or a statewide special election;

3733 Each signer says:

3734 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a

3735 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer  
3736 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

3737 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
3738 referendum petition;

3739 I have personally read the entire statement included with this referendum packet;

3740 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3741 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.[".]

3742 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3743 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
3744 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
3745 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

3746 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
3747 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

3748 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

3749 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3750 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the  
3751 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3752 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least  
3753 14-point, bold type;

3754 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch  
3755 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3756 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3757 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
3758 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3759 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

3760 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

3761 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3762 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
3763 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point  
3764 type;

3765 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3766 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
3767 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

3768 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

- 3769 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3770 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3771 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 3772 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3773 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3774 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 3775 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3776 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 3777 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3778 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 3779 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3780 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3781 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 3782 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 3783 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 3784 and contain the following words "By signing this referendum petition, you are
- 3785 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition
- 3786 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

3787 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at

3788 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

3789 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by

3790 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

3791 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name

3792 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than

3793 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual

3794 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3795 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity

3796 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be

3797 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified

3798 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3799 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed

3800 statement:

3801 Verification of signature collector

3802 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_

3803 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3804 I am at least 18 years old;

3805 All the names that appear in this referendum packet were signed by individuals who  
3806 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed  
3807 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying  
3808 disability, I have signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of  
3809 the individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's  
3810 signature;

3811 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum  
3812 packet by the initials "AV":

3813 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum  
3814 petition on the individual's behalf;

3815 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
3816 capacity to give direction or consent;

3817 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
3818 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's  
3819 behalf;

3820 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
3821 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

3822 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature  
3823 sheet;

3824 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition  
3825 seeks to overturn;

3826 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
3827 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each  
3828 signer is registered to vote in Utah;

3829 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

3830 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum  
3831 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3832 \_\_\_\_\_  
3833 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date).

3834 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum  
3835 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3836 Section 41. Section **20A-7-313** is amended to read:

3837           **20A-7-313 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Form of**  
3838 **referendum petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3839 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

3840 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3841           "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_, Lieutenant  
3842 Governor:

3843           The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill  
3844 No. \_\_\_\_, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth  
3845 here the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state  
3846 of Utah during the \_\_\_\_ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or  
3847 rejection at a regular general election or a statewide special election."

3848 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
3849 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
3850 understand the information presented on this screen."

3851 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text  
3852 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

3853 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
3854 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
3855 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum  
3856 petition."

3857 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement  
3858 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be  
3859 paid for gathering signatures.

3860 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link  
3861 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
3862 understand the information presented on this screen."

3863 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,  
3864 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

3865           "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

3866           I am personally signing this referendum petition;

3867           I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3868           All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is  
3869 accurate.

3870           It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name

3871 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
 3872 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual  
 3873 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3874 [WARNING

3875 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter  
 3876 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this referendum petition will  
 3877 be made public.]

3878 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3879 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
 3880 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
 3881 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3882 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

3883 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),  
 3884 the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.  
 3885 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3886 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),  
 3887 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
 3888 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the  
 3889 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3890 Section 42. Section **20A-7-315** is amended to read:

3891 **20A-7-315 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Collecting**  
 3892 **signatures -- Removal of signatures.**

3893 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

3894 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., 40 calendar days after the  
 3895 day on which the legislative session at which the law passed ends.

3896 (3) The lieutenant governor shall send to each individual who provides a valid email  
 3897 address during the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

3898 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding  
 3899 Your Petition Signature"; and

3900 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

3901 "You signed a petition for the following referendum:

3902 [insert title of referendum]

3903 To access a copy of the referendum petition, the law that is the subject of the referendum  
 3904 petition, and information on the deadline for removing your signature from the referendum

3905 petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the  
3906 individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the  
3907 information referred to in the email]."

3908 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days  
3909 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs a referendum petition is  
3910 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [name,] voter identification number[,] and  
3911 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a  
3912 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor.

3913 (5)(a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under  
3914 Subsection 20A-7-314(4), the county clerk shall:

3915 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are  
3916 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

3917 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the referendum petition and the signature totals.

3918 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

3919 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

3920 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement  
3921 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-314(4).

3922 Section 43. Section **20A-7-503** is amended to read:

3923 **20A-7-503 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative**  
3924 **petition and signature sheet.**

3925 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

3926 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3927 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town  
3928 Clerk:

3929 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed  
3930 law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next meeting; and  
3931 the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the proposed law or  
3932 takes no action on it.

3933 Each signer says:

3934 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying  
3935 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the  
3936 initials "AV" as my signature;

3937 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
3938 petition;

3939 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3940 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3941 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

3942 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3943 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
 3944 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
 3945 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

3946 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least  
 3947 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

3948 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax  
 3949 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
 3950 increase in the current tax rate."

3951 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
 3952 proposed law to each initiative petition.

3953 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

3954 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3955 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the  
 3956 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3957 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,  
 3958 bold type;

3959 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch  
 3960 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3961 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3962 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
 3963 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3964 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

3965 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

3966 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3967 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
 3968 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point  
 3969 type;

3970 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3971 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
 3972 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

- 3973 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3974 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3975 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3976 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 3977 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3978 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3979 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 3980 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3981 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 3982 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3983 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 3984 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3985 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 3986 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 3987 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 3988 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,
- 3989 and contain the following words "By signing this initiative petition, you are
- 3990 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative
- 3991 petition." in 12-point type;
- 3992 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at
- 3993 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 3994 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 3995 (i) the words "Fiscal and legal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at
- 3996 least 12-point, bold type;
- 3997 (ii) the summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by
- 3998 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost
- 3999 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition
- 4000 in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3), in not less than 12-point, bold
- 4001 type;
- 4002 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:
- 4003 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
- 4004 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
- 4005 increase in the current tax rate."; and
- 4006 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not

4007 less than eight-point type:

4008 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name  
4009 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
4010 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
4011 that the individual is not a registered voter.

4012 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity  
4013 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
4014 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified  
4015 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

4016 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed  
4017 statement:

4018 "Verification of signature collector

4019 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

4020 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

4021 I am at least 18 years old;

4022 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be  
4023 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's  
4024 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have  
4025 signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and in  
4026 the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

4027 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative  
4028 packet by the initials "AV":

4029 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative  
4030 petition on the individual's behalf;

4031 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
4032 capacity to give direction or consent;

4033 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
4034 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

4035 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
4036 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

4037 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature  
4038 sheet;

4039 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by  
4040 the initiative; and

4041 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
 4042 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is  
 4043 registered to vote in Utah.

4044 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4045 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

4046 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

4047 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to  
 4048 encourage that individual to sign it.

4049 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4050 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

4051 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions  
 4052 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

4053 Section 44. Section **20A-7-514** is amended to read:

4054 **20A-7-514 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative**  
 4055 **petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

4056 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

4057 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

4058 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk/City  
 4059 Recorder/Town Clerk:

4060 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following  
 4061 proposed law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next  
 4062 meeting; and the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the  
 4063 proposed law or takes no action on it."

4064 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
 4065 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
 4066 understand the information presented on this screen."

4067 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of  
 4068 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-502(2)(d)(i), followed by the entire text  
 4069 of the proposed law.

4070 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
 4071 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
 4072 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."

4073 (4) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the  
 4074 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to

4075 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement, "By clicking here, I  
4076 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":

4077 (a)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative  
4078 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage  
4079 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
4080 increase in the current tax rate."; or

4081 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This  
4082 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";

4083 (b) the summary statement from the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by  
4084 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost  
4085 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition in  
4086 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3);

4087 (c) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition  
4088 may be paid for gathering signatures; and

4089 (d) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

4090 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

4091 I am personally signing this petition;

4092 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

4093 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is  
4094 accurate.

4095 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name  
4096 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
4097 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
4098 that the individual is not a registered voter.

4099 [WARNING

4100 ~~Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter  
4101 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be  
4102 made public.]~~

4103 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4104 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
4105 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
4106 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

4107 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

4108 (5)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection

4109 (4)(d), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your  
4110 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

4111 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection  
4112 (4)(d), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
4113 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the petition through the signature  
4114 process described in Section 20A-21-201.

4115 Section 45. Section **20A-7-516** is amended to read:

4116 **20A-7-516 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Collecting**  
4117 **signatures -- Email notification -- Removal of signatures.**

4118 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

4119 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., the earlier of:

4120 (a) 316 calendar days after the day on which the initiative application is filed; or

4121 (b)(i) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general  
4122 election immediately after the initiative application is filed under Section  
4123 20A-7-502; or

4124 (ii) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal general  
4125 election immediately after the initiative application is filed under Section  
4126 20A-7-502.

4127 (3) The local clerk shall send to each individual who provides a valid email address during  
4128 the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

4129 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding  
4130 Your Petition Signature"; and

4131 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

4132 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

4133 [insert title of initiative]

4134 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the text of the law proposed by the initiative,  
4135 the initial fiscal impact and legal statement, and information on the deadline for removing your  
4136 signature from the initiative petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource  
4137 locator that takes the individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that  
4138 includes the information referred to in the email]."

4139 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days  
4140 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs an initiative petition is  
4141 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [name,]voter identification number[,], and  
4142 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a

4143 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor.

4144 (5)(a) If the local clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under  
4145 Subsection 20A-7-515(4), the local clerk shall:

4146 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are  
4147 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

4148 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the initiative petition and the initiative petition  
4149 signature totals.

4150 (b) The local clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

4151 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

4152 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement  
4153 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-515(4).

4154 Section 46. Section **20A-7-603** is amended to read:

4155 **20A-7-603 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual referendum process -- Form of**  
4156 **referendum petition and signature sheet.**

4157 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

4158 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

4159 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_, County Clerk/City  
4160 Recorder/Town Clerk:

4161 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that (description of local law or  
4162 portion of local law being challenged), passed by the \_\_\_\_ be referred to the voters for their  
4163 approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on  
4164 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year);

4165 Each signer says:

4166 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a  
4167 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer  
4168 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

4169 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
4170 petition;

4171 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

4172 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

4173 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

4174 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4175 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
4176 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter

- 4177 registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 4178 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the
- 4179 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.
- 4180 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:
- 4181 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 4182 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the
- 4183 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
- 4184 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least
- 4185 14-point type;
- 4186 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch
- 4187 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
- 4188 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
- 4189 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For
- 4190 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
- 4191 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
- 4192 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4193 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 4194 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4195 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point
- 4196 type;
- 4197 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4198 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4199 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 4200 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4201 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 4202 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4203 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 4204 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4205 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4206 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 4207 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4208 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 4209 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words
- 4210 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;

4211 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;  
 4212 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
 4213 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;  
 4214 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and  
 4215 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,  
 4216 and contain the following words, "By signing this referendum petition, you are  
 4217 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition  
 4218 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

4219 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at  
 4220 the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

4221 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by  
 4222 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

4223 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name  
 4224 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
 4225 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual  
 4226 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

4227 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity  
 4228 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
 4229 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified  
 4230 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

4231 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed  
 4232 statement:

4233 "Verification of signature collector

4234 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

4235 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

4236 I am at least 18 years old;

4237 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be  
 4238 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's  
 4239 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have  
 4240 signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and  
 4241 in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

4242 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum  
 4243 packet by the initials "AV":

4244 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum

4245 petition on the individual's behalf;

4246 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
4247 capacity to give direction or consent;

4248 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
4249 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's  
4250 behalf;

4251 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
4252 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

4253 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature  
4254 sheet;

4255 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition  
4256 seeks to overturn; and

4257 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
4258 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each  
4259 signer is registered to vote in Utah.

4260 \_\_\_\_\_  
4261 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

4262 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

4263 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum  
4264 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

4265 \_\_\_\_\_  
4266 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

4267 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum  
4268 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

4269 Section 47. Section **20A-7-614** is amended to read:

4270 **20A-7-614 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Form of**  
4271 **referendum petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

4272 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

4273 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

4274 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_, County  
4275 Clerk/City Recorder/Town Clerk:

4276 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that (description of local  
4277 law or portion of local law being challenged), passed by the \_\_\_\_ be referred to the voters for  
4278 their approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on

4279 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year)."

4280 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
4281 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
4282 understand the information presented on this screen."

4283 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text  
4284 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

4285 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
4286 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
4287 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum  
4288 petition."

4289 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement  
4290 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be  
4291 paid for gathering signatures.

4292 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link  
4293 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
4294 and understand the information presented on this screen."

4295 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,  
4296 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

4297 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

4298 I am personally signing this referendum petition;

4299 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

4300 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is  
4301 accurate.

4302 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name  
4303 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
4304 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual  
4305 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

4306 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4307 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
4308 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
4309 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

4310 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

4311 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),  
4312 the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.

4313 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

4314 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),  
4315 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
4316 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the  
4317 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

4318 Section 48. Section **20A-7-616** is amended to read:

4319 **20A-7-616 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Collecting**  
4320 **signatures -- Removal of signatures.**

4321 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

4322 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m. 45 calendar days after the  
4323 day on which the first three sponsors receive notice, under Section 20A-7-602.7 or  
4324 20A-7-602.8, that the referendum is legally referable to voters.

4325 (3) The local clerk shall send to each individual who provides a valid email address during  
4326 the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

4327 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding  
4328 Your Petition Signature"; and

4329 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

4330 "You signed a petition for the following referendum:

4331 [insert title of referendum]

4332 To access a copy of the referendum petition, the law that is the subject of the referendum  
4333 petition, and information on the deadline for removing your signature from the referendum  
4334 petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the  
4335 individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the  
4336 information referred to in the email]."

4337 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days  
4338 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs a referendum petition is  
4339 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [name,] voter identification number[,], and  
4340 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a  
4341 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 45 calendar days.

4342 (5)(a) If the local clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under  
4343 Subsection 20A-7-615(4), the local clerk shall:

4344 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are  
4345 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

4346 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the referendum petition and the signature totals.

- 4347 (b) The local clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:  
 4348 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or  
 4349 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement  
 4350 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-615(4).

4351 Section 49. Section **20A-7-702** is amended to read:

4352 **20A-7-702 (Effective upon governor's approval). Voter information pamphlet --**  
 4353 **Form -- Contents.**

4354 The voter information pamphlet shall contain the following items in this order:

- 4355 (1) a cover title page;  
 4356 (2) an introduction to the pamphlet by the lieutenant governor;  
 4357 (3) a table of contents;  
 4358 (4) a list of all candidates for constitutional offices;  
 4359 (5) a list of candidates for each legislative district;  
 4360 (6) a 100-word statement of qualifications for each candidate for the office of governor,  
 4361 lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, or state treasurer, if submitted by the  
 4362 candidate to the lieutenant governor's office before 5 p.m. on the first business day in  
 4363 August before the date of the election;  
 4364 (7) information pertaining to all measures to be submitted to the voters, beginning a new  
 4365 page for each measure and containing, in the following order for each measure:  
 4366 (a) a copy of the number and ballot title of the measure;  
 4367 (b) the final vote cast by the Legislature on the measure if it is a measure submitted by  
 4368 the Legislature or by referendum;  
 4369 (c)(i) for a measure other than a measure described in Section 20A-7-103, the  
 4370 impartial analysis of the measure prepared by the Office of Legislative Research  
 4371 and General Counsel; or  
 4372 (ii) for a measure described in Section 20A-7-103, the analysis of the measure  
 4373 prepared by the ~~[presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel;  
 4374 (d) the arguments in favor of the measure, the rebuttal to the arguments in favor of the  
 4375 measure, the arguments against the measure, and the rebuttal to the arguments against  
 4376 the measure, with the name and title of the authors at the end of each argument or  
 4377 rebuttal;  
 4378 (e) for each constitutional amendment, a complete copy of the text of the constitutional  
 4379 amendment, with all new language underlined, and all deleted language placed within  
 4380 brackets;

- 4381 (f) for each initiative qualified for the ballot:
- 4382 (i) a copy of the initiative as certified by the lieutenant governor and a copy of the
- 4383 initial fiscal impact statement prepared according to Section 20A-7-202.5; and
- 4384 (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in bold type:
- 4385 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax
- 4386 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent
- 4387 increase in the current tax rate."; and
- 4388 (g) for each referendum qualified for the ballot, a complete copy of the text of the law
- 4389 being submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection, with all new language
- 4390 underlined and all deleted language placed within brackets, as applicable;
- 4391 (8) a description provided by the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission of the
- 4392 selection and retention process for judges, including, in the following order:
- 4393 (a) a description of the judicial selection process;
- 4394 (b) a description of the judicial performance evaluation process;
- 4395 (c) a description of the judicial retention election process;
- 4396 (d) a list of the criteria of the judicial performance evaluation and the certification
- 4397 standards;
- 4398 (e) the names of the judges standing for retention election; and
- 4399 (f) for each judge:
- 4400 (i) a list of the counties in which the judge is subject to retention election;
- 4401 (ii) a short biography of professional qualifications and a recent photograph;
- 4402 (iii) a narrative concerning the judge's performance;
- 4403 (iv) for each certification standard under Section 78A-12-205, a statement identifying
- 4404 whether, under Section 78A-12-205, the judge met the standard and, if not, the
- 4405 manner in which the judge failed to meet the standard;
- 4406 (v) a statement that the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission:
- 4407 (A) has determined that the judge meets or exceeds minimum performance
- 4408 standards;
- 4409 (B) has determined that the judge does not meet or exceed minimum performance
- 4410 standards; or
- 4411 (C) has not made a determination regarding whether the judge meets or exceeds
- 4412 minimum performance standards;
- 4413 (vi) any statement, described in Subsection 78A-12-206(3)(b), provided by a judge
- 4414 whom the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission determines does not meet

- 4415 or exceed minimum performance standards;
- 4416 (vii) in a bar graph, the average of responses to each survey category, displayed with
- 4417 an identification of the minimum acceptable score as set by Section 78A-12-205
- 4418 and the average score of all judges of the same court level; and
- 4419 (viii) a website address that contains the Judicial Performance Evaluation
- 4420 Commission's report on the judge's performance evaluation;
- 4421 (9) for each judge, a statement provided by the Utah Supreme Court identifying the
- 4422 cumulative number of informal reprimands, when consented to by the judge in
- 4423 accordance with Title 78A, Chapter 11, Judicial Conduct Commission, formal
- 4424 reprimands, and all orders of censure and suspension issued by the Utah Supreme Court
- 4425 under Utah Constitution, Article VIII, Section 13, during the judge's current term and the
- 4426 immediately preceding term, and a detailed summary of the supporting reasons for each
- 4427 violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct that the judge has received;
- 4428 (10) an explanation of ballot marking procedures prepared by the lieutenant governor,
- 4429 indicating the ballot marking procedure used by each county and explaining how to
- 4430 mark the ballot for each procedure;
- 4431 (11) voter registration information, including information on how to obtain a ballot;
- 4432 (12) a list of all county clerks' offices and phone numbers;
- 4433 (13) the address of the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website, with a statement
- 4434 indicating that the election officer will post on the website any changes to the location of
- 4435 a polling place and the location of any additional polling place;
- 4436 (14) a phone number that a voter may call to obtain information regarding the location of a
- 4437 polling place; and
- 4438 (15) on the back cover page, a printed copy of the following statement signed by the lieutenant
- 4439 governor:
- 4440 "I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), Lieutenant Governor of Utah, certify that the
- 4441 measures contained in this pamphlet will be submitted to the voters of Utah at the election to
- 4442 be held throughout the state on \_\_\_\_ (date of election), and that this pamphlet is complete and
- 4443 correct according to law.
- 4444 SEAL
- 4445 Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Salt Lake City, Utah this \_\_\_\_ day
- 4446 of \_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_ (year)
- 4447

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_

4448

Lieutenant Governor".

4449 Section 50. Section **20A-7-703.1** is amended to read:4450 **20A-7-703.1 (Effective upon governor's approval). Analysis of measure**  
4451 **submitted to voters by Legislature -- Determination of fiscal effects.**4452 [~~(1) The presiding officers shall:~~]4453 [~~(a) prepare an analysis of each measure, described in Section 20A-7-103, that is~~  
4454 ~~submitted to the voters by the Legislature; and]~~4455 [~~(b) submit the analysis to the lieutenant governor no later than 90 calendar days before~~  
4456 ~~the date of the election in which the measure will appear on the ballot.]~~4457 (1) As provided in this section, the legislative general counsel shall prepare an analysis of  
4458 each measure described in Section 20A-7-103 that the Legislature submits to the voters.4459 (2) The [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall ensure that the analysis:

4460 (a) is not more than 1,000 words long;

4461 (b) is prepared in clear and concise language that will easily be understood by the  
4462 average voter;

4463 (c) to the extent possible, avoids the use of technical terms;

4464 (d) shows the effect of the measure on existing law;

4465 (e) describes the measure;

4466 (f) identifies the measure's fiscal effects over the time period or time periods determined  
4467 by the [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel to be most useful in  
4468 understanding the estimated fiscal impact of the measure; and4469 (g) identifies the amount of any increase or decrease in revenue or cost to state or local  
4470 government.4471 (3) The [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall analyze the measure as the  
4472 measure is proposed to be adopted, without considering any implementing legislation,  
4473 unless the implementing legislation has been enacted and will become effective upon the  
4474 adoption of the measure by the voters.4475 (4)(a) In determining the fiscal effects of a measure, the [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative  
4476 general counsel shall confer with the legislative fiscal analyst.4477 (b) The [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall consider any measure that  
4478 requires implementing legislation in order to take effect to have no financial effect,  
4479 unless implementing legislation has been enacted that will become effective upon  
4480 adoption of the measure by the voters.

4481 (5) If the [~~presiding officers request~~] legislative general counsel requests the assistance of  
 4482 any state department, agency, or official in preparing the analysis described in this  
 4483 section, that department, agency, or official shall assist the [~~presiding officers~~] legislative  
 4484 general counsel.

4485 (6) The legislative general counsel shall submit the analysis to the lieutenant governor no  
 4486 later than 90 calendar days before the date of the election in which the measure will  
 4487 appear on the ballot.

4488 (7) Consistent with Section 36-12-12, the legislative general counsel performs the duties in  
 4489 this section as counsel for the presiding officers.

4490 Section 51. Section **20A-8-103** is amended to read:

4491 **20A-8-103 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition procedures -- Criminal penalty --**

4492 **Removal of signature.**

4493 (1) As used in this section, the proposed name or emblem of a registered political party is  
 4494 "distinguishable" if a reasonable person of average intelligence will be able to perceive a  
 4495 difference between the proposed name or emblem and any name or emblem currently  
 4496 being used by another registered political party.

4497 (2) To become a registered political party, an organization of registered voters that is not a  
 4498 continuing political party shall:

4499 (a) circulate a petition seeking registered political party status beginning no earlier than  
 4500 the date of the statewide canvass held after the last regular general election and  
 4501 ending before 5 p.m. no later than November 30 of the year before the year in which  
 4502 the next regular general election will be held;

4503 (b) file a petition with the lieutenant governor that is signed, with a holographic  
 4504 signature, by at least 2,000 registered voters before 5 p.m. no later than November 30  
 4505 of the year in which a regular general election will be held; and

4506 (c) file, with the petition described in Subsection (2)(b), a document certifying:

4507 (i) the identity of one or more registered political parties whose members may vote  
 4508 for the organization's candidates;

4509 (ii) whether unaffiliated voters may vote for the organization's candidates; and

4510 (iii) whether, for the next election, the organization intends to nominate the  
 4511 organization's candidates in accordance with the provisions of Section 20A-9-406.

4512 (3) The petition shall:

4513 (a) be on sheets of paper [~~8-1/2~~] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

4514 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~3/4 inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the space

- 4515 above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
- 4516 (c) contain the name of the political party and the words "Political Party Registration  
4517 Petition" printed directly below the horizontal line;
- 4518 (d) contain the ~~[word "Warning" printed]~~ following statement directly under the words  
4519 described in Subsection (3)(c)~~;~~ , in at least the same size type as the majority of the  
4520 other statements on the page:

4521 ~~[(e) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed in not less  
4522 than eight-point, single leaded type:]~~

4523 "WARNING

4524 ~~["~~It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a political party registration  
4525 petition signature sheet with any name other than the individual's own name or more than once  
4526 for the same party or if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend  
4527 to become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant  
4528 governor.~~"]~~

4529 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4530 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
4531 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
4532 registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

4533 ~~[(f)] (e)~~ contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [  
4534 ~~(3)(e)] (3)(d):~~

4535 "POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_,  
4536 Lieutenant Governor:

4537 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, seek registered political party status for \_\_\_\_\_  
4538 (name);

4539 Each signer says:

4540 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

4541 I am registered to vote in Utah or will register to vote in Utah before the petition is  
4542 submitted to the lieutenant governor;

4543 I am or desire to become a member of the political party; and

4544 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

4545 ~~[(g)] (f)~~ be vertically divided into columns as follows:

- 4546 (i) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be 5/8 inch wide, be  
4547 headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a light vertical line  
4548 down the middle;

- 4549 (ii) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's  
4550 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";
- 4551 (iii) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Holographic Signature  
4552 of Registered Voter";
- 4553 (iv) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age (Optional)";
- 4554 (v) the final column shall be [~~4-3/8~~] 4.375 inches wide, headed "Street Address, City,  
4555 Zip Code"; and
- 4556 (vi) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age  
4557 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter  
4558 registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
4559 certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures  
4560 are certified or if the information you provide does not match your voter  
4561 registration records.";

4562 [~~(h)~~] (g) have a final page bound to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that  
4563 contains the following printed statement:

4564 "Verification

4565 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_

4566 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that:

4567 I am at least 18 years old;

4568 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by  
4569 individuals who professed to be the individuals whose names appear on the signature sheets,  
4570 and each individual signed the individual's name on the signature sheets in my presence; and

4571 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written  
4572 the individual's street address correctly, and that each individual is registered to vote in Utah or  
4573 will register to vote in Utah before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant governor.

4574 \_\_\_\_\_  
4575 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)"; and

4576 [~~(i)~~] (h) be bound to a cover sheet that:

- 4577 (i) identifies the political party's name, which may not exceed four words, and the  
4578 emblem of the party;
- 4579 (ii) states the process that the organization will follow to organize and adopt a  
4580 constitution and bylaws; and
- 4581 (iii) is signed by a filing officer, who agrees to receive communications on behalf of  
4582 the organization.

- 4583 (4) The filing officer described in Subsection [~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) shall ensure that the  
4584 individual in whose presence each signature sheet is signed:
- 4585 (a) is at least 18 years old; and
- 4586 (b) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more  
4587 signature sheets that are bound together.
- 4588 (5) An individual may not sign the verification if the individual signed a signature sheet  
4589 bound to the verification.
- 4590 (6) The lieutenant governor shall:
- 4591 (a) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer is  
4592 a registered voter;
- 4593 (b) review the proposed name and emblem to determine if they are "distinguishable"  
4594 from the names and emblems of other registered political parties; and
- 4595 (c) certify the lieutenant governor's findings to the filing officer described in Subsection [  
4596 ~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) within 30 calendar days after the day on which the organization  
4597 files the petition described in Subsection (2)(b).
- 4598 (7)(a) If the lieutenant governor determines that the petition meets the requirements of  
4599 this section, and that the proposed name and emblem are distinguishable, the  
4600 lieutenant governor shall authorize the filing officer described in Subsection [  
4601 ~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) to organize the prospective political party.
- 4602 (b) If the lieutenant governor finds that the name, emblem, or both are not  
4603 distinguishable from the names and emblems of other registered political parties, the  
4604 lieutenant governor shall notify the filing officer that the filing officer has seven  
4605 calendar days to electronically submit a new name or emblem to the lieutenant  
4606 governor.
- 4607 (8) A registered political party may not change its name or emblem during the regular  
4608 general election cycle.
- 4609 (9)(a) It is unlawful for an individual to:
- 4610 (i) knowingly sign a political party registration petition:
- 4611 (A) with any name other than the individual's own name;
- 4612 (B) more than once for the same political party; or
- 4613 (C) if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to  
4614 become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the  
4615 lieutenant governor; or
- 4616 (ii) sign the verification of a political party registration petition signature sheet if the

4617 individual:

4618 (A) has not witnessed the signing by those individuals whose names appear on the

4619 political party registration petition signature sheet; or

4620 (B) knows that an individual whose signature appears on the political party

4621 registration petition signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and

4622 does not intend to become registered to vote in this state.

4623 (b) An individual who violates this Subsection (9) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

4624 (10)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature

4625 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on

4626 which the petition is filed with the lieutenant governor, submitting to the lieutenant

4627 governor a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

4628 (b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements

4629 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4630 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection

4631 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a

4632 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4633 Section 52. Section **20A-9-203** is amended to read:

4634 **20A-9-203 (Effective 05/25/26). Declarations of candidacy -- Municipal general**

4635 **elections -- Nomination petition -- Removal of signature.**

4636 (1) An individual may become a candidate for any municipal office if:

4637 (a) the individual is a registered voter; and

4638 (b)(i) the individual has resided within the municipality in which the individual seeks

4639 to hold elective office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date

4640 of the election; or

4641 (ii) the territory in which the individual resides was annexed into the municipality,

4642 the individual has resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12

4643 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.

4644 (2)(a) For purposes of determining whether an individual meets the residency

4645 requirement of Subsection (1)(b)(i) in a municipality that was incorporated less than

4646 12 months before the election, the municipality is considered to have been

4647 incorporated 12 months before the date of the election.

4648 (b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), each candidate for a municipal

4649 council position shall, if elected from a district, be a resident of the council district

4650 from which the candidate is elected.

- 4651 (c) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article IV, Section 6, a mentally incompetent  
4652 individual, an individual convicted of a felony, or an individual convicted of treason  
4653 or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the  
4654 right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5.
- 4655 (3)(a) An individual seeking to become a candidate for a municipal office shall,  
4656 regardless of the nomination method by which the individual is seeking to become a  
4657 candidate:
- 4658 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), [~~Section 10-2a-214, or Chapter 4, Part 6,~~  
4659 ~~Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project,~~]and subject to Subsection  
4660 20A-9-404(3)(e), file a declaration of candidacy, in person with the city recorder  
4661 or town clerk, during the filing period described in Subsection (3)(d) and the  
4662 office hours described in Subsection 10-3-301(3); and
- 4663 (ii) pay the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- 4664 (b) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), an individual may designate an agent to file a  
4665 declaration of candidacy with the city recorder or town clerk if:
- 4666 (i) the individual is located outside of the state during the entire filing period;  
4667 (ii) the designated agent appears in person before the city recorder or town clerk;  
4668 (iii) the individual communicates with the city recorder or town clerk using an  
4669 electronic device that allows the individual and city recorder or town clerk to see  
4670 and hear each other; and
- 4671 (iv) the individual provides the city recorder or town clerk with an email address to  
4672 which the city recorder or town clerk may send the individual the copies described  
4673 in Subsection (4).
- 4674 (c) Any resident of a municipality may nominate a candidate for a municipal office by:
- 4675 (i) [~~except as provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods~~  
4676 ~~Pilot Project,~~]filing a nomination petition with the city recorder or town clerk  
4677 during the filing period described in Subsection (3)(d) and the office hours  
4678 described in Subsection 10-3-301(3) that includes signatures in support of the  
4679 nomination petition of the lesser of at least:
- 4680 (A) 25 registered voters who reside in the municipality; or  
4681 (B) 20% of the registered voters who reside in the municipality; and
- 4682 (ii) paying the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- 4683 (d) The filing period to file a declaration of candidacy for an elective office that is to be  
4684 filled at the next municipal general election:

- 4685 (i) begins at 8 a.m. on the later of:
- 4686 (A) June 1 of the year in which the next municipal general election is held; or
- 4687 (B) if June 1 is not a business day, the first business day after June 1; and
- 4688 (ii) ends at 5 p.m. on the fourth business day after the day on which the filing period
- 4689 begins.
- 4690 (4)(a) Before the filing officer may accept any declaration of candidacy or nomination
- 4691 petition, the filing officer shall:
- 4692 (i) read to the prospective candidate or individual filing the petition the constitutional
- 4693 and statutory qualification requirements for the office that the candidate is seeking;
- 4694 (ii) require the candidate or individual filing the petition to state whether the
- 4695 candidate meets the requirements described in Subsection (4)(a)(i); and
- 4696 (iii) inform the candidate or the individual filing the petition that an individual who
- 4697 holds a municipal elected office may not, at the same time, hold a county elected
- 4698 office.
- 4699 (b) If the prospective candidate does not meet the qualification requirements for the
- 4700 office, the filing officer may not accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination
- 4701 petition.
- 4702 (c) If it appears that the prospective candidate meets the requirements of candidacy, the
- 4703 filing officer shall:
- 4704 (i) inform the candidate that, subject to Section 20A-6-109, the candidate's name will
- 4705 appear on the ballot as it is written on the declaration of candidacy;
- 4706 (ii) provide the candidate with a copy of the current campaign financial disclosure
- 4707 laws for the office the candidate is seeking and inform the candidate that failure to
- 4708 comply will result in disqualification as a candidate and removal of the candidate's
- 4709 name from the ballot;
- 4710 (iii) provide the candidate with a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide
- 4711 Electronic Voter Information Website Program and inform the candidate of the
- 4712 submission deadline under Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a);
- 4713 (iv) inform the candidate that the candidate must provide the filing officer with an
- 4714 email address that the candidate actively monitors:
- 4715 (A) to receive a communication from a filing officer or an election officer; and
- 4716 (B) if the candidate wishes to display a candidate profile on the Statewide
- 4717 Electronic Voter Information Website, to submit to the website the
- 4718 biographical and other information described in Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a)(ii);

4719 (v) inform the candidate that the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv) is  
4720 not a record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and  
4721 Management Act;

4722 (vi) obtain from the candidate the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv);

4723 (vii) provide the candidate with a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices  
4724 described under Section 20A-9-206 and inform the candidate that:

4725 (A) signing the pledge is voluntary; and

4726 (B) signed pledges shall be filed with the filing officer; and

4727 (viii) accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition.

4728 (d) If the candidate elects to sign the pledge of fair campaign practices, the filing officer  
4729 shall:

4730 (i) accept the candidate's pledge; and

4731 (ii) if the candidate has filed for a partisan office, provide a certified copy of the  
4732 candidate's pledge to the chair of the county or state political party of which the  
4733 candidate is a member.

4734 (5)(a) The declaration of candidacy shall be in substantially the following form:

4735 "I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, being first sworn and under penalty of perjury, say that I reside at  
4736 \_\_\_\_\_ Street, City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, state of Utah, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, Telephone Number  
4737 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_; that I am a registered voter; and that I am a candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
4738 (stating the term). I will meet the legal qualifications required of candidates for this office. If  
4739 filing via a designated agent, I attest that I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire  
4740 candidate filing period. I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law  
4741 and I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this  
4742 office and removal of my name from the ballot. I request that my name be printed upon the  
4743 applicable official ballots. (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

4744 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by \_\_\_\_\_ on this  
4745 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year).

4746 (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Clerk or other officer qualified to administer oath)."

4747 (b) An agent designated under Subsection (3)(b) to file a declaration of candidacy may  
4748 not sign the form described in Subsection (5)(a).

4749 (c)(i) A nomination petition shall be in substantially the following form:

4750 "NOMINATION PETITION

4751 The undersigned residents of (name of municipality), being registered voters, nominate  
4752 (name of nominee) for the office of (name of office) for the (length of term of office).["

- 4753            WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS  
4754            If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
4755            publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
4756            registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 4757            (ii) The remainder of the petition shall contain lines and columns for the signatures of  
4758            individuals signing the petition and each individual's address and phone number.
- 4759            (6) If the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition fails to state whether the  
4760            nomination is for the two-year or four-year term, the clerk shall consider the nomination  
4761            to be for the four-year term.
- 4762            (7)(a) The clerk shall verify with the county clerk that all candidates are registered  
4763            voters.
- 4764            (b) With the assistance of the county clerk, and using the procedures described in  
4765            Section 20A-1-1002, the municipal clerk shall determine whether the required  
4766            number of signatures of registered voters appears on a nomination petition.
- 4767            (8) Immediately after expiration of the period for filing a declaration of candidacy, the clerk  
4768            shall:
- 4769            (a) publicize a list of the names of the candidates as they will appear on the ballot by  
4770            publishing the list for the municipality, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102,  
4771            for seven calendar days; and
- 4772            (b) notify the lieutenant governor of the names of the candidates as they will appear on  
4773            the ballot.
- 4774            (9) Except as provided in Subsection (10)(c), an individual may not amend a declaration of  
4775            candidacy or nomination petition filed under this section after the candidate filing period  
4776            ends.
- 4777            (10)(a) A declaration of candidacy or nomination petition that an individual files under  
4778            this section is valid unless a person files a written objection with the clerk no later  
4779            than 5 p.m. on the first business day that is at least 10 calendar days after the last day  
4780            for filing.
- 4781            (b) If a person files an objection, the clerk shall:
- 4782            (i) mail or personally deliver notice of the objection to the affected candidate  
4783            immediately; and
- 4784            (ii) decide any objection within 48 hours after the objection is filed.
- 4785            (c) If the clerk sustains the objection, the candidate may, no later than 5 p.m. on the first  
4786            business day that is at least three calendar days after the day on which the clerk

4787 sustains the objection, correct the problem for which the objection is sustained by  
 4788 amending the candidate's declaration of candidacy or nomination petition, or by filing  
 4789 a new declaration of candidacy.

4790 (d)(i) The clerk's decision upon objections to form is final.

4791 (ii) The clerk's decision upon substantive matters is reviewable by a district court if  
 4792 prompt application is made to the district court.

4793 (iii) The decision of the district court is final unless the Supreme Court, in the  
 4794 exercise of its discretion, agrees to review the lower court decision.

4795 (11) A candidate who qualifies for the ballot under this section may withdraw as a  
 4796 candidate by filing a written affidavit with the municipal clerk.

4797 (12)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's  
 4798 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after  
 4799 the day on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or municipal clerk,  
 4800 submitting to the municipal clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be  
 4801 removed.

4802 (b) A statement described in Subsection (12)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 4803 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4804 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in  
 4805 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the municipal clerk shall determine whether to remove an  
 4806 individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid statement  
 4807 requesting removal of the signature.

4808 Section 53. Section **20A-9-404** is amended to read:

4809 **20A-9-404 (Effective 05/25/26). Municipal primary elections.**

4810 (1)(a) [~~Except as otherwise provided in this section or Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal~~  
 4811 ~~Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, candidates]~~ Candidates for municipal office  
 4812 in all municipalities shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.

4813 (b) Municipal primary elections shall be held:

4814 (i) consistent with Section 20A-1-201.5, on the second Tuesday following the first  
 4815 Monday in the August before the regular municipal election; and

4816 (ii) whenever possible, at the same polling places as the regular municipal election.

4817 (c) Subsections (3) through (5) do not apply to an election to elect local school board  
 4818 members under Section 53G-3-302.

4819 [(d) Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, does not apply  
 4820 to an election to elect local school board members under Section 53G-3-302.]

- 4821 (2) [~~Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting~~  
4822 ~~Methods Pilot Project, if]~~ If the number of candidates for a particular municipal office  
4823 does not exceed twice the number of individuals needed to fill that office, a primary  
4824 election for that office may not be held and the candidates are considered nominated.
- 4825 (3)(a) For purposes of this Subsection (3), "convention" means an organized assembly of  
4826 voters or delegates.
- 4827 (b)(i) By ordinance adopted before the May 1 that falls before a regular municipal  
4828 election, any third, fourth, or fifth class city or town may exempt itself from a  
4829 primary election by providing that the nomination of candidates for municipal  
4830 office to be voted upon at a municipal election be nominated by a municipal party  
4831 convention or committee.
- 4832 (ii) The municipal party convention or committee described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)  
4833 shall be held on or before May 30 of an odd-numbered year.
- 4834 (iii) Any primary election exemption ordinance adopted under this Subsection (3)  
4835 remains in effect until repealed by ordinance.
- 4836 (c)(i) A convention or committee may not nominate more than one candidate for each  
4837 of the municipal offices to be voted upon at the municipal election.
- 4838 (ii) A convention or committee may not nominate an individual who has accepted the  
4839 nomination of a different convention or committee.
- 4840 (iii) A municipal party may not have more than one group of candidates placed upon  
4841 the ballot and may not group the same candidates on different tickets by the same  
4842 party under a different name or emblem.
- 4843 (d)(i) On or before May 31 of an odd-numbered year, a convention or committee  
4844 shall prepare and submit to the filing officer a certificate of nomination for each  
4845 individual nominated.
- 4846 (ii) The certificate of nomination shall:
- 4847 (A) contain the name of the office for which each individual is nominated, the  
4848 name, post office address, and, if in a city, the street number of residence and  
4849 place of business, if any, of each individual nominated;
- 4850 (B) designate in not more than five words the party that the convention or  
4851 committee represents;
- 4852 (C) contain a copy of the resolution passed at the convention that authorized the  
4853 committee to make the nomination;
- 4854 (D) contain a statement certifying that the name of the candidate nominated by the

- 4855 political party will not appear on the ballot as a candidate for any other  
4856 political party;
- 4857 (E) be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention or  
4858 committee; and
- 4859 (F) contain a statement identifying the residence and post office address of the  
4860 presiding officer and secretary and certifying that the presiding officer and  
4861 secretary were officers of the convention or committee and that the certificates  
4862 are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.
- 4863 (iii) A candidate nominated by a municipal party convention or committee shall file a  
4864 declaration with the filing officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-9-203(3)  
4865 that includes:
- 4866 (A) the name of the municipal party or convention that nominated the candidate;  
4867 and
- 4868 (B) the office for which the convention or committee nominated the candidate.
- 4869 (e) A committee appointed at a convention, if authorized by an enabling resolution, may  
4870 also make nominations or fill vacancies in nominations made at a convention if the  
4871 committee makes the nomination before the deadline for a write-in candidate to file a  
4872 declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-601.
- 4873 (f) The election ballot shall substantially comply with the form prescribed in Chapter 6,  
4874 Part 4, Ballot Form Requirements for Municipal Elections, but the party name shall  
4875 be included with the candidate's name.
- 4876 (4)(a) Any third, fourth, or fifth class city or a town may adopt an ordinance before the  
4877 May 1 that falls before the regular municipal election that:
- 4878 (i) exempts the city or town from the other methods of nominating candidates to  
4879 municipal office provided in this section; and
- 4880 (ii) provides for a municipal partisan convention method of nominating candidates as  
4881 provided in this Subsection (4).
- 4882 (b)(i) Any party that was a registered political party at the last regular general  
4883 election or regular municipal election is a municipal political party under this  
4884 section.
- 4885 (ii) Any political party may qualify as a municipal political party by presenting a  
4886 petition to the city recorder that:
- 4887 (A) is signed, with a holographic signature, by registered voters within the  
4888 municipality equal to at least 20% of the number of votes cast for all

- 4889 candidates for mayor in the last municipal election at which a mayor was  
 4890 elected;
- 4891 (B) is filed with the city recorder or town clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the last  
 4892 business day before the day on which the municipal party holds a convention to  
 4893 nominate a candidate under this Subsection (4);
- 4894 (C) is substantially similar to the form of the signature sheets described in Section  
 4895 20A-7-303;[-and]
- 4896 (D) contains the name of the municipal political party using not more than five  
 4897 words[-] ; and
- 4898 (E) includes the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the  
 4899 same size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:  
 4900 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 4901 RECORDS  
 4902 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you  
 4903 signed may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an  
 4904 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private  
 4905 record."
- 4906 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk, the city recorder or town clerk shall use  
 4907 the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether each signer  
 4908 is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition.
- 4909 (c)(i) If the number of candidates for a particular office does not exceed twice the  
 4910 number of offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, no primary  
 4911 election for that office shall be held and the candidates are considered to be  
 4912 nominated.
- 4913 (ii) If the number of candidates for a particular office exceeds twice the number of  
 4914 offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, those candidates for  
 4915 municipal office shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.
- 4916 (d) The clerk shall ensure that the partisan municipal primary ballot is similar to the  
 4917 ballot forms required by Section 20A-6-401 and, as applicable, Section 20A-6-401.1.
- 4918 (e) After marking a municipal primary ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot in the  
 4919 blank ballot box.
- 4920 (f) Immediately after the canvass, the election judges shall, without examination, destroy  
 4921 the tickets deposited in the blank ballot box.
- 4922 (5)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (4)(b)(ii) may have the voter's

4923 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after  
 4924 the day on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or town clerk, submitting  
 4925 to the city recorder or town clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be  
 4926 removed.

4927 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 4928 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4929 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in  
 4930 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the city recorder or town clerk shall determine whether to  
 4931 remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid  
 4932 statement requesting removal of the signature.

4933 Section 54. Section **20A-9-405** is amended to read:

4934 **20A-9-405 (Effective 05/25/26). Nomination petitions for regular primary**  
 4935 **elections.**

4936 (1) This section applies to the form and circulation of nomination petitions for regular  
 4937 primary elections described in Subsection 20A-9-403(3)(a).

4938 (2) A candidate for elective office, and the agents of the candidate, may not circulate  
 4939 nomination petitions until the candidate has submitted a declaration of candidacy in  
 4940 accordance with Subsection 20A-9-202(1).

4941 (3) For the manual candidate qualification process, the nomination petitions shall be in  
 4942 substantially the following form:

4943 (a) the petition shall be printed on paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

4944 (b) the petition shall be ruled with a horizontal line [~~3/4 inch~~] .75 inches from the top,  
 4945 with the space above that line blank for purposes of binding;

4946 (c) the petition shall be headed by a caption stating the purpose of the petition and the  
 4947 name of the proposed candidate;

4948 (d) the petition shall feature the [~~word "Warning" followed by the~~] following statement  
 4949 in no less than eight-point, single leaded type:[~~"~~]

4950 "WARNING

4951 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition  
 4952 with any name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same  
 4953 candidate, or if the person is not registered to vote in this state.[~~"~~]

4954 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION

4955 RECORDS

4956 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed

4957 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
 4958 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

4959 (e) the petition shall feature 10 lines spaced [~~one-half inch~~] .5 inches apart and  
 4960 consecutively numbered one through 10;

4961 (f) the signature portion of the petition shall be divided into columns headed by the  
 4962 following titles:

4963 (i) Registered Voter's Printed Name;

4964 (ii) Signature of Registered Voter;

4965 (iii) Party Affiliation of Registered Voter;

4966 (iv) Birth Date or Age (Optional);

4967 (v) Street Address, City, Zip Code; and

4968 (vi) Date of Signature; and

4969 (g) a photograph of the candidate may appear on the nomination petition.

4970 (4) For the electronic candidate qualification process, the lieutenant governor shall design  
 4971 an electronic form, using progressive screens, that includes:

4972 (a) the following [~~warning~~] statement:

4973 "[~~Warning:-~~] WARNING

4974 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition with any  
 4975 name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same candidate, or if the  
 4976 person is not registered to vote in this state.~~["; and]~~

4977 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4978 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
 4979 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
 4980 registration record that has been classified as a private record."; and

4981 (b) the following information for each individual who signs the petition:

4982 (i) name;

4983 (ii) party affiliation;

4984 (iii) date of birth or age, (optional);

4985 (iv) street address, city, zip code;

4986 (v) date of signature;

4987 (vi) other information required under Section 20A-21-201; and

4988 (vii) other information required by the lieutenant governor.

4989 (5) For the manual candidate qualification process, if one or more nomination petitions are

4990 bound together, a page shall be bound to the nomination petition(s) that features the following

4991 printed verification statement to be signed and dated by the petition circulator:

4992 "Verification

4993 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

4994 I, \_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_, hereby state that:

4995 I am at least 18 years old;

4996 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were, to the best of  
4997 my knowledge, signed by the persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on  
4998 the signature sheets, and each of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my  
4999 presence;

5000 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's  
5001 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah."

5002 (6) The lieutenant governor shall prepare and make public model nomination petition forms  
5003 and associated instructions.

5004 (7) A nomination petition circulator:

5005 (a) must be at least 18 years old; and

5006 (b) may affiliate with any political party.

5007 (8) It is unlawful for any person to:

5008 (a) knowingly sign the nomination petition described in this section or Section  
5009 20A-9-408:

5010 (i) with any name other than the person's own name;

5011 (ii) more than once for the same candidate; or

5012 (iii) if the person is not registered to vote in this state;

5013 (b) sign the verification of a signature for a nomination petition if the person:

5014 (i) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the  
5015 nomination petition; or

5016 (ii) knows that a person whose signature appears on the nomination petition is not  
5017 registered to vote in this state;

5018 (c) pay compensation to any person to sign a nomination petition; or

5019 (d) pay compensation to any person to circulate a nomination petition, if the  
5020 compensation is based directly on the number of signatures submitted to a filing  
5021 officer rather than on the number of signatures verified or on some other basis.

5022 (9) Any person violating Subsection (8) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

5023 (10)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition may have the voter's signature removed  
5024 from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on which the

5025 candidate files the petition with the appropriate filing officer, submitting to the filing  
5026 officer a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

5027 (b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
5028 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5029 (c) The filing officer shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
5030 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a nomination petition  
5031 after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5032 Section 55. Section **20A-9-408** is amended to read:

5033 **20A-9-408 (Effective 05/25/26). Signature-gathering process to seek the**  
5034 **nomination of a qualified political party -- Removal of signature.**

5035 (1) This section describes the requirements for a member of a qualified political party who  
5036 is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office through  
5037 the signature-gathering process described in this section.

5038 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-201(7)(a), the form of the declaration of candidacy  
5039 for a member of a qualified political party who is nominated by, or who is seeking the  
5040 nomination of, the qualified political party under this section shall be substantially as  
5041 described in Section 20A-9-408.5.

5042 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(a), and except as provided in Subsection  
5043 20A-9-202(4), a member of a qualified political party who, under this section, is seeking  
5044 the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office that is to be filled at  
5045 the next general election shall:

5046 (a) except to the extent otherwise provided in Subsection (13)(a), during the applicable  
5047 declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, and before  
5048 gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing officer on a form approved  
5049 by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy that  
5050 includes:

5051 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered  
5052 political party under this section;

5053 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking  
5054 nomination;

5055 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;

5056 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and

5057 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;

5058 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in

- 5059 person, with the filing officer during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing  
5060 period described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and
- 5061 (c) pay the filing fee.
- 5062 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(2)(a), a member of a qualified political party  
5063 who, under this section, is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for the  
5064 office of district attorney within a multicounty prosecution district that is to be filled at  
5065 the next general election shall:
- 5066 (a) during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section  
5067 20A-9-201.5, and before gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing  
5068 officer on a form approved by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather  
5069 signatures for candidacy that includes:
- 5070 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered  
5071 political party under this section;
- 5072 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking  
5073 nomination;
- 5074 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;
- 5075 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and
- 5076 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;
- 5077 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in  
5078 person, with the filing officer during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing  
5079 period described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and
- 5080 (c) pay the filing fee.
- 5081 (5) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(3)(a)(iii), a lieutenant governor candidate who  
5082 files as the joint-ticket running mate of an individual who is nominated by a qualified  
5083 political party, under this section, for the office of governor shall, during the applicable  
5084 declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, file a  
5085 declaration of candidacy and submit a letter from the candidate for governor that names  
5086 the lieutenant governor candidate as a joint-ticket running mate.
- 5087 (6) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that the certification described in Subsection  
5088 20A-9-701(1) also includes the name of each candidate nominated by a qualified  
5089 political party under this section.
- 5090 (7) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-701(2), the ballot shall, for each candidate who is  
5091 nominated by a qualified political party under this section, designate the qualified  
5092 political party that nominated the candidate.

- 5093 (8) A member of a qualified political party may seek the nomination of the qualified  
5094 political party for an elective office by:
- 5095 (a) complying with the requirements described in this section; and
- 5096 (b) collecting signatures, on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies  
5097 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), during the period beginning on the day on which the  
5098 member files a notice of intent to gather signatures and ending at the applicable  
5099 deadline described in Subsection (12), in the following amounts:
- 5100 (i) for a statewide race, 28,000 signatures of registered voters in the state who are  
5101 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's  
5102 candidates in a primary election;
- 5103 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (13)(b), for a congressional district race, 7,000  
5104 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the congressional district and  
5105 are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political  
5106 party's candidates in a primary election;
- 5107 (iii) for a state Senate district race, 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are  
5108 residents of the state Senate district and are permitted by the qualified political  
5109 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
- 5110 (iv) for a state House district race, 1,000 signatures of registered voters who are  
5111 residents of the state House district and are permitted by the qualified political  
5112 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
- 5113 (v) for a State Board of Education race, the lesser of:
- 5114 (A) 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the State Board of  
5115 Education district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for  
5116 the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election; or
- 5117 (B) 3% of the registered voters of the qualified political party who are residents of  
5118 the applicable State Board of Education district; and
- 5119 (vi) for a county office race, signatures of 3% of the registered voters who are  
5120 residents of the area permitted to vote for the county office and are permitted by  
5121 the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in  
5122 a primary election.
- 5123 (9)(a) This Subsection (9) applies only to the manual candidate qualification process.
- 5124 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the  
5125 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, using  
5126 the manual candidate qualification process, the member shall:

- 5127 (i) collect the signatures on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies  
5128 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), using the same circulation and verification  
5129 requirements described in Sections 20A-7-105 and 20A-7-204; and
- 5130 (ii) in accordance with Section 20A-9-408.3, submit the signatures to the election  
5131 officer before the applicable deadline described in Subsection (12).
- 5132 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), and in  
5133 accordance with Section 20A-9-408.3, the election officer shall, no later than the  
5134 earlier of 14 calendar days after the day on which the election officer receives the  
5135 signatures, or one day before the day on which the qualified political party holds the  
5136 convention to select a nominee for the elective office to which the signature packets  
5137 relate:
- 5138 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature  
5139 packet to determine whether each individual is at least 18 years old;
- 5140 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (9)(c)(i) who is not at  
5141 least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney;
- 5142 (iii) with the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, determine whether each  
5143 signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition, using the same  
5144 method, described in Section 20A-1-1002, used to verify a signature on a petition;  
5145 and
- 5146 (iv) certify whether each name is that of a registered voter who is qualified to sign the  
5147 signature packet.
- 5148 (d)(i) A registered voter who physically signs a form under Subsections (8) and (9)(b)  
5149 may have the voter's signature removed from the form by, no later than 5 p.m.  
5150 three business days after the day on which the member submits the signature form  
5151 to the election officer, submitting to the election officer a statement requesting  
5152 that the voter's signature be removed.
- 5153 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (9)(d)(i) shall comply with the requirements  
5154 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5155 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, the election officer shall  
5156 use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether  
5157 to remove an individual's signature after receiving a timely, valid statement  
5158 requesting removal of the signature.
- 5159 (e)(i) An election officer shall, in accordance with this Subsection (9)(e) and rules  
5160 made under Section 20A-3a-106, conduct regular audits of signature comparisons

- 5161 made between signatures gathered under this section and voter signatures  
5162 maintained by the election officer.
- 5163 (ii) An individual who conducts an audit of signature comparisons under this section  
5164 may not audit the individual's own work.
- 5165 (iii) The election officer shall:
- 5166 (A) audit 1% of all signature comparisons described in Subsection (9)(e)(i) to  
5167 determine the accuracy of the comparisons made;
- 5168 (B) record the individuals who conducted the audit;
- 5169 (C) record the audit results;
- 5170 (D) provide additional training or staff reassignments, as needed, based on the  
5171 results of an audit described in Subsection (9)(e)(i); and
- 5172 (E) record any remedial action taken.
- 5173 (iv) The audit results described in Subsection (9)(e)(iii)(C) are a public record.
- 5174 (f) An election officer who certifies signatures under Subsection (9)(c) or  
5175 20A-9-403(3)(d) shall, after certifying enough signatures to establish that a candidate  
5176 has reached the applicable signature threshold described in Subsection (8) or  
5177 20A-9-403(3)(a), as applicable, continue to certify signatures submitted for the  
5178 candidate in excess of the number of signatures required, until the election officer  
5179 either:
- 5180 (i) certifies signatures equal to 110% of the applicable signature threshold; or
- 5181 (ii) has reviewed all signatures submitted for the candidate before reaching an  
5182 amount equal to 110% of the applicable signature threshold.
- 5183 (10)(a) This Subsection (10) applies only to the electronic candidate qualification  
5184 process.
- 5185 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the  
5186 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, the  
5187 member shall, before the deadline described in Subsection (12), collect signatures  
5188 electronically:
- 5189 (i) in accordance with Section 20A-21-201; and
- 5190 (ii) using progressive screens, in a format approved by the lieutenant governor, that  
5191 complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(4).
- 5192 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), the  
5193 election officer shall, no later than the earlier of 14 calendar days after the day on  
5194 which the election officer receives the signatures, or one day before the day on which

- 5195 the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee for the elective  
5196 office to which the signature packets relate:
- 5197 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature  
5198 to determine whether each individual is at least 18 years old; and
- 5199 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (10)(c)(i) who is not  
5200 at least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney.
- 5201 (11)(a) An individual may not gather signatures under this section until after the  
5202 individual files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this  
5203 section.
- 5204 (b) An individual who files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy,  
5205 described in Subsection (3)(a) or (4)(a), is, beginning on the day on which the  
5206 individual files the notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy:
- 5207 (i) required to comply with the reporting requirements that a candidate for office is  
5208 required to comply with; and
- 5209 (ii) subject to the same enforcement provisions, and civil and criminal penalties, that  
5210 apply to a candidate for office in relation to the reporting requirements described  
5211 in Subsection (11)(b)(i).
- 5212 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), or  
5213 Subsections (8) and (10)(b), the election officer shall, no later than the day before the  
5214 day on which the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee  
5215 for the elective office to which the signature packets relate, notify the qualified  
5216 political party and the lieutenant governor of the name of each member of the  
5217 qualified political party who qualifies as a nominee of the qualified political party,  
5218 under this section, for the elective office to which the convention relates.
- 5219 (d) Upon receipt of a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this  
5220 section, the lieutenant governor shall post the notice of intent to gather signatures for  
5221 candidacy on the lieutenant governor's website in the same location that the  
5222 lieutenant governor posts a declaration of candidacy.
- 5223 (12) The deadline before which a member of a qualified political party must collect and  
5224 submit signatures to the election officer under this section is 5 p.m. on the last business  
5225 day that is at least 14 calendar days before the day on which the qualified political  
5226 party's convention for the office begins.
- 5227 (13) For the 2026 election year only, an individual who desires to gather signatures to seek  
5228 the nomination of a qualified political party for the office of United States representative

5229 shall:

5230 (a) in accordance with Subsection (3)(a), file a notice of intent to gather signatures  
5231 during the period beginning at 8 a.m. on the first business day of January and ending  
5232 at 5 p.m. on March 13, 2026; and

5233 (b) during the period beginning on the day on which the individual files the notice of  
5234 intent to gather signatures and ending at 5 p.m. on March 13, 2026, on a form  
5235 approved by the lieutenant governor that complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(3),  
5236 collect 7,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the state and are  
5237 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's  
5238 candidates in a primary election.

5239 Section 56. Section **20A-9-502** is amended to read:

5240 **20A-9-502 (Effective 05/25/26). Certificate of nomination -- Contents --**

5241 **Circulation -- Verification -- Criminal penalty -- Removal of petition signature.**

5242 (1) The candidate shall:

5243 (a) prepare a certificate of nomination in substantially the following form:

5244 "State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_

5245 I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare my intention of becoming an unaffiliated candidate for the  
5246 political group designated as \_\_\_\_ for the office of \_\_\_\_\_. I do solemnly swear that I can  
5247 qualify to hold that office both legally and constitutionally if selected, and that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_  
5248 Street, in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, state of \_\_\_\_\_, zip code \_\_\_\_\_, phone \_\_\_\_\_, and  
5249 that I am providing, or have provided, the required number of holographic signatures of  
5250 registered voters required by law; that as a candidate at the next election I will not knowingly  
5251 violate any election or campaign law; that, if filing via a designated agent for an office other  
5252 than president of the United States, I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate  
5253 filing period; I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and I  
5254 understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office  
5255 and removal of my name from the ballot.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year).

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Notary Public (or other officer

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qualified to administer oaths)";

5261 (b) for each signature packet, bind signature sheets to a copy of the certificate of  
5262 nomination and the circulator verification, that:

5263 (i) are printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

5264 (ii) are ruled with a horizontal line [3/4 inch] .75 inches from the top, with the space  
5265 above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

5266 (iii) contain the name of the proposed candidate and the words "Unaffiliated  
5267 Candidate Certificate of Nomination Petition" printed directly below the  
5268 horizontal line;

5269 (iv) contain the [~~word "Warning" printed~~] following statement, directly under the  
5270 words described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii)[~~;~~] .

5271 [~~(v) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed~~] in not less  
5272 than eight-point, single leaded type:

5273 "WARNING

5274 ["It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a certificate of nomination  
5275 signature sheet with any name other than the person's own name or more than once for the  
5276 same candidate or if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to  
5277 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the signatures.[";]

5278 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

5279 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
5280 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
5281 registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

5282 [~~(vi)~~] (v) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [~~(1)(b)(v)~~] (1)(b)(iv):

5284 "Each signer says:

5285 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

5286 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the  
5287 county clerk certifies my signature; and

5288 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

5289 [~~(vii)~~] (vi) contain horizontally ruled lines, [~~3/8 inch~~] .375 inches apart under the  
5290 statement described in Subsection [~~(1)(b)(vi)~~] (1)(b)(v); and

5291 [~~(viii)~~] (vii) be vertically divided into columns as follows:

5292 (A) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be [~~5/8 inch~~] .625  
 5293 inches wide, be headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a  
 5294 light vertical line down the middle;

5295 (B) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's  
 5296 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";

5297 (C) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Holographic  
 5298 Signature of Registered Voter";

5299 (D) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age  
 5300 (Optional)";

5301 (E) the final column shall be [~~4-3/8~~] 4.375 inches wide, headed "Street Address,  
 5302 City, Zip Code"; and

5303 (F) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age  
 5304 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with  
 5305 voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may  
 5306 not be certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition  
 5307 signatures are certified or if the information you provide does not match your  
 5308 voter registration records."; and

5309 (c) bind a final page to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that contains,  
 5310 except as provided by Subsection (3), the following printed statement:

5311 "Verification

5312 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_

5313 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that:

5314 I am at least 18 years old;

5315 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by  
 5316 persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on the signature sheets, and each  
 5317 of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my presence;

5318 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's  
 5319 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah or will register to  
 5320 vote in Utah before the county clerk certifies the signatures on the signature sheet.

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5322 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)".

5323 (2) An agent designated to file a certificate of nomination under Subsection

5324 20A-9-503(2)(b) or (4)(b) may not sign the form described in Subsection (1)(a).

5325 (3)(a) The candidate shall circulate the nomination petition and ensure that the person in

- 5326 whose presence each signature sheet is signed:
- 5327 (i) is at least 18 years old; and
- 5328 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more
- 5329 signature sheets that are bound together.
- 5330 (b) A person may not sign the circulator verification if the person signed a signature
- 5331 sheet bound to the verification.
- 5332 (4)(a) It is unlawful for any person to:
- 5333 (i) knowingly sign a certificate of nomination signature sheet:
- 5334 (A) with any name other than the person's own name;
- 5335 (B) more than once for the same candidate; or
- 5336 (C) if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
- 5337 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the
- 5338 signatures; or
- 5339 (ii) sign the verification of a certificate of nomination signature sheet if the person:
- 5340 (A) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the
- 5341 certificate of nomination signature sheet; or
- 5342 (B) knows that a person whose signature appears on the certificate of nomination
- 5343 signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to
- 5344 become registered to vote in this state.
- 5345 (b) Any person violating this Subsection (4) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 5346 (5)(a) To qualify for placement on the general election ballot, the candidate shall, no
- 5347 earlier than the start of the applicable declaration of candidacy period described in
- 5348 Section 20A-9-201.5 and no later than 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in which the
- 5349 election will be held:
- 5350 (i) comply with Subsection 20A-9-503(1); and
- 5351 (ii) submit each signature packet to the county clerk where the majority of the
- 5352 signatures in the packet were collected, with signatures totaling:
- 5353 (A) at least 1,000 registered voters residing within the state when the nomination
- 5354 is for an office to be filled by the voters of the entire state; or
- 5355 (B) at least 300 registered voters residing within a political division or at least 5%
- 5356 of the registered voters residing within a political division, whichever is less,
- 5357 when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the voters of any political
- 5358 division smaller than the state.
- 5359 (b) A candidate has not complied with Subsection (5)(a)(ii), unless the county clerks

5360 verify that each required signature is a valid signature of a registered voter who is  
 5361 eligible to sign the signature packet and has not signed a signature packet to nominate  
 5362 another candidate for the same office.

5363 (c) In reviewing the signature packets, the county clerk shall count and certify only those  
 5364 persons who signed with a holographic signature, who:

5365 (i) are registered voters within the political division that the candidate seeks to  
 5366 represent; and

5367 (ii) did not sign any other certificate of nomination for that office.

5368 (d) The county clerk shall count and certify the number of registered voters who validly  
 5369 signed a signature packet, no later than 30 calendar days after the day on which the  
 5370 candidate submits the signature packet.

5371 (e) The candidate may supplement the signatures or amend the certificate of nomination  
 5372 or declaration of candidacy at any time on or before 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in  
 5373 which the election will be held.

5374 (f) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to  
 5375 determine whether a signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the signature  
 5376 packet.

5377 (6)(a) A voter who signs a signature packet under this section may have the voter's  
 5378 signature removed from the signature packet by, no later than 5 p.m. three business  
 5379 days after the day on which the candidate submits the signature packet to the county  
 5380 clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature  
 5381 be removed.

5382 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 5383 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5384 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
 5385 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a signature packet after  
 5386 receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5387 Section 57. Section **20A-15-103** is amended to read:

5388 **20A-15-103 (Effective 05/25/26). Delegates -- Candidacy -- Qualifications --**  
 5389 **Nominating procedures -- Removal of petition signature.**

5390 (1) Candidates for the office of delegate to the ratification convention shall be citizens,  
 5391 residents of Utah, and at least 21 years old.

5392 (2) Persons wishing to be delegates to the ratification convention shall:

5393 (a) circulate a nominating petition meeting the requirements of this section; and

- 5394 (b) obtain the signature of at least 100 registered voters.
- 5395 (3)(a) A single nominating petition may nominate any number of candidates up to 21,  
5396 the total number of delegates to be elected.
- 5397 (b) Nominating petitions may not contain anything identifying a candidate's party or  
5398 political affiliation.
- 5399 (c) Each nominating petition shall contain a written statement signed by each nominee,  
5400 indicating either that the candidate will:
- 5401 (i) vote for ratification of the proposed amendment; or  
5402 (ii) vote against ratification of the proposed amendment.
- 5403 (d) A nominating petition containing the names of more than one nominee may not  
5404 contain the name of any nominee whose stated position in the nominating petition is  
5405 inconsistent with that of any other nominee listed in the petition.
- 5406 (e) The first page of a nominating petition described in this section shall include the  
5407 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other  
5408 statements on the page:
- 5409 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
5410 RECORDS
- 5411 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
5412 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
5413 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 5414 (4)(a) A candidate shall file the candidate's nominating petition with the lieutenant  
5415 governor no later than 5 p.m. on the last business day that is at least 40 calendar days  
5416 before the proclaimed date of the election.
- 5417 (b) Within 10 calendar days after the last day for filing the petitions, the lieutenant  
5418 governor shall:
- 5419 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer  
5420 is a registered voter;
- 5421 (ii) declare nominated the 21 nominees in favor of ratification and the 21 nominees  
5422 against ratification whose nominating petitions have been signed by the largest  
5423 number of registered voters;
- 5424 (iii) decide any ties by lot drawn by the lieutenant governor; and  
5425 (iv) certify the nominated candidates of each group to the county clerk of each county  
5426 within the state.
- 5427 (5)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's

- 5428 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after  
 5429 the last day for filing the petitions, submitting to the lieutenant governor a statement  
 5430 requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 5431 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 5432 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5433 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection  
 5434 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a  
 5435 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.  
 5436 Section 58. Section **53G-3-301.1** is amended to read:
- 5437 **53G-3-301.1 (Effective 05/25/26). Creation of a new school district -- Citizens'**  
 5438 **petition -- Procedures to follow -- Removal or reinstatement of signature.**
- 5439 (1) Citizens may file a petition to create a new school district in accordance with this  
 5440 section and Section 53G-3-301.
- 5441 (2)(a) The county clerk shall ensure that a petition described in Subsection (1) is signed  
 5442 by registered voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new  
 5443 school district in an amount equal to at least 10% of all votes cast within the  
 5444 geographic boundaries of the proposed new school district for all candidates for  
 5445 president of the United States at the last regular general election at which a president  
 5446 of the United States was elected.
- 5447 (b) The sponsors of a petition described in Subsection (1) shall file the petition with the  
 5448 clerk of each county in which any part of the proposed new school district is located.
- 5449 (c) The petition sponsors shall ensure that the petition described in Subsection (1):  
 5450 (i) indicates the typed or printed name and current residence address of each voter  
 5451 who signs the petition;  
 5452 (ii) describes the proposed new school district boundaries; and  
 5453 (iii) designates up to five signers of the petition as sponsors, designating one as the  
 5454 contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of each.
- 5455 (d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 5456 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
 5457 page:  
 5458 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 5459 RECORDS  
 5460 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
 5461 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter

- 5462 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 5463 (3)(a)(i) A signer of a petition described in Subsection (1) may remove or, once  
5464 removed, reinstate the signer's signature by filing a written statement requesting  
5465 removal or reinstatement with the county clerk no later than three business days  
5466 after the day on which the petition is filed with the county clerk.
- 5467 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) shall comply with the requirements  
5468 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5469 (iii) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3)  
5470 to determine whether to remove or reinstate an individual's signature from a  
5471 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement.
- 5472 (b) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to  
5473 determine whether the petition has been signed by the required number of registered  
5474 voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new school  
5475 district.
- 5476 (4) Within 14 days after the day on which a petition described in Subsection (1) is filed, the  
5477 clerk of each county with which the request or petition is filed shall:
- 5478 (a) determine whether the petition complies with Subsections (2) and (3), as applicable,  
5479 and Section 53G-3-301; and
- 5480 (b)(i) if the county clerk determines that the request or petition complies with the  
5481 applicable requirements:
- 5482 (A) certify the petition and deliver the certified petition to the county legislative  
5483 body; and
- 5484 (B) mail or deliver written notification of the certification to the contact sponsor;  
5485 or
- 5486 (ii) if the county clerk determines that the petition fails to comply with any of the  
5487 applicable requirements, reject the petition and notify the contact sponsor in  
5488 writing of the rejection and reasons for the rejection.
- 5489 (5)(a) If the county clerk fails to certify or reject a petition within the time specified in  
5490 Subsection (4), the petition is considered to be certified.
- 5491 (b) If the county clerk rejects a petition, the individual who submitted the petition may  
5492 amend the petition to correct the deficiencies for which the county clerk rejected the  
5493 petition and refile the petition.
- 5494 (6) Within 10 days after the day on which a county legislative body receives a certified  
5495 petition as described in Subsection (4) or (5), the county legislative body shall request a

5496 feasibility study.

5497 (7)(a) The county legislative body shall:

5498 (i) provide for a 30-day public comment period to begin on the day the county

5499 legislative body receives the study under Subsection (6); and

5500 (ii) hold at least two public hearings on the study and recommendations.

5501 (b) Within five business days after the day on which the public comment period ends,

5502 the legislative body of each county with which a petition is filed shall vote on the

5503 creation of the proposed new school district.

5504 (c) A county legislative body approves a petition proposing a new school district if a

5505 majority of the members of the legislative body vote in favor of the petition.

5506 (8)(a) Within five business days after the day on which a county legislative body

5507 approves a petition proposing a new school district under Subsection (7), the county

5508 legislative body shall provide notice of the approval and a copy of the petition to

5509 which the approval relates to the county clerk of each county described in Subsection

5510 (2)(b).

5511 (b) If each county described in Subsection (2)(b) approves a petition proposing a new

5512 school district, the county clerks of the counties shall submit the proposal for the

5513 creation of a new school district to all legal voters in the proposed new school district

5514 for approval or rejection at the next regular general election that is at least 65 days

5515 after the day on which all of the counties described in Subsection (2)(b) have

5516 complied with Subsection (8)(a).

5517 (c) The new school district proposed in the petition and the reorganized new school

5518 district are created if a majority of the voters in the proposed new school district vote

5519 in favor of creating the new school district.

5520 Section 59. Section **53G-3-401** is amended to read:

5521 **53G-3-401 (Effective 05/25/26). Consolidation of school districts -- Resolution by**

5522 **local school board members -- Petition by electors -- Certification of petition signatures --**

5523 **Removal of signature -- Election.**

5524 (1) Two or more school districts may unite and form a single school district in one of the

5525 following ways:

5526 (a) a majority of the members of each of the local school boards of the affected districts

5527 shall approve and present to the county legislative body of the affected counties a

5528 resolution to consolidate the districts. Once this is done, consolidation shall be

5529 established under this chapter; or

5530 (b) a majority of the members of the local school board of each affected district, or 15%  
5531 of the registered voters in each of the affected districts, shall sign and present a  
5532 petition to the county legislative body of each affected county. The question shall be  
5533 voted upon at an election called for that purpose, which shall be the next general or  
5534 municipal election. Consolidation shall occur if a majority of those voting on the  
5535 question in each district favor consolidation.

5536 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
5537 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
5538 page:

5539 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS  
5540 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
5541 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
5542 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

5543 [(2)] (3) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under  
5544 Subsection (1)(b):

5545 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body  
5546 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the  
5547 county clerk; and

5548 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
5549 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:

5550 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
5551 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1)(b) for a registered voter  
5552 petition;

5553 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the  
5554 affected districts; and

5555 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

5556 [(3)] (4)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection (1)(b) may  
5557 have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business  
5558 days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the  
5559 county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's  
5560 signature be removed.

5561 (b) A statement described in Subsection [(3)(a)] (4)(a) shall comply with the  
5562 requirements described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5563 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to

5564 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
5565 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5566 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The elections required under Subsection (1)(b) shall be conducted and the returns  
5567 canvassed as provided by election laws.

5568 Section 60. Section **53G-3-501** is amended to read:

5569 **53G-3-501 (Effective 05/25/26). Transfer of a portion of a school district --**  
5570 **Required boundary adjustments -- Local school board petition -- Elector petition --**  
5571 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Transfer election.**

5572 (1)(a) Part of a school district may be transferred to another district in one of the  
5573 following ways:

5574 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) presentation to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of  
5575 a resolution requesting the transfer, approved by at least four-fifths of the  
5576 members of the local school board of each affected school district;

5577 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a  
5578 petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by a majority of the  
5579 members of the local school board of each affected school district;

5580 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a  
5581 petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by 15% of the  
5582 registered voters in each of the affected school districts within that county; or

5583 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) for a boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2) or (3), submission  
5584 to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of a resolution  
5585 requesting the transfer from the local school board of the school district that is  
5586 required to initiate the boundary adjustment.

5587 (b) The first page of a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii) shall include the  
5588 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other  
5589 statements on the page:

5590 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
5591 RECORDS

5592 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
5593 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
5594 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

5595 (2)(a) As used in this Subsection (2):

5596 (i) "Expansion area" means the area of land approved for annexation and located  
5597 outside the boundaries of a specified school district.

- 5598 (ii) "Municipality" means a city or town.
- 5599 (iii) "Originating school district" means the school district whose boundaries an  
5600 expansion area is located within prior to the boundary adjustment required under  
5601 Subsection (2)(b).
- 5602 (iv) "Specified school district" means a school district:  
5603 (A) that serves residents within a single municipality; and  
5604 (B) for which the municipality whose residents the school district serves enacts an  
5605 ordinance in accordance with [~~Title 10, Chapter 2, Part 4, Annexation~~] Title 10,  
5606 Chapter 2, Part 8, Annexation, approving the annexation of an area of land  
5607 located outside the boundaries of the school district.
- 5608 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter and except as provided in  
5609 Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the local school board of a specified school district shall initiate  
5610 boundary adjustment proceedings under Subsection [~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv):  
5611 (i) to request the expansion area to be transferred to the specified school district from  
5612 the originating school district; and  
5613 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [  
5614 ~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv), within 60 days after the day on which the municipality enacts the  
5615 ordinance approving annexation of the expansion area.
- 5616 (c)(i) Before initiating the boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2)(b), the  
5617 local school board presidents of the specified school district and the originating  
5618 school district shall, within the timeframe described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), meet  
5619 to determine whether allowing the expansion area to remain within the boundaries  
5620 of the originating school district is in the best interests of the municipality's  
5621 residents.
- 5622 (ii) The requirements of Subsection (2)(b) do not apply to a specified school district  
5623 if, upon meeting under Subsection (2)(c)(i), the presidents of the local school  
5624 boards mutually agree that allowing the expansion area to remain within the  
5625 boundaries of the originating school district is in the best interests of the  
5626 municipality's residents.
- 5627 (3)(a) This Subsection (3) applies to a school district that:  
5628 (i) serves residents within a single municipality; and  
5629 (ii) in calendar year 2018, completed construction on a secondary school within an  
5630 area of land located outside the boundaries of the school district.
- 5631 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the local school board of a

- 5632 school district described in Subsection (3)(a) shall initiate boundary adjustment  
5633 proceedings under Subsection [~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv):
- 5634 (i) to request the land described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii) to be transferred to the school  
5635 district from the school district whose boundaries the land is located within; and  
5636 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [  
5637 ~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv), on or before June 1, 2024.
- 5638 (4) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under Subsection [  
5639 ~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii):
- 5640 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body  
5641 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the  
5642 county clerk; and
- 5643 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
5644 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:
- 5645 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
5646 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii) for a registered  
5647 voter petition;
- 5648 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the  
5649 affected districts; and
- 5650 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 5651 (5)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii)  
5652 may have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three  
5653 business days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition  
5654 to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the  
5655 voter's signature be removed.
- 5656 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
5657 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5658 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
5659 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
5660 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 5661 (6)(a) The voters of each affected district shall vote on the transfer requested under  
5662 Subsection [~~(1)(b) or (e)~~] (1)(a)(ii) or (iii) at an election called for that purpose, which  
5663 may be the next general election.
- 5664 (b) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed as provided by election  
5665 law.

5666 (c) A transfer is effected only if a majority of votes cast by the voters in both the  
 5667 proposed transferor district and in the proposed transferee district are in favor of the  
 5668 transfer.

5669 Section 61. Section **53H-3-1304** is enacted to read:

5670 **53H-3-1304 (Effective 04/06/26). Research university -- Duty to research.**

5671 (1) As used in this section, "research university" means the University of Utah or Utah State  
 5672 University.

5673 (2) The conduct of research by a research university is, for purposes of Section 20A-2-605,  
 5674 an official duty imposed by law on the research university.

5675 Section 62. Section **63G-2-202** is amended to read:

5676 **63G-2-202 (Effective upon governor's approval). Access to private, controlled,**  
 5677 **and protected documents.**

5678 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (11)(a), a governmental entity:

5679 (a) shall, upon request, disclose a private record to:

5680 (i) the subject of the record;

5681 (ii) the parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor who is the subject of the  
 5682 record;

5683 (iii) the legal guardian of a legally incapacitated individual who is the subject of the  
 5684 record;

5685 (iv) any other individual who:

5686 (A) has a power of attorney from the subject of the record;

5687 (B) submits a notarized release from the subject of the record or the individual's  
 5688 legal representative dated no more than 90 days before the date the request is  
 5689 made; or

5690 (C) if the record is a medical record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(b), is a  
 5691 health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, if releasing the record or  
 5692 information in the record is consistent with normal professional practice and  
 5693 medical ethics; or

5694 (v) any person to whom the record must be provided pursuant to:

5695 (A) court order as provided in Subsection (7); or

5696 (B) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative  
 5697 Subpoena Powers; and

5698 (b) may disclose a private record described in Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (n),  
 5699 without complying with Section 63G-2-206, to another governmental entity for a

- 5700 purpose related to administering:
- 5701 (i) the voter registration list; or
- 5702 (ii) [~~the administration of~~] an election.
- 5703 (2)(a) Upon request, a governmental entity shall disclose a controlled record to:
- 5704 (i) a physician, physician assistant, psychologist, certified social worker, insurance
- 5705 provider or producer, or a government public health agency upon submission of:
- 5706 (A) a release from the subject of the record that is dated no more than 90 days
- 5707 prior to the date the request is made; and
- 5708 (B) a signed acknowledgment of the terms of disclosure of controlled information
- 5709 as provided by Subsection (2)(b); and
- 5710 (ii) any person to whom the record must be disclosed pursuant to:
- 5711 (A) a court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
- 5712 (B) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative
- 5713 Subpoena Powers.
- 5714 (b) A person who receives a record from a governmental entity in accordance with
- 5715 Subsection (2)(a)(i) may not disclose controlled information from that record to any
- 5716 person, including the subject of the record.
- 5717 (3) If there is more than one subject of a private or controlled record, the portion of the
- 5718 record that pertains to another subject shall be segregated from the portion that the
- 5719 requester is entitled to inspect.
- 5720 (4) Upon request, and except as provided in Subsection (11)(b), a governmental entity shall
- 5721 disclose a protected record to:
- 5722 (a) the person that submitted the record;
- 5723 (b) any other individual who:
- 5724 (i) has a power of attorney from all persons, governmental entities, or political
- 5725 subdivisions whose interests were sought to be protected by the protected
- 5726 classification; or
- 5727 (ii) submits a notarized release from all persons, governmental entities, or political
- 5728 subdivisions whose interests were sought to be protected by the protected
- 5729 classification or from their legal representatives dated no more than 90 days prior
- 5730 to the date the request is made;
- 5731 (c) any person to whom the record must be provided pursuant to:
- 5732 (i) a court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
- 5733 (ii) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative Subpoena

- 5734 Powers; or
- 5735 (d) the owner of a mobile home park, subject to the conditions of Subsection  
5736 41-1a-116(5).
- 5737 (5) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a governmental entity may disclose a private,  
5738 controlled, or protected record to another governmental entity, political subdivision,  
5739 state, the United States, or a foreign government only as provided by Section 63G-2-206.
- 5740 (6) Before releasing a private, controlled, or protected record, the governmental entity shall  
5741 obtain evidence of the requester's identity.
- 5742 (7) A governmental entity shall disclose a record pursuant to the terms of a court order  
5743 signed by a judge from a court of competent jurisdiction, provided that:
- 5744 (a) the record deals with a matter in controversy over which the court has jurisdiction;  
5745 (b) the court has considered the merits of the request for access to the record;  
5746 (c) the court has considered and, where appropriate, limited the requester's use and  
5747 further disclosure of the record in order to protect:
- 5748 (i) privacy interests in the case of private or controlled records;  
5749 (ii) business confidentiality interests in the case of records protected under  
5750 Subsection 63G-2-305(1), (2), (40)(a)(ii), or (40)(a)(vi); and  
5751 (iii) privacy interests or the public interest in the case of other protected records;
- 5752 (d) to the extent the record is properly classified private, controlled, or protected, the  
5753 interests favoring access, considering limitations thereon, are greater than or equal to  
5754 the interests favoring restriction of access; and
- 5755 (e) where access is restricted by a rule, statute, or regulation referred to in Subsection  
5756 63G-2-201(3)(b), the court has authority independent of this chapter to order  
5757 disclosure.
- 5758 (8)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(d), a governmental entity may disclose or  
5759 authorize disclosure of private or controlled records for research purposes if the  
5760 governmental entity:
- 5761 (i) determines that the research purpose cannot reasonably be accomplished without  
5762 use or disclosure of the information to the researcher in individually identifiable  
5763 form;
- 5764 (ii) determines that:
- 5765 (A) the proposed research is bona fide; and  
5766 (B) the value of the research is greater than or equal to the infringement upon  
5767 personal privacy;

- 5768 (iii)(A) requires the researcher to assure the integrity, confidentiality, and security  
5769 of the records; and
- 5770 (B) requires the removal or destruction of the individual identifiers associated  
5771 with the records as soon as the purpose of the research project has been  
5772 accomplished;
- 5773 (iv) prohibits the researcher from:
- 5774 (A) disclosing the record in individually identifiable form, except as provided in  
5775 Subsection (8)(b); or
- 5776 (B) using the record for purposes other than the research approved by the  
5777 governmental entity; and
- 5778 (v) secures from the researcher a written statement of the researcher's understanding  
5779 of and agreement to the conditions of this Subsection (8) and the researcher's  
5780 understanding that violation of the terms of this Subsection (8) may subject the  
5781 researcher to criminal prosecution under Section 63G-2-801.
- 5782 (b) A researcher may disclose a record in individually identifiable form if the record is  
5783 disclosed for the purpose of auditing or evaluating the research program and no  
5784 subsequent use or disclosure of the record in individually identifiable form will be  
5785 made by the auditor or evaluator except as provided by this section.
- 5786 (c) A governmental entity may require indemnification as a condition of permitting  
5787 research under this Subsection (8).
- 5788 (d) A governmental entity may not disclose or authorize disclosure of a private record  
5789 for research purposes as described in this Subsection (8) if the private record is a  
5790 record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(x).
- 5791 (9)(a) Under Subsections 63G-2-201(5)(b) and 63G-2-401(6), a governmental entity  
5792 may disclose to persons other than those specified in this section records that are:
- 5793 (i) private under Section 63G-2-302; or
- 5794 (ii) protected under Section 63G-2-305, subject to Section 63G-2-309 if a claim for  
5795 business confidentiality has been made under Section 63G-2-309.
- 5796 (b) Under Subsection 63G-2-403(11)(b), the State Records Committee may require the  
5797 disclosure to persons other than those specified in this section of records that are:
- 5798 (i) private under Section 63G-2-302;
- 5799 (ii) controlled under Section 63G-2-304; or
- 5800 (iii) protected under Section 63G-2-305, subject to Section 63G-2-309 if a claim for  
5801 business confidentiality has been made under Section 63G-2-309.

5802 (c) Under Subsection 63G-2-404(7), the court may require the disclosure of records that  
5803 are private under Section 63G-2-302, controlled under Section 63G-2-304, or  
5804 protected under Section 63G-2-305 to persons other than those specified in this  
5805 section.

5806 (10)(a) A private record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(2)(f) may only be disclosed  
5807 as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(v).

5808 (b) A protected record described in Subsection 63G-2-305(43) may only be disclosed as  
5809 provided in Subsection (4)(c) or Section 26B-6-212.

5810 (11)(a) A private, protected, or controlled record described in Section 26B-1-506 shall  
5811 be disclosed as required under:

5812 (i) Subsections 26B-1-506(1)(b) and (2); and

5813 (ii) Subsections 26B-1-507(1) and (6).

5814 (b) A record disclosed under Subsection (11)(a) shall retain its character as private,  
5815 protected, or controlled.

5816 Section 63. Section **63G-2-210** is amended to read:

5817 **63G-2-210 (Effective upon governor's approval). Access to and use of voter or**  
5818 **election information by a government officer.**

5819 (1) As used in this section, "government officer" means:

5820 (a) an elected official; or

5821 (b) an officer, employee, volunteer, or agent of a governmental entity.

5822 (2) A government officer may not:

5823 (a) disclose, or attempt to discover, any information from a ballot cast by an identifiable  
5824 voter;

5825 (b) except as provided in Subsection (3), disclose in relation to an identifiable voter:

5826 (i) the method by which the voter voted or returned a ballot;

5827 (ii) when or where the voter voted;

5828 (iii) how or when the voter's ballot was received;

5829 (iv) whether a ballot was mailed to the voter;

5830 (v) whether the voter placed postage on a return envelope; or

5831 (vi) any information from the return envelope of a voter.

5832 (3) Subsection (2) does not prohibit the disclosure, in mass, of the information [~~included in~~  
5833 ~~a voting history record, in accordance with Section 20A-5-410~~] disclosed in accordance  
5834 with Title 20A, Chapter 2, Part 6, Provision and Protection of Voter Data.

5835 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a government officer who, due to the government

5836 officer's position as a government officer, has access to election records, may not access,  
 5837 use, copy, or release the information except to the extent that the access, use, copying, or  
 5838 release:

5839 (a) is reasonably related to a duty of the government officer;

5840 (b) is in accordance with the requirements of law; and

5841 (c) is not done for a primarily personal purpose, including:

5842 (i) a political purpose;

5843 (ii) furthering the government officer's personal agenda; or

5844 (iii) a purpose relating to the government officer's private business, hobbies, or  
 5845 personal interests.

5846 (5) Subsection (4) does not prevent a government officer from accessing, using, copying, or  
 5847 releasing government information in the same manner available to a member of the  
 5848 general public, including by filing a record request under Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604,  
 5849 or 63G-2-204.

5850 Section 64. Section **63G-2-301** is amended to read:

5851 **63G-2-301 (Effective 04/06/26). Public records.**

5852 (1) As used in this section:

5853 (a) "Business address" means a single address of a governmental agency designated for  
 5854 the public to contact an employee or officer of the governmental agency.

5855 (b) "Business email address" means a single email address of a governmental agency  
 5856 designated for the public to contact an employee or officer of the governmental  
 5857 agency.

5858 (c) "Business telephone number" means a single telephone number of a governmental  
 5859 agency designated for the public to contact an employee or officer of the  
 5860 governmental agency.

5861 (d) "Correctional facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-16b-102.

5862 (2) The following records are public except to the extent they contain information expressly  
 5863 permitted to be treated confidentially under the provisions of Subsections  
 5864 63G-2-201(3)(b) and (6)(a):

5865 (a) laws;

5866 (b) the name, gender, gross compensation, job title, job description, business address,  
 5867 business email address, business telephone number, number of hours worked per pay  
 5868 period, dates of employment, and relevant education, previous employment, and  
 5869 similar job qualifications of a current or former employee or officer of the

- 5870 governmental entity, excluding:
- 5871 (i) undercover law enforcement personnel; and
- 5872 (ii) investigative personnel if disclosure could reasonably be expected to impair the
- 5873 effectiveness of investigations or endanger any individual's safety;
- 5874 (c) final opinions, including concurring and dissenting opinions, and orders that are
- 5875 made by a governmental entity in an administrative, adjudicative, or judicial
- 5876 proceeding except that if the proceedings were properly closed to the public, the
- 5877 opinion and order may be withheld to the extent that they contain information that is
- 5878 private, controlled, or protected;
- 5879 (d) final interpretations of statutes or rules by a governmental entity unless classified as
- 5880 protected as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(17) or (18);
- 5881 (e) information contained in or compiled from a transcript, minutes, or report of the open
- 5882 portions of a meeting of a governmental entity as provided by Title 52, Chapter 4,
- 5883 Open and Public Meetings Act, including the records of all votes of each member of
- 5884 the governmental entity;
- 5885 (f) judicial records unless a court orders the records to be restricted under the rules of
- 5886 civil or criminal procedure or unless the records are private under this chapter;
- 5887 (g) unless otherwise classified as private under Section 63G-2-303, records or parts of
- 5888 records filed with or maintained by county recorders, clerks, treasurers, surveyors,
- 5889 zoning commissions, the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the School and
- 5890 Institutional Trust Lands Administration, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the
- 5891 Division of Water Rights, or other governmental entities that give public notice of:
- 5892 (i) titles or encumbrances to real property;
- 5893 (ii) restrictions on the use of real property;
- 5894 (iii) the capacity of persons to take or convey title to real property; or
- 5895 (iv) tax status for real and personal property;
- 5896 (h) records of the Department of Commerce that evidence incorporations, mergers, name
- 5897 changes, and uniform commercial code filings;
- 5898 (i) data on individuals that would otherwise be private under this chapter if the
- 5899 individual who is the subject of the record has given the governmental entity written
- 5900 permission to make the records available to the public;
- 5901 (j) documentation of the compensation that a governmental entity pays to a contractor or
- 5902 private provider;
- 5903 (k) summary data;

- 5904           ~~[(f) voter registration records, including an individual's voting history, except for a voter~~  
5905           ~~registration record or those parts of a voter registration record that are classified as~~  
5906           ~~private under Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (n) or withheld under Subsection~~  
5907           ~~20A-2-104(7);]~~
- 5908           (l) subject to Title 20A, Chapter 2, Part 6, Provision and Protection of Voter Data,  
5909           standard voter data, as defined in Section 20A-2-601, in the voter registration record  
5910           of a public registered voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601;
- 5911           (m) for an elected official, as defined in Section 11-47-102, a telephone number, if  
5912           available, and email address, if available, where that elected official may be reached  
5913           as required in Title 11, Chapter 47, Access to Elected Officials;
- 5914           (n) for a school community council member, a telephone number, if available, and email  
5915           address, if available, where that elected official may be reached directly as required  
5916           in Section 53G-7-1203;
- 5917           (o) annual audited financial statements of the Utah Educational Savings Plan described  
5918           in Section 53H-10-210; and
- 5919           (p) an initiative packet, as defined in Section 20A-7-101, and a referendum packet, as  
5920           defined in Section 20A-7-101, after the packet is submitted to a county clerk.
- 5921           (3) The following records are normally public, but to the extent that a record is expressly  
5922           exempt from disclosure, access may be restricted under Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b),  
5923           Section 63G-2-302, 63G-2-304, or 63G-2-305:
- 5924           (a) administrative staff manuals, instructions to staff, and statements of policy;
- 5925           (b) records documenting a contractor's or private provider's compliance with the terms  
5926           of a contract with a governmental entity;
- 5927           (c) records documenting the services provided by a contractor or a private provider to  
5928           the extent the records would be public if prepared by the governmental entity;
- 5929           (d) contracts entered into by a governmental entity;
- 5930           (e) any account, voucher, or contract that deals with the receipt or expenditure of funds  
5931           by a governmental entity;
- 5932           (f) records relating to government assistance or incentives publicly disclosed, contracted  
5933           for, or given by a governmental entity, encouraging a person to expand or relocate a  
5934           business in Utah, except as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(35);
- 5935           (g) chronological logs and initial contact reports;
- 5936           (h) correspondence by and with a governmental entity in which the governmental entity  
5937           determines or states an opinion upon the rights of the state, a political subdivision,

- 5938 the public, or any person;
- 5939 (i) empirical data contained in drafts if:
- 5940 (i) the empirical data is not reasonably available to the requester elsewhere in similar
- 5941 form; and
- 5942 (ii) the governmental entity is given a reasonable opportunity to correct any errors or
- 5943 make nonsubstantive changes before release;
- 5944 (j) drafts that are circulated to anyone other than:
- 5945 (i) a governmental entity;
- 5946 (ii) a political subdivision;
- 5947 (iii) a federal agency if the governmental entity and the federal agency are jointly
- 5948 responsible for implementation of a program or project that has been legislatively
- 5949 approved;
- 5950 (iv) a government-managed corporation; or
- 5951 (v) a contractor or private provider;
- 5952 (k) drafts that have never been finalized but were relied upon by the governmental entity
- 5953 in carrying out action or policy;
- 5954 (l) original data in a computer program if the governmental entity chooses not to
- 5955 disclose the program;
- 5956 (m) arrest warrants after issuance, except that, for good cause, a court may order
- 5957 restricted access to arrest warrants prior to service;
- 5958 (n) search warrants after execution and filing of the return, except that a court, for good
- 5959 cause, may order restricted access to search warrants prior to trial;
- 5960 (o) records that would disclose information relating to formal charges or disciplinary
- 5961 actions against a past or present governmental entity employee if:
- 5962 (i) the disciplinary action has been completed and all time periods for administrative
- 5963 appeal have expired; and
- 5964 (ii) the charges on which the disciplinary action was based were sustained;
- 5965 (p) records maintained by the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the School and
- 5966 Institutional Trust Lands Administration, or the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining that
- 5967 evidence mineral production on government lands;
- 5968 (q) final audit reports;
- 5969 (r) occupational and professional licenses;
- 5970 (s) business licenses;
- 5971 (t) a notice of violation, a notice of agency action under Section 63G-4-201, or similar

5972 records used to initiate proceedings for discipline or sanctions against persons  
 5973 regulated by a governmental entity, but not including records that initiate employee  
 5974 discipline; and  
 5975 (u)(i) records that disclose a standard, regulation, policy, guideline, or rule regarding  
 5976 the operation of a correctional facility or the care and control of inmates  
 5977 committed to the custody of a correctional facility; and  
 5978 (ii) records that disclose the results of an audit or other inspection assessing a  
 5979 correctional facility's compliance with a standard, regulation, policy, guideline, or  
 5980 rule described in Subsection (3)(u)(i).

5981 (4) The list of public records in this section is not exhaustive and should not be used to limit  
 5982 access to records.

5983 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

5984 Section 65. Section **63G-2-302** is amended to read:

5985 **63G-2-302 (Effective 04/06/26). Private records.**

5986 (1) The following records are private:

- 5987 (a) records concerning an individual's eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits,  
 5988 social services, welfare benefits, or the determination of benefit levels;
- 5989 (b) records containing data on individuals describing medical history, diagnosis,  
 5990 condition, treatment, evaluation, or similar medical data;
- 5991 (c) records of publicly funded libraries that when examined alone or with other records  
 5992 identify a patron;
- 5993 (d) records received by or generated by or for:
- 5994 (i) the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission, except for:
- 5995 (A) the commission's summary data report that is required under legislative rule;  
 5996 and  
 5997 (B) any other document that is classified as public under legislative rule; or
- 5998 (ii) a Senate or House Ethics Committee in relation to the review of ethics  
 5999 complaints, unless the record is classified as public under legislative rule;
- 6000 (e) records received by, or generated by or for, the Independent Executive Branch Ethics  
 6001 Commission, except as otherwise expressly provided in Title 63A, Chapter 14,  
 6002 Review of Executive Branch Ethics Complaints;
- 6003 (f) records received or generated for a Senate confirmation committee concerning  
 6004 character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual:  
 6005 (i) if, prior to the meeting, the chair of the committee determines release of the

- 6006 records:
- 6007 (A) reasonably could be expected to interfere with the investigation undertaken by
- 6008 the committee; or
- 6009 (B) would create a danger of depriving a person of a right to a fair proceeding or
- 6010 impartial hearing; and
- 6011 (ii) after the meeting, if the meeting was closed to the public;
- 6012 (g) employment records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for
- 6013 employment with, a governmental entity that would disclose that individual's home
- 6014 address, home telephone number, social security number, insurance coverage, marital
- 6015 status, or payroll deductions;
- 6016 (h) records or parts of records under Section 63G-2-303 that a current or former
- 6017 employee identifies as private according to the requirements of that section;
- 6018 (i) that part of a record indicating a person's social security number or federal employer
- 6019 identification number if provided under Section 31A-23a-104, 31A-25-202,
- 6020 31A-26-202, 58-1-301, 58-55-302, 61-1-4, or 61-2f-203;
- 6021 (j) that part of a voter registration record identifying a voter's:
- 6022 (i) driver license or identification card number;
- 6023 (ii) social security number, or last four digits of the social security number;
- 6024 (iii) email address;
- 6025 (iv) [date] day, month, or year of birth; or
- 6026 (v) phone number;
- 6027 (k) a voter registration record that is classified as a private record by the lieutenant
- 6028 governor or a county clerk under Subsection 20A-2-101.1(5)(a)~~[-20A-2-104(4)(h);]~~
- 6029 or 20A-2-204(4)(b);
- 6030 (l) a voter registration record ~~[that is withheld under Subsection 20A-2-104(7)]~~ of an
- 6031 at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601;
- 6032 (m) the following forms and supporting verification:
- 6033 (i) a withholding request form used, before April 6, 2026, to request that a voter's
- 6034 voter registration be withheld as a private record, and any verification submitted
- 6035 in support of the form;
- 6036 (ii) an at-risk voter designation request form described in [Subsections 20A-2-104(7)
- 6037 and (8)] Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted in support of the form;
- 6038 (iii) a notice described in Section 20A-2-602; and
- 6039 (iv) a form relating to a request described in Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604,

- 6040                    20A-2-605, or 20A-2-607;
- 6041            (n) a record or information regarding whether a voter returned a ballot with postage  
6042                    attached;
- 6043            (o) a record that:
- 6044                    (i) contains information about an individual;
- 6045                    (ii) is voluntarily provided by the individual; and
- 6046                    (iii) goes into an electronic database that:
- 6047                            (A) is designated by and administered under the authority of the [~~Chief~~  
6048                                            Information Officer] chief information officer; and
- 6049                            (B) acts as a repository of information about the individual that can be  
6050                                            electronically retrieved and used to facilitate the individual's online interaction  
6051                                            with a state agency;
- 6052            (p) information provided to the [~~Commissioner of Insurance~~] commissioner of insurance  
6053                    under:
- 6054                            (i) Subsection 31A-23a-115(3)(a);
- 6055                            (ii) Subsection 31A-23a-302(4); or
- 6056                            (iii) Subsection 31A-26-210(4);
- 6057            (q) information obtained through a criminal background check under Title 11, Chapter  
6058                    40, Criminal Background Checks by Political Subdivisions Operating Water Systems;
- 6059            (r) information provided by an offender that is:
- 6060                            (i) required by the registration requirements of Title 53, Chapter 29, Sex, Kidnap, and  
6061                                            Child Abuse Offender Registry; and
- 6062                            (ii) not required to be made available to the public under Subsection 53-29-404(3)(a);
- 6063            (s) a statement and any supporting documentation filed with the attorney general in  
6064                    accordance with Section 34-45-107, if the federal law or action supporting the filing  
6065                    involves homeland security;
- 6066            (t) electronic toll collection customer account information received or collected under  
6067                    Section 72-6-118 and customer information described in Section 17B-2a-815  
6068                    received or collected by a public transit district, including contact and payment  
6069                    information and customer travel data;
- 6070            (u) an email address provided by a military or overseas voter under Section 20A-16-501;
- 6071            (v) a completed military-overseas ballot that is electronically transmitted under Title  
6072                    20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act;
- 6073            (w) records received by or generated by or for the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review

- 6074 Commission established in Section 63A-15-201, except for:
- 6075 (i) the commission's summary data report that is required in Section 63A-15-202; and
- 6076 (ii) any other document that is classified as public in accordance with Title 63A,
- 6077 Chapter 15, Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission;
- 6078 (x) a record described in Section 53G-9-604 that verifies that a parent was notified of an
- 6079 incident or threat;
- 6080 (y) a criminal background check or credit history report conducted in accordance with
- 6081 Section 63A-3-201;
- 6082 (z) a record described in Subsection 53-5a-104(7);
- 6083 (aa) on a record maintained by a county for the purpose of administering property taxes,
- 6084 an individual's:
- 6085 (i) email address;
- 6086 (ii) phone number; or
- 6087 (iii) personal financial information related to a person's payment method;
- 6088 (bb) a record submitted by a taxpayer to establish the taxpayer's eligibility for an
- 6089 exemption, deferral, abatement, or relief under:
- 6090 (i) Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 11, Exemptions; or
- 6091 (ii) Title 59, Chapter 2a, Tax Relief Through Property Tax;
- 6092 (cc) a record provided by the State Tax Commission in response to a request under
- 6093 Subsection 59-1-403(4)(y)(iii);
- 6094 (dd) a record of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel regarding an individual
- 6095 child welfare case, as described in Subsection 36-33-103(3);
- 6096 (ee) a record relating to drug or alcohol testing of a state employee under Section
- 6097 63A-17-1004;
- 6098 (ff) a record relating to a request by a state elected official or state employee who has
- 6099 been threatened to the Division of Technology Services to remove personal
- 6100 identifying information from the open web under Section 63A-16-109;
- 6101 (gg) a record including confidential information as that term is defined in Section
- 6102 67-27-106; and
- 6103 (hh) a record or notice received or generated under Title 53, Chapter 30, Security
- 6104 Improvements Act, relating to:
- 6105 (i) an application for certification described in Section 53-30-201; or
- 6106 (ii) a security improvement, including a building permit application or building
- 6107 permit for a security improvement described in Section 53-30-301.

- 6108 (2) The following records are private if properly classified by a governmental entity:
- 6109 (a) records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for employment
- 6110 with a governmental entity, including performance evaluations and personal status
- 6111 information such as race, religion, or disabilities, but not including records that are
- 6112 public under Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(b) or 63G-2-301(3)(o) or private under
- 6113 Subsection (1)(b);
- 6114 (b) records describing an individual's finances, except that the following are public:
- 6115 (i) records described in Subsection 63G-2-301(2);
- 6116 (ii) information provided to the governmental entity for the purpose of complying
- 6117 with a financial assurance requirement; or
- 6118 (iii) records that must be disclosed in accordance with another statute;
- 6119 (c) records of independent state agencies if the disclosure of those records would
- 6120 conflict with the fiduciary obligations of the agency;
- 6121 (d) other records containing data on individuals the disclosure of which constitutes a
- 6122 clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- 6123 (e) records provided by the United States or by a government entity outside the state that
- 6124 are given with the requirement that the records be managed as private records, if the
- 6125 providing entity states in writing that the record would not be subject to public
- 6126 disclosure if retained by it;
- 6127 (f) any portion of a record in the custody of the Division of Aging and Adult Services,
- 6128 created in Section 26B-6-102, that may disclose, or lead to the discovery of, the
- 6129 identity of a person who made a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a
- 6130 vulnerable adult; and
- 6131 (g) audio and video recordings created by a body-worn camera, as defined in Section
- 6132 77-7a-103, that record sound or images inside a home or residence except for
- 6133 recordings that:
- 6134 (i) depict the commission of an alleged crime;
- 6135 (ii) record any encounter between a law enforcement officer and a person that results
- 6136 in death or bodily injury, or includes an instance when an officer fires a weapon;
- 6137 (iii) record any encounter that is the subject of a complaint or a legal proceeding
- 6138 against a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency;
- 6139 (iv) contain an officer-involved critical incident as defined in Subsection
- 6140 76-2-408(1)(f); or
- 6141 (v) have been requested for reclassification as a public record by a subject or

6142 authorized agent of a subject featured in the recording.

6143 (3)(a) As used in this Subsection (3), "medical records" means medical reports, records,  
6144 statements, history, diagnosis, condition, treatment, and evaluation.

6145 (b) Medical records in the possession of the University of Utah Hospital, its clinics,  
6146 doctors, or affiliated entities are not private records or controlled records under  
6147 Section 63G-2-304 when the records are sought:

6148 (i) in connection with any legal or administrative proceeding in which the patient's  
6149 physical, mental, or emotional condition is an element of any claim or defense; or

6150 (ii) after a patient's death, in any legal or administrative proceeding in which any  
6151 party relies upon the condition as an element of the claim or defense.

6152 (c) Medical records are subject to production in a legal or administrative proceeding  
6153 according to state or federal statutes or rules of procedure and evidence as if the  
6154 medical records were in the possession of a nongovernmental medical care provider.

6155 Section 66. Section **63G-2-303** is amended to read:

6156 **63G-2-303 (Effective 04/06/26). Private information concerning certain**  
6157 **government employees.**

6158 (1) As used in this section:

6159 (a) "At-risk government employee" means a current or former:

6160 (i) peace officer as specified in Section 53-13-102;

6161 (ii) state or federal judge of an appellate, district, justice, or juvenile court, or court  
6162 commissioner;

6163 (iii) judge authorized by Title 39A, Chapter 5, Utah Code of Military Justice;

6164 (iv) judge authorized by Armed Forces, Title 10, United States Code;

6165 (v) federal prosecutor;

6166 (vi) prosecutor appointed pursuant to Armed Forces, Title 10, United States Code;

6167 (vii) law enforcement official as defined in Section 53-5a-311;

6168 (viii) prosecutor authorized by Title 39A, Chapter 5, Utah Code of Military Justice; or

6169 (ix) state or local government employee who, because of the unique nature of the  
6170 employee's regular work assignments or because of one or more recent credible  
6171 threats directed to or against the employee, would be at immediate and substantial  
6172 risk of physical harm if the employee's personal information is disclosed.

6173 (b) "Family member" means the spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of an  
6174 at-risk government employee who is living with the employee.

6175 (c) "Personal information" means the employee's or the employee's family member's

6176 home address, home telephone number, personal mobile telephone number, personal  
6177 pager number, personal email address, social security number, insurance coverage,  
6178 marital status, or payroll deductions.

6179 (2)(a) Pursuant to Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(h), an at-risk government employee may  
6180 file a written application that:

6181 (i) gives notice of the employee's status as an at-risk government employee to each  
6182 agency of a government entity holding a record or a part of a record that would  
6183 disclose the employee's personal information; and

6184 (ii) requests that the government agency classify those records or parts of records as  
6185 private.

6186 (b) An at-risk government employee desiring to file an application under this section  
6187 may request assistance from the government agency to identify the individual records  
6188 containing personal information.

6189 (c) Each government agency shall develop a form that:

6190 (i) requires the at-risk government employee to designate each specific record or part  
6191 of a record containing the employee's personal information that the applicant  
6192 desires to be classified as private;

6193 (ii) affirmatively requests that the government entity holding those records classify  
6194 them as private;

6195 (iii) informs the employee that by submitting a completed form the employee may  
6196 not receive official announcements affecting the employee's property, including  
6197 notices about proposed municipal annexations, incorporations, or zoning  
6198 modifications; and

6199 (iv) contains a place for the signature required under Subsection (2)(d).

6200 (d) A form submitted by an employee under Subsection (2)(c) shall be signed by the  
6201 highest ranking elected or appointed official in the employee's chain of command  
6202 certifying that the employee submitting the form is an at-risk government employee.

6203 (3) A county recorder, county treasurer, county auditor, or a county tax assessor may fully  
6204 satisfy the requirements of this section by:

6205 (a) providing a method for the assessment roll and index and the tax roll and index that  
6206 will block public access to the home address, home telephone number, situs address,  
6207 and Social Security number; and

6208 (b) providing the at-risk government employee requesting the classification with a  
6209 disclaimer informing the employee that the employee may not receive official

- 6210           announcements affecting the employee's property, including notices about proposed  
6211           annexations, incorporations, or zoning modifications.
- 6212       (4) A government agency holding records of an at-risk government employee classified as  
6213       private under this section may release the record or part of the record if:
- 6214           (a) the employee or former employee gives written consent;
- 6215           (b) a court orders release of the records; or
- 6216           (c) the government agency receives a certified death certificate for the employee or  
6217           former employee[; ~~or~~] .
- 6218       ~~[(d) as it relates to the employee's voter registration record:]~~
- 6219           ~~[(i) the person to whom the record or part of the record is released is a qualified~~  
6220           ~~person under Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(n); and]~~
- 6221           ~~[(ii) the government agency's release of the record or part of the record complies with~~  
6222           ~~the requirements of Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(o).]~~
- 6223       (5)(a) If the government agency holding the private record receives a subpoena for the  
6224       records, the government agency shall attempt to notify the at-risk government  
6225       employee or former employee by mailing a copy of the subpoena to the employee's  
6226       last-known mailing address together with a request that the employee either:
- 6227           (i) authorize release of the record; or
- 6228           (ii) within 10 days of the date that the copy and request are mailed, deliver to the  
6229           government agency holding the private record a copy of a motion to quash filed  
6230           with the court who issued the subpoena.
- 6231       (b) The government agency shall comply with the subpoena if the government agency  
6232       has:
- 6233           (i) received permission from the at-risk government employee or former employee to  
6234           comply with the subpoena;
- 6235           (ii) not received a copy of a motion to quash within 10 days of the date that the copy  
6236           of the subpoena was mailed; or
- 6237           (iii) received a court order requiring release of the records.
- 6238       (6)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a form submitted under this section  
6239       remains in effect until the earlier of:
- 6240           (i) four years after the date the employee signs the form, whether or not the  
6241           employee's employment terminates before the end of the four-year period; and
- 6242           (ii) one year after the government agency receives official notice of the death of the  
6243           employee.

- 6244 (b) A form submitted under this section may be rescinded at any time by:
- 6245 (i) the at-risk government employee who submitted the form; or
- 6246 (ii) if the at-risk government employee is deceased, a member of the employee's
- 6247 immediate family.

6248 Section 67. Section **73-10d-4** is amended to read:

6249 **73-10d-4 (Effective 05/25/26). Notice of intention to enter privatization project --**

6250 **Petition for election -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature --**

6251 **Election procedures -- Powers of political subdivision -- Public bidding laws not to apply.**

- 6252 (1)(a) The governing authority of any political subdivision considering entering into a
- 6253 privatization project agreement shall issue a notice of intention setting forth a brief
- 6254 summary of the agreement provisions and the time within which and place at which
- 6255 petitions may be filed requesting the calling of an election in the political subdivision
- 6256 to determine whether the agreement should be approved.
- 6257 (b) The notice of intention shall specify the form of the petitions.
- 6258 (c) If, within 30 days after the publication of the notice of intention, petitions are filed
- 6259 with the clerk, recorder, or similar officer of the political subdivision, signed by at
- 6260 least 5% of the registered voters of the political subdivision (as certified by the
- 6261 county clerks of the respective counties within which the political subdivision is
- 6262 located pursuant to Subsections (7) and (8)[)] requesting an election be held to
- 6263 authorize the agreement, then the governing authority shall proceed to call and hold
- 6264 an election.
- 6265 (d) If an adequate petition is not filed within 30 days, the governing authority may adopt
- 6266 a resolution so finding and may proceed to enter into the agreement.
- 6267 (e) The first page of a petition described in this Subsection (1) shall include the
- 6268 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other
- 6269 statements on the page:
- 6270 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
- 6271 RECORDS
- 6272 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
- 6273 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
- 6274 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 6275 (2) If, under Subsection (1), the governing authority of a political subdivision is required to
- 6276 call an election to authorize an agreement, the governing authority shall adopt a
- 6277 resolution directing that an election be held in the political subdivision for the purpose of

- 6278 determining whether the political subdivision may enter into the agreement. The  
6279 resolution calling the election shall be adopted, notice of the election shall be given,  
6280 voting precincts shall be established, the election shall be held, voters' qualifications  
6281 shall be determined, and the results shall be canvassed in the manner and subject to the  
6282 conditions provided for in Title 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act.
- 6283 (3) A political subdivision may, upon approval of an agreement as provided by Subsections  
6284 (1) and (2) and subject to the powers and rules of the supervising agency:
- 6285 (a) supervise and regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of all  
6286 privatization projects within its jurisdiction or in which it has a contractual interest;
  - 6287 (b) contract, by entry into agreements with private owner/operators for the provision  
6288 within its jurisdiction of the services of privatization projects;
  - 6289 (c) levy and collect taxes, as otherwise provided by law, and impose and collect  
6290 assessments, fees, or charges for services provided by privatization projects, as  
6291 appropriate, and, subject to any limitation imposed by the constitution, pledge,  
6292 assign, or otherwise convey as security for the payment of its obligations under any  
6293 agreements any revenues and receipts derived from any assessments, fees, or charges  
6294 for services provided by privatization projects;
  - 6295 (d) require the private owner/operator to obtain any and all licenses as appropriate under  
6296 federal, state, and local law and impose other requirements which are necessary or  
6297 desirable to discharge the responsibility of the political subdivision to supervise and  
6298 regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of any privatization  
6299 project;
  - 6300 (e) control the right to contract, maintain, own, and operate any privatization project and  
6301 the services provided in connection with that project within its jurisdiction;
  - 6302 (f) purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire all or any part of a privatization project;
  - 6303 (g) with respect to the services of any privatization project, control the right to establish  
6304 or regulate the rates paid by the users of the services within the jurisdiction of the  
6305 political subdivision;
  - 6306 (h) agree that the sole and exclusive right to provide the services within its jurisdiction  
6307 related to privatization projects be assumed by any private owner/operator;
  - 6308 (i) contract for the lease or purchase of land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles for the  
6309 operation of privatization projects;
  - 6310 (j) lease, sell, or otherwise convey, as permitted by state and local law, but without any  
6311 requirement of competitive public bidding, land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles,

- 6312 previously used in connection with privatization projects, to private owner/operators;  
6313 and
- 6314 (k) establish policies for the operation of any privatization project within its jurisdiction  
6315 or with respect to which it has a contractual interest, including hours of operation, the  
6316 character and kinds of services, and other rules necessary for the safety of operating  
6317 personnel.
- 6318 (4) Any political subdivision may enter into agreements with respect to privatization  
6319 projects. Agreements may contain provisions relating to, without limitation, any matter  
6320 provided for in this section or consistent with the purposes of this chapter.
- 6321 (5) Any agreement entered into between a political subdivision and a private  
6322 owner/operator for the provision of the services of a privatization project is considered  
6323 an exercise of that political subdivision's business or proprietary power binding upon its  
6324 succeeding governing authorities. Any agreement made by a political subdivision with a  
6325 private owner/operator for payment for services provided or to be provided may not be  
6326 construed to be an indebtedness or a lending of credit of the political subdivision within  
6327 the meaning of any constitutional or statutory restriction.
- 6328 (6) The provisions of the various laws of the state and the rules or ordinances of a political  
6329 subdivision which would otherwise require public bidding in respect to any matter  
6330 provided for in this chapter shall have no application to that matter.
- 6331 (7) If a petition is presented to the clerk of a political subdivision under Subsection (1):  
6332 (a) as applicable, within three business days after the day on which the clerk receives the  
6333 petition, the clerk shall provide the petition to the county clerk for the county in  
6334 which the political subdivision is located; and  
6335 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition under this  
6336 section, the county clerk shall:  
6337 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
6338 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1) for a registered voter petition;  
6339 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the  
6340 affected political subdivision; and  
6341 (iii) as applicable, deliver the certified petition to the governing authority of the  
6342 affected political subdivision.
- 6343 (8)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (1) may have the voter's signature  
6344 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
6345 which the petition is provided to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a

6346 statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

6347 (b) A statement described in Subsection (8)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
6348 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

6349 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
6350 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
6351 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

6352 Section 68. **Effective Date.**

6353 (1) Except as provided in Subsections (2)-(4), this bill takes effect May 25, 2026.

6354 (2)(a) The actions affecting sections described in Subsection (2)(b) take effect:

6355 (i) except as provided in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), May 6, 2026; or

6356 (ii) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:

6357 (A) upon approval by the governor;

6358 (B) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time  
6359 limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or

6360 (C) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

6361 (b) Subsection (2)(a) applies to the actions affecting the following sections:

6362 (i) Section 20A-1-102 (**Effective upon governor's approval**);

6363 (ii) Section 20A-2-504 (**Effective upon governor's approval**);

6364 (iii) Section 20A-2-601 (**Effective upon governor's approval**);

6365 (iv) Section 20A-2-602 (**Effective upon governor's approval**);

6366 (v) Section 20A-2-607 (**Effective upon governor's approval**);

6367 (vi) Section 20A-7-103 (**Effective upon governor's approval**) (**Contingently Superseded**  
**01/01/27**);

6368 (vii) Section 20A-7-702 (**Effective upon governor's approval**);

6369 (viii) Section 20A-7-703.1 (**Effective upon governor's approval**);

6370 (ix) Section 63G-2-202 (**Effective upon governor's approval**); and

6371 (x) Section 63G-2-210 (**Effective upon governor's approval**).

6372 (3)(a) The actions affecting sections described in Subsection (3)(b) take effect:

6373 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), May 6, 2026; or

6374 (ii) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house, the later of April  
6375 6, 2026; or:

6376 (A) upon approval by the governor;

6377 (B) without the governor's approval, the day following the constitutional time  
6378 limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or

6379 (C) with the governor's veto and a vote of the Legislature to override the veto, the  
 6380 date of veto override.

6381 (b) Subsection (3)(a) applies to the actions affecting the following sections:

6382 (i) Section 20A-2-101.1 (Effective 04/06/26);

6383 (ii) Section 20A-2-104 (Effective 04/06/26);

6384 (iii) Section 20A-2-108 (Effective 04/06/26);

6385 (iv) Section 20A-2-204 (Effective 04/06/26);

6386 (v) Section 20A-2-206 (Effective 04/06/26);

6387 (vi) Section 20A-2-304 (Effective 04/06/26);

6388 (vii) Section 20A-2-505 (Effective 04/06/26);

6389 (viii) Section 20A-2-603 (Effective 04/06/26);

6390 (ix) Section 20A-2-604 (Effective 04/06/26);

6391 (x) Section 20A-2-605 (Effective 04/06/26);

6392 (xi) Section 20A-2-606 (Effective 04/06/26);

6393 (xii) Section 20A-5-410 (Effective 04/06/26);

6394 (xiii) Section 20A-3a-401 (Effective 04/06/26);

6395 (xiv) Section 20A-6-105 (Effective 04/06/26);

6396 (xv) Section 53H-3-1304 (Effective 04/06/26);

6397 (xvi) Section 63G-2-301 (Effective 04/06/26);

6398 (xvii) Section 63G-2-302 (Effective 04/06/26); and

6399 (xviii) Section 63G-2-303 (Effective 04/06/26).

6400 (4) The actions affecting Section 20A-7-103 (Contingently Effective 01/01/27) take effect  
 6401 on January 1, 2027.

6402 Section 69. **Coordinating S.B. 153 with H.B. 209.**

6403 If S.B. 153, Election Amendments, and H.B. 209, Voting Amendments, both pass and  
 6404 become law, the Legislature intends that:

6405 (1) Subsections 20A-2-204(3)(c) and (4), in S.B. 153 and H.B. 209, be amended to read:

6406 "(c) on or before the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on  
 6407 which the division receives a voter registration form, electronically transmit the form to the [  
 6408 Office of the Lieutenant Governor] lieutenant governor, including the following for the  
 6409 individual named on the form:

6410 (i) the name, date of birth, driver license or state identification card number, last four digits  
 6411 of the social security number, Utah residential address, place of birth, and signature;

6412 (ii) a mailing address, if different from the individual's Utah residential address;

(iii) an email address and phone number, if available;  
 (iv) the desired political affiliation, if indicated;  
~~[(v) an indication of whether the individual requested that the individual's voter registration record be classified as a private record under Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(b); and]~~  
~~[(vi) (v) [a withholding] an at-risk designation request form described in [Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)] Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted with the form[-]; and]~~  
 (vi) an indication regarding whether the individual provided proof of United States citizenship.

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

(a) enter the information into the statewide voter registration database;~~[-and]~~  
 (b) make a record of the indication described in Subsection (3)(c)(vi); and  
~~[(b) (c) if the individual [requests on the individual's voter registration form that the individual's voter registration record be classified as a private record or the individual submits a withholding request form described in Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)] submits an at-risk designation request form described in Section 20A-2-606 and any required verification, classify the individual's voter registration record as a private record.";~~

(2) Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (m), in S.B. 153 and H.B. 209, be amended to read:

"(j) that part of a voter registration record:

(i) identifying a voter's:

~~[(i) (A) driver license or identification card number;~~  
~~[(ii) (B) social security number, or last four digits of the social security number;~~  
~~[(iii) (C) email address;~~  
~~[(iv) (D) [date] day, month, or year of birth; or]~~  
~~[(v) (E) phone number;~~

(ii) submitted by the voter as proof of United States citizenship;

(iii) indicating whether the voter has provided proof of United States citizenship; or

(iv) indicating whether the voter is restricted to voting a federal ballot;

(k) a voter registration record that is classified as a private record by the lieutenant governor or a county clerk under Subsection 20A-2-101.1(5)(a)~~[- 20A-2-104(4)(h), or 20A-2-204(4)(b)]~~ or 20A-2-204(4)(c);

(l) a voter registration record~~[that is withheld under Subsection 20A-2-104(7);]~~ :

(i) of an at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601; or

(ii) before January 1, 2027, a voter registration record of a voter who is limited to voting a federal ballot only;

(m) the following forms and supporting verification:

(i) a withholding request form used, before April 6, 2026, to request that a voter's voter registration be withheld as a private record, and any verification submitted in support of the form;

(ii) an at-risk voter designation request form described in [Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)] Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted in support of the form;

(iii) a notice described in Section 20A-2-602; and

(iv) a form relating to a request described in Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604, 20A-2-605, or 20A-2-607;"; and

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) of this coordination clause take effect on:

(a) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), May 6, 2026; or

(b) April 6, 2026, if S.B. 153 and H.B. 209 are both approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house.