

**Trevor Lee** proposes the following substitute bill:

**Election Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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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 and the
- 34 date the voter signed the petition may be publicly disclosed to the same extent, and in
- 35 the same manner, as the voter identification number and signature date of a voter signing
- 36 the petition 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 H.B. 361, Elections Provisions 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 **20A-2-204 (04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 381, 448

147 **20A-2-504 (01/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448

148 **20A-2-504 (immediate)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 448

149 **63G-2-302 (04/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

150 **63G-2-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

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

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

154 **10-2-602 (Effective 05/25/26). Contents of resolution or petition.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

175 **10-2-701.5 (Effective 05/25/26). Form of petition.**

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

178 PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL DISINCORPORATION

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

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

187 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

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

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

192 **10-2a-208 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition for incorporation -- Requirements and**  
 193 **form -- Removal of signature.**

194 (1) At any time within one year after the day on which the county clerk completes the  
 195 public hearings required under Section 10-2a-207, individuals within the proposed  
 196 municipality may proceed with the incorporation process by circulating, and submitting  
 197 to the county clerk, a petition for incorporation that, to be certified under Subsection  
 198 10-2a-209(1)(b)(i), is required to be signed by:

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

233 municipality)

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

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

242 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

267 signature.

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

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

272 (ii) includes less than 50 registered voters.

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

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

276 **17-60-302 (Effective 05/25/26). Initiating a petition to move a county seat --**

277 **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Limitation.**

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

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

285 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
286 RECORDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

320 **17-61-201 (Effective 05/25/26). Consolidation of counties -- Petition --**

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

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

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

- 369 election.
- 370 (b) If a petition under Subsection (1) is presented during a year in which there is no  
371 regular general election, the county legislative body of the originating county and the  
372 county legislative body of the consolidating county shall:
- 373 (i) call a special election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
374 November following the presentation of the petition; and
- 375 (ii) cause the proposition to be submitted to the voters of the respective counties  
376 during the special election.
- 377 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an election under this Subsection (6) shall  
378 be held, the results canvassed, and returns made under the provisions of the general  
379 election laws of the state.
- 380 (d) The ballot language to be used at an election under this Subsection (6) shall be:
- 381 For combining \_\_\_\_ county with \_\_\_\_ county.  
382 Against combining \_\_\_\_ county with \_\_\_\_ county.
- 383 Section 6. Section **17-61-301** is amended to read:
- 384 **17-61-301 (Effective 05/25/26). Annexation of portion of county to adjoining**  
385 **county -- Petition -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature --**  
386 **Election -- Ballot.**
- 387 (1)(a) Except as provided in Section 17-61-306, a voter who desires to have initiating  
388 county territory in which the voter resides included within the boundary of an  
389 adjoining county, the voter may petition the county legislative body of the initiating  
390 county and the county legislative body of the annexing county.
- 391 (b) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
392 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
393 page:  
394 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
395 RECORDS  
396 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
397 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
398 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 399 (2) A petition under Subsection (1) shall be:
- 400 (a) signed by a majority of the voters living in the portion of the initiating county  
401 proposed to be included within the boundaries of an annexing county; and
- 402 (b) presented before the first Monday in June of a year during which a general election is

- 403 held.
- 404 (3)(a) Within three business days after the day on which a county legislative body  
 405 receives a petition under Subsection (1), the county legislative body shall provide the  
 406 petition to the county clerk.
- 407 (b) Within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk of an initiating county receives  
 408 a petition from the county legislative body under Subsection (3)(a), the county clerk  
 409 shall:
- 410 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
 411 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2);
- 412 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a voter in the portion of the  
 413 initiating county that is proposed to be annexed; and
- 414 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 415 (4)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's  
 416 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day  
 417 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,  
 418 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature  
 419 be removed.
- 420 (b) A statement described in Subsection (4)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 421 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 422 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
 423 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
 424 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 425 (5)(a) If the county clerk of the initiating county determines that the petition meets the  
 426 requirements of Subsection (2), the county clerk of the initiating county and the  
 427 county clerk of the annexing county shall ensure the petition is submitted to the  
 428 voters of the respective counties at the next regular general election as described in  
 429 this Subsection (5).
- 430 (b) Except as otherwise provided, the election shall be held, the results canvassed, and  
 431 returns made under the provisions of the general election laws of the state.
- 432 (c) The ballot language to be used in an election held under this Subsection (5) shall be:
- 433 For annexing a portion of \_\_\_\_ county to \_\_\_\_ county.
- 434 Against annexing a portion of \_\_\_\_ county to \_\_\_\_ county.
- 435 Section 7. Section **17-61-401** is amended to read:
- 436 **17-61-401 (Effective 05/25/26). Creating a new county -- Petition -- Certification**

437 **of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Election -- Ballots.**

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

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

445 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
446 RECORDS

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

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

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

452 (ii) be signed:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 471 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.
- 472 (5)(a) An individual who signs a petition under this section may have the individual's  
473 signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day  
474 on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the county clerk,  
475 submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the individual's signature  
476 be removed.
- 477 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
478 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 479 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
480 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
481 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 482 (6) The seceding county legislative body shall cause the proposition to be submitted to the  
483 voters residing in the seceding county at a special election to be held according to the  
484 dates established in Section 20A-1-204, first causing 30 days' notice of the election to be  
485 given in the manner provided by law for giving notice of general elections.
- 486 (7) The county clerk shall ensure that the special election is held, the result canvassed, and  
487 returns made under the provisions of the general election laws.
- 488 (8) The form of ballot to be used at the special election shall be:  
489 For the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.  
490 Against the creation of (supplying the name proposed) county.
- 491 (9)(a) Subject to Subsection (9)(b), the expenses of any special election described in this  
492 section shall be paid out of the general fund of the seceding county.
- 493 (b) If the voters approve the creation of the new county, the new county shall reimburse  
494 the seceding county for half of the cost of the special election within one year of the  
495 effective date of the new county from the general fund of the new county.
- 496 Section 8. Section **17-62-303** is amended to read:  
497 **17-62-303 (Effective 05/25/26). Registered voter initiation of adoption of optional**  
498 **plan -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Procedure.**
- 499 (1)(a) Registered voters of a county may initiate the process of adopting an optional plan  
500 by filing with the county clerk a notice of intent to gather signatures for a petition:  
501 (i) for the establishment of a study committee described in Section 17-62-402; or  
502 (ii) to adopt an optional plan that:  
503 (A) accompanies the petition during the signature gathering process and  
504 accompanies the petition in the submission to the county clerk under

- 505 Subsection (2)(b); and
- 506 (B) complies with the requirements described in Sections 17-62-403 and
- 507 17-62-404.
- 508 (b) A notice of intent described in Subsection (1)(a) shall:
- 509 (i) designate five sponsors for the petition;
- 510 (ii) designate a contact sponsor to serve as the primary contact for the petition
- 511 sponsors;
- 512 (iii) list the mailing address and telephone number of each of the sponsors; and
- 513 (iv) be signed by each of the petition sponsors.
- 514 (c) Registered voters of a county may not file a notice of intent to gather signatures in
- 515 bad faith.
- 516 (d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
- 517 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
- 518 page:
- 519 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION
- 520 RECORDS
- 521 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
- 522 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
- 523 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 524 (2)(a) The sponsors of a petition may circulate the petition after filing a notice of intent
- 525 to gather signatures under Subsection (1).
- 526 (b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), the petition is valid if the petition
- 527 contains the number of legal signatures required under Subsection 20A-7-501(2).
- 528 (ii) For a county of the fifth or sixth class, the petition is valid if the petition contains
- 529 at least the number of legal signatures equal to 30% of the number of active
- 530 voters, as defined in Section 20A-7-501, in the county.
- 531 (iii) The county clerk may not count a signature that was collected for the petition
- 532 before the petition sponsors filed a notice of intent under Subsection (1)(a).
- 533 (iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual may not sign a petition
- 534 circulated under this section by electronic signature as defined in Section
- 535 20A-1-202.
- 536 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b)(ii), the sponsors of the petition shall submit
- 537 the completed petition and any amended or supplemental petition described in
- 538 Subsection (4) with the county clerk not more than 180 days after the day on which

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

- 573 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (2)(c); or  
574 (ii) 20 days after the day on which the county clerk rejects the petition under  
575 Subsection (3)(b)(ii).
- 576 (5) With the unanimous approval of petition sponsors, a petition filed under this section  
577 may be withdrawn at any time within 90 days after the day on which the county clerk  
578 certifies the petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i) and no later than 45 days before an  
579 election under Section 17-62-501 if the petition included a notification to petition  
580 signers, in conspicuous language and in a conspicuous location, that the petition  
581 sponsors are authorized to withdraw the petition.
- 582 (6)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature  
583 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
584 which the sponsors submit the petition to the county clerk, submitting to the county  
585 clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 586 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
587 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 588 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
589 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
590 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 591 Section 9. Section **17-62-505** is amended to read:
- 592 **17-62-505 (Effective 05/25/26). Repeal of optional plan -- Certification of petition**  
593 **signatures -- Removal of signature.**
- 594 (1) An optional plan that the voters in an election adopt under this chapter may be repealed  
595 as provided in this section.
- 596 (2) Registered voters of a county that has adopted an optional plan may initiate the process  
597 of repealing an optional plan by filing a petition for the repeal of the optional plan.
- 598 (3)(a) Registered voters of a county may not file a petition to repeal an optional plan  
599 sooner than four years or more than five years after the election of county officers  
600 under Section 17-62-503.
- 601 (b)(i) If the registered voters file a petition to repeal an optional plan under this  
602 section, the petition is certified, and the optional plan is not repealed at an election  
603 described in Subsection (9), the voters may not circulate or file a subsequent  
604 petition to repeal until at least four, and not more than five, years after the  
605 certification of the original petition.
- 606 (ii) If, after four years, the voters file a subsequent petition under Subsection (3)(b)(i),

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

- 641 the amended petition and notify the county legislative body and the contact  
642 sponsor in writing of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection.
- 643 (6) If a county clerk rejects a petition or an amended petition under Subsection (5)(b)(ii),  
644 the petition may be amended or an amended petition may be further amended with  
645 additional signatures and refiled within 20 days of the date of rejection.
- 646 (7)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature  
647 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
648 which the sponsors file the petition in the office of the county clerk, submitting to the  
649 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 650 (b) A statement described in Subsection (7)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
651 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 652 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
653 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
654 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.
- 655 (8) If a county clerk certifies a petition under Subsection (2), the county legislative body  
656 shall hold an election on the proposal to repeal the optional plan at the next regular  
657 general election that is at least 60 days after the day on which the county clerk certifies  
658 the petition.
- 659 (9) If, at an election held under Subsection (8), a majority of voters voting on the proposal  
660 to repeal the optional plan vote in favor of repealing:
- 661 (a) the optional plan is repealed, effective January 1 of the year following the election of  
662 county officers under Subsection (9)(c);
- 663 (b) upon the effective date of the repeal under Subsection (9)(a), the form of government  
664 under which the county operates reverts to the form it had before the optional plan  
665 was adopted; and
- 666 (c) the county officers under the form of government to which the county reverts, who  
667 are different than the county officers under the repealed optional plan, shall be  
668 elected at the next regular general election following the election under Subsection (8).
- 669 Section 10. Section **17B-1-205** is amended to read:
- 670 **17B-1-205 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition and request requirements -- Removal or**  
671 **reinstatement of signature.**
- 672 (1) Each petition and request shall:
- 673 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each property  
674 owner, groundwater right owner, or registered voter signing the petition;

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

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

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

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

737 [~~(2)~~] (3)(a) Subject to Subsection [~~(2)(b)~~] (3)(b), a signer of a request or petition may  
 738 remove or, once removed, reinstate the signer's signature at any time before the filing  
 739 of the request or petition by filing a written statement for removal or reinstatement  
 740 with:

741 (i) in the case of a request:

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

- 743 applicable area the signer's property is located, if the request is a property  
 744 owner request;
- 745 (B) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose  
 746 applicable area the signer's groundwater diversion point is located, if the  
 747 request is a groundwater right owner request; or
- 748 (C) the clerk of the county or the clerk or recorder of the municipality in whose  
 749 applicable area the signer resides, if the request is a registered voter request; or
- 750 (ii) in the case of a petition, the responsible clerk.
- 751 (b) The time for a signer of a petition for the creation of an infrastructure financing  
 752 district to remove or reinstate the signer's signature is any time before the petition is  
 753 certified under Section 17B-1-209.
- 754 ~~[(3)]~~ (4)(a) A clerk of the county who receives a timely, valid written statement for  
 755 removal or reinstatement from a signer of a registered voter request or registered  
 756 voter petition shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
 757 determine whether to remove or reinstate the individual's signature.
- 758 (b) If a municipal clerk or recorder receives a timely, valid written statement for removal  
 759 or reinstatement from a signer of a registered voter request or registered voter  
 760 petition, the clerk of the municipality's county shall assist the municipal clerk or  
 761 recorder with determining whether to remove or reinstate the individual's signature  
 762 using the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3).
- 763 Section 11. Section **17B-1-506** is amended to read:
- 764 **17B-1-506 (Effective 05/25/26). Withdrawal petition requirements -- Removal or**  
 765 **reinstatement of signature.**
- 766 (1) Each petition under Section 17B-1-504 shall:
- 767 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current address of each owner of acre-feet of  
 768 water, property owner, registered voter, or authorized representative of the governing  
 769 body signing the petition;
- 770 (b) separately group signatures by municipality and, in the case of unincorporated areas,  
 771 by county;
- 772 (c) if it is a petition signed by the owners of land, the assessment of which is based on  
 773 acre-feet of water, indicate the address of the property and the property tax  
 774 identification parcel number of the property as to which the owner is signing the  
 775 request;
- 776 (d) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, or in the case of a petition

777 filed under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv), designate a governmental representative  
778 as a sponsor, and in each case, designate one sponsor as the contact sponsor with the  
779 mailing address and telephone number of each;

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

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

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

786 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION

787 RECORDS

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

791 (2)(a) The special district may prepare an itemized list of expenses, other than attorney  
792 expenses, that will necessarily be incurred by the special district in the withdrawal  
793 proceeding. The itemized list of expenses may be submitted to the contact sponsor.  
794 If the list of expenses is submitted to the contact sponsor within 21 days after receipt  
795 of the petition, the contact sponsor on behalf of the petitioners shall be required to  
796 pay the expenses to the special district within 90 days of receipt. Until funds to cover  
797 the expenses are delivered to the special district, the district will have no obligation to  
798 proceed with the withdrawal and the time limits on the district stated in this part will  
799 be tolled. If the expenses are not paid within the 90 days, or within 90 days from the  
800 conclusion of any arbitration under Subsection (2)(b), the petition requesting the  
801 withdrawal shall be considered to have been withdrawn.

802 (b) If there is no agreement between the board of trustees of the special district and the  
803 contact sponsor on the amount of expenses that will necessarily be incurred by the  
804 special district in the withdrawal proceeding, either the board of trustees or the  
805 contact sponsor may submit the matter to binding arbitration in accordance with Title  
806 78B, Chapter 6, Part 2, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act[;] , provided that, if the  
807 parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator and the rules and procedures that will control  
808 the arbitration, either party may pursue arbitration under Title 78B, Chapter 11, Utah  
809 Uniform Arbitration Act.

810 (3)(a) A signer of a petition may remove or, once removed, reinstate the signer's

- 811 signature at any time before the public hearing under Section 17B-1-508 by  
812 submitting a written statement requesting removal or reinstatement with the board of  
813 trustees of the special district in which the area proposed to be withdrawn is located.
- 814 (b) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
815 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 816 (c) As applicable and using the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the  
817 county clerk shall assist the board of trustees to determine whether to remove or  
818 reinstate a registered voter's signature after the voter submits a timely, valid statement  
819 described in Subsection (3)(a).
- 820 (4) If it reasonably appears that, if the withdrawal which is the subject of a petition filed  
821 under Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(i) or (ii) is granted, it will be necessary for a  
822 municipality to provide to the withdrawn area the service previously supplied by the  
823 special district, the board of trustees of the special district may, within 21 days after  
824 receiving the petition, notify the contact sponsor in writing that, before it will be  
825 considered by the board of trustees, the petition shall be presented to and approved by  
826 the governing body of the municipality as provided in Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv)  
827 before it will be considered by the special district board of trustees. If the notice is  
828 timely given to the contact sponsor, the petition shall be considered to have been  
829 withdrawn until the municipality files a petition with the special district under  
830 Subsection 17B-1-504(1)(a)(iv).
- 831 (5)(a) After receiving the notice required by Subsection 17B-1-504(2), unless  
832 specifically allowed by law, a public entity may not make expenditures from public  
833 funds to support or oppose the gathering of signatures on a petition for withdrawal.
- 834 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits a public entity from providing factual information  
835 and analysis regarding a withdrawal petition to the public, so long as the information  
836 grants equal access to both the opponents and proponents of the petition for  
837 withdrawal.
- 838 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a public official from speaking, campaigning,  
839 contributing personal money, or otherwise exercising the public official's  
840 constitutional rights.
- 841 (6) Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) do not apply to a petition seeking the withdrawal of an  
842 area from an infrastructure financing district.

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

844 **17B-1-1304 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition requirements.**

- 845 (1) Each petition under Subsection 17B-1-1303(1)(a) or (2) shall:
- 846 (a) indicate the typed or printed name and current residence address of each owner of
- 847 acre-feet of water, property owner, or registered voter signing the petition;
- 848 (b) if it is a petition signed by the owners of acre-feet of water or property owners,
- 849 indicate the address of the property as to which the owner is signing;
- 850 (c) designate up to three signers of the petition as sponsors, one of whom shall be
- 851 designated the contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of
- 852 each; and
- 853 (d) be filed with the clerk.
- 854 (2) A signer of a petition to dissolve a special district may withdraw, or, once withdrawn,
- 855 reinstate the signer's signature at any time until 30 days after the public hearing under
- 856 Section 17B-1-1306.
- 857 (3) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
- 858 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the
- 859 page:
- 860 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
- 861 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed
- 862 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter
- 863 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 864 Section 13. Section **17D-2-502** is amended to read:
- 865 **17D-2-502 (Effective 05/25/26). Required process for issuance of local building**
- 866 **authority bonds -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature.**
- 867 (1) A local building authority may not issue bonds unless the creating local entity's
- 868 governing body approves the issuance and terms of the bonds.
- 869 (2)(a) Before issuing bonds, the authority board of a local building authority shall give
- 870 public notice of the authority board's intent to issue bonds.
- 871 (b)(i) A local building authority may not issue bonds without the approval of the
- 872 creating local entity's voters if, within 30 days after the notice under Subsection
- 873 (2)(a) is given, a written petition requesting an election is filed with the local
- 874 building authority, signed by at least 20% of the active voters, as defined in
- 875 Section 20A-1-102, within the creating local entity.
- 876 (ii) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following
- 877 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on
- 878 the page:

879 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 880 RECORDS

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

885 [(ii)] (iii) Each election under Subsection (2)(b)(i) shall be held as provided in Title  
 886 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act, in the same manner as an  
 887 election for general obligation bonds issued by the creating local entity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

906 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in [~~Section~~] Subsection  
 907 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a  
 908 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

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

910 **20A-1-102 (Effective upon governor's approval). Definitions.**

911 As used in this title:

912 (1) "Active voter" means a registered voter who has not been classified as an inactive voter

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

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

- 981 (b) act as the presiding election judge; or  
982 (c) serve as a canvassing judge, counting judge, or receiving judge.
- 983 (25) "Election material" includes:
- 984 (a) the verification documentation described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(9)(b)(iv);  
985 (b) the list of voters contacted to cure a ballot described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(10)(b);  
986 (c) the record of rejected and resolved ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401(11)(a);  
987 (d) any chain of custody documentation described in Section 20A-3a-401.1, including:  
988 (i) the count of ballots described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(3); and  
989 (ii) the batch log described in Subsection 20A-3a-401.1(5);  
990 (e) the record of signature verification audits described in Subsection 20A-3a-402.5(4);  
991 (f) the affidavit of compliance described in Subsection 20A-3a-404(2);  
992 (g) the physical and electronic log of replicated ballots described in Subsection  
993 20A-4-104(3);  
994 (h) the physical or electronic log of adjudicated ballots described in Section 20A-5-802.5;  
995 (i) the record of voter database access described in Subsection 20A-5-905(2);  
996 (j) the reports on military and overseas voters described in Section 20A-16-202;  
997 (k) scanned copies of return envelopes;  
998 (l) a copy of the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5; and  
999 (m) the materials used in the programming of the automatic tabulating equipment.
- 1000 (26) "Election officer" means:
- 1001 (a) the lieutenant governor, for all statewide ballots and elections;  
1002 (b) the county clerk for:  
1003 (i) a county 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 (c) the municipal clerk for:  
1007 (i) a municipal 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;  
1010 (d) the special district clerk or chief executive officer for:  
1011 (i) a special 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; or  
1014 (e) the business administrator or superintendent of a school district for:

- 1015 (i) a school district ballot and election; and  
1016 (ii) a ballot and election as a provider election officer as provided in Section  
1017 20A-5-400.1 or 20A-5-400.5.
- 1018 (27) "Election official" means any election officer, election judge, or poll worker.
- 1019 (28) "Election results" means:
- 1020 (a) for an election other than a bond election, the count of votes cast in the election and  
1021 the election returns requested by the board of canvassers; or
- 1022 (b) for bond elections, the count of those votes cast for and against the bond proposition  
1023 plus any or all of the election returns that the board of canvassers may request.
- 1024 (29) "Election results database" means the following information generated by voting  
1025 equipment:
- 1026 (a) one or more electronic files that contains a digital interpretation of each ballot that is  
1027 counted in an election;
- 1028 (b) a ballot image; and
- 1029 (c) other information related to a ballot that is adjudicated under Section 20A-4-105.
- 1030 (30) "Election returns" means:
- 1031 (a) the pollbook;
- 1032 (b) the military and overseas absentee voter registration and voting certificates;
- 1033 (c) one of the tally sheets;
- 1034 (d) any unprocessed ballots;
- 1035 (e) all counted ballots;
- 1036 (f) all excess ballots;
- 1037 (g) all unused ballots;
- 1038 (h) all spoiled ballots;
- 1039 (i) all ballot disposition forms, including any provisional ballot disposition forms;
- 1040 (j) the final election results database described in Section 20A-5-802.5;
- 1041 (k) all return envelopes;
- 1042 (l) any provisional ballot envelopes; and
- 1043 (m) the total votes cast form.
- 1044 (31) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or  
1045 logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to  
1046 sign the record.
- 1047 (32) "Holiday" means a legal holiday described in Subsections 63G-1-301(1) and (2).
- 1048 (33) "Inactive voter" means a registered voter who is listed as inactive by a county clerk

- 1049 under Subsection 20A-2-505(4)(c)(i) or (ii).
- 1050 (34) "Judicial office" means the office filled by any judicial officer.
- 1051 (35) "Judicial officer" means any justice or judge of a court of record or any county court  
1052 judge.
- 1053 (36) "Local election" means a regular county election, a regular municipal election, a  
1054 municipal primary election, a local special election, a special district election, and a  
1055 bond election.
- 1056 (37) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a special district, or a  
1057 local school district.
- 1058 (38) "Local special election" means a special election called by the governing body of a  
1059 local political subdivision in which all registered voters of the local political subdivision  
1060 may vote.
- 1061 (39) "Manual ballot" means a paper document produced by an election officer on which an  
1062 individual records an individual's vote by directly placing a mark on the paper document  
1063 using a pen or other marking instrument.
- 1064 (40) "Mechanical ballot" means a record, including a paper record, electronic record, or  
1065 mechanical record, that:
- 1066 (a) is created via electronic or mechanical means; and
- 1067 (b) records an individual voter's vote cast via a method other than an individual directly  
1068 placing a mark, using a pen or other marking instrument, to record an individual  
1069 voter's vote.
- 1070 (41) "Municipal executive" means:
- 1071 (a) the mayor in the council-mayor form of government defined in Section 10-3b-102; or
- 1072 (b) the mayor in the council-manager form of government defined in Subsection  
1073 10-3b-103(6).
- 1074 (42) "Municipal general election" means the election held in municipalities and, as  
1075 applicable, special districts on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of  
1076 each odd-numbered year for the purposes established in Section 20A-1-202.
- 1077 (43) "Municipal legislative body" means the council of the city or town in any form of  
1078 municipal government.
- 1079 (44) "Municipal office" means an elective office in a municipality.
- 1080 (45) "Municipal officers" means those municipal officers that are required by law to be  
1081 elected.
- 1082 (46) "Municipal primary election" means an election held to nominate candidates for

- 1083 municipal office.
- 1084 (47) "Municipality" means a city or town.
- 1085 (48) "Official ballot" means the ballots distributed by the election officer for voters to  
1086 record their votes.
- 1087 (49) "Official endorsement" means the information on the ballot that identifies:  
1088 (a) the ballot as an official ballot;  
1089 (b) the date of the election; and  
1090 (c)(i) for a ballot prepared by an election officer other than a county clerk, the  
1091 facsimile signature required by Subsection 20A-6-401(1)(a)(iii); or  
1092 (ii) for a ballot prepared by a county clerk, the words required by Subsection  
1093 20A-6-301(1)(b)(iii).
- 1094 (50) "Official register" means the official record furnished to election officials by the  
1095 election officer that contains the information required by Section 20A-5-401.
- 1096 (51) "Political party" means an organization of registered voters that has qualified to  
1097 participate in an election by meeting the requirements of Chapter 8, Political Party  
1098 Formation and Procedures.
- 1099 (52)(a) "Poll worker" means a person assigned by an election official to assist with an  
1100 election, voting, or counting votes.  
1101 (b) "Poll worker" includes election judges.  
1102 (c) "Poll worker" does not include a watcher.
- 1103 (53) "Pollbook" means a record of the names of voters in the order that the voters appear to  
1104 cast votes.
- 1105 (54) "Polling place" means a building where voting is conducted.
- 1106 (55) "Position" means a square, circle, rectangle, or other geometric shape on a ballot in  
1107 which the voter marks the voter's choice.
- 1108 (56) "Presidential Primary Election" means the election established in Chapter 9, Part 8,  
1109 Presidential Primary Election.
- 1110 (57) "Primary convention" means the political party conventions held during the year of the  
1111 regular general election.
- 1112 (58) "Protective counter" means a separate counter, which cannot be reset, that:  
1113 (a) is built into a voting machine; and  
1114 (b) records the total number of movements of the operating lever.
- 1115 (59) "Provider election officer" means an election officer who enters into a contract or  
1116 interlocal agreement with a contracting election officer to conduct an election for the

- 1117 contracting election officer's local political subdivision in accordance with Section  
1118 20A-5-400.1.
- 1119 (60) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot voted provisionally by a person:  
1120 (a) whose name is not listed on the official register at the polling place;  
1121 (b) whose legal right to vote is challenged as provided in this title; or  
1122 (c) whose identity was not sufficiently established by a poll worker.
- 1123 (61) "Provisional ballot envelope" means an envelope printed in the form required by  
1124 Section 20A-6-105 that is used to identify provisional ballots and to provide information  
1125 to verify a person's legal right to vote.
- 1126 (62)(a) "Public figure" means an individual who, due to the individual being considered  
1127 for, holding, or having held a position of prominence in a public or private capacity,  
1128 or due to the individual's celebrity status, has an increased risk to the individual's  
1129 safety.
- 1130 ~~[(b) "Public figure" does not include an individual:]~~  
1131 ~~[(i) elected to public office; or]~~  
1132 ~~[(ii) appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected public office.]~~
- 1133 (b) "Public figure" includes an individual who is elected to public office, appointed to  
1134 fill a vacancy in an elected public office, or employed by a government entity if, in  
1135 relation to the individual's service in public office or employment as an employee of  
1136 a government entity, the individual has received a threat of harm to a person or  
1137 property.
- 1138 (63) "Qualify" or "qualified" means to take the oath of office and begin performing the  
1139 duties of the position for which the individual was elected.
- 1140 (64) "Receiving judge" means the poll worker that checks the voter's name in the official  
1141 register at a polling place and provides the voter with a ballot.
- 1142 (65) "Registration form" means a form by which an individual may register to vote under  
1143 this title.
- 1144 (66) "Regular ballot" means a ballot that is not a provisional ballot.
- 1145 (67) "Regular general election" means the election held throughout the state on the first  
1146 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year for the  
1147 purposes established in Section 20A-1-201.
- 1148 (68) "Regular primary election" means the election, held on the date specified in Section  
1149 20A-1-201.5, to nominate candidates of political parties and candidates for nonpartisan  
1150 local school board positions to advance to the regular general election.

- 1151 (69) "Resident" means a person who resides within a specific voting precinct in Utah.
- 1152 (70) "Return envelope" means the envelope, described in Subsection 20A-3a-202(4),  
1153 provided to a voter with a manual ballot:
- 1154 (a) into which the voter places the manual ballot after the voter has voted the manual  
1155 ballot in order to preserve the secrecy of the voter's vote; and
- 1156 (b) that includes the voter affidavit and a place for the voter's signature.
- 1157 (71) "Sample ballot" means a mock ballot similar in form to the official ballot, published as  
1158 provided in Section 20A-5-405.
- 1159 (72) "Special district" means a local government entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose  
1160 Local Government Entities - Special Districts, and includes a special service district  
1161 under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.
- 1162 (73) "Special district officers" means those special district board members who are required  
1163 by law to be elected.
- 1164 (74) "Special election" means an election held as authorized by Section 20A-1-203.
- 1165 (75) "Spoiled ballot" means each ballot that:
- 1166 (a) is spoiled by the voter;
- 1167 (b) is unable to be voted because it was spoiled by the printer or a poll worker; or
- 1168 (c) lacks the official endorsement.
- 1169 (76) "Statewide special election" means a special election called by the governor or the  
1170 Legislature in which all registered voters in Utah may vote.
- 1171 (77) "Tabulation system" means a device or system designed for the sole purpose of  
1172 tabulating votes cast by voters at an election.
- 1173 (78) "Ticket" means a list of:
- 1174 (a) political parties;
- 1175 (b) candidates for an office; or
- 1176 (c) ballot propositions.
- 1177 (79) "Transfer case" means the sealed box used to transport voted ballots to the counting  
1178 center.
- 1179 (80) "Vacancy" means:
- 1180 (a) except as provided in Subsection (80)(b), the absence of an individual to serve in a  
1181 position created by state constitution or state statute, whether that absence occurs  
1182 because of death, disability, disqualification, resignation, or other cause; or
- 1183 (b) in relation to a candidate for a position created by state constitution or state statute,  
1184 the removal of a candidate due to the candidate's death, resignation, or

1185 disqualification.

1186 (81) "Valid voter identification" means:

1187 (a) a form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter which may  
1188 include:

1189 (i) a currently valid Utah driver license;

1190 (ii) a currently valid identification card issued under Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 8,  
1191 Identification Card Act;

1192 (iii) a currently valid identification card that is issued by:

1193 (A) the state; or

1194 (B) a branch, department, or agency of the United States;

1195 (iv) a currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;

1196 (v) a currently valid United States passport; or

1197 (vi) a currently valid United States military identification card;

1198 (b) one of the following identification cards, regardless of whether the card includes a  
1199 photograph of the voter:

1200 (i) a valid tribal identification card;

1201 (ii) a Bureau of Indian Affairs card; or

1202 (iii) a tribal treaty card; or

1203 (c) two forms of identification not listed under Subsection (81)(a) or (b) but that bear the  
1204 name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct,  
1205 which may include:

1206 (i) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a current utility bill, dated no more  
1207 than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;

1208 (ii) before January 1, 2029, an original or copy of a bank or other financial account  
1209 statement, dated no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;

1210 (iii) a certified birth certificate;

1211 (iv) a valid social security card;

1212 (v) an original or copy of a check issued by the state or the federal government, dated  
1213 no more than 90 calendar days before the date of the election;

1214 (vi) an original or copy of a paycheck from the voter's employer, dated no more than  
1215 90 calendar days before the date of the election;

1216 (vii) a currently valid Utah hunting or fishing license;

1217 (viii) certified naturalization documentation;

1218 (ix) a currently valid license issued by an authorized agency of the United States;

- 1219 (x) a certified copy of court records showing the voter's adoption or name change;
- 1220 (xi) a valid Medicaid card, Medicare card, or Electronic Benefits Transfer [~~Card~~] card;
- 1221 (xii) a currently valid identification card issued by:
- 1222 (A) a local government within the state;
- 1223 (B) an employer for an employee; or
- 1224 (C) a college, university, technical school, or professional school located within
- 1225 the state; or
- 1226 (xiii) a current Utah vehicle registration.
- 1227 (82) "Valid write-in candidate" means a candidate who has qualified as a write-in candidate
- 1228 by following the procedures and requirements of this title.
- 1229 (83) "Vote by mail" means to vote, using a manual ballot that is mailed to the voter, by:
- 1230 (a) mailing the ballot to the location designated in the mailing; or
- 1231 (b) depositing the ballot in a ballot drop box designated by the election officer.
- 1232 (84) "Voter" means an individual who:
- 1233 (a) meets the requirements for voting in an election;
- 1234 (b) meets the requirements of election registration;
- 1235 (c) is registered to vote; and
- 1236 (d) is listed in the official register.
- 1237 (85) "Voter registration deadline" means the registration deadline provided in Section
- 1238 20A-2-102.5.
- 1239 (86) "Voting area" means the area within six feet of the voting booths, voting machines,
- 1240 and ballot box.
- 1241 (87) "Voting booth" means:
- 1242 (a) the space or compartment within a polling place that is provided for the preparation
- 1243 of ballots, including the voting enclosure or curtain; or
- 1244 (b) a voting device that is free standing.
- 1245 (88) "Voting device" means any device provided by an election officer for a voter to vote a
- 1246 mechanical ballot.
- 1247 (89) "Voting precinct" means the smallest geographical voting unit, established under
- 1248 Chapter 5, Part 3, Duties of the County and Municipal Legislative Bodies.
- 1249 (90) "Watcher" means an individual who complies with the requirements described in
- 1250 Section 20A-3a-801 to become a watcher for an election.
- 1251 (91) "Write-in ballot" means a ballot containing any write-in votes.
- 1252 (92) "Write-in vote" means a vote cast for an individual, whose name is not printed on the

1253 ballot, in accordance with the procedures established in this title.

1254 Section 15. Section **20A-1-1004** is enacted to read:

1255 **20A-1-1004 (Effective 05/25/26). Signing a petition -- Waiver of privacy status by**  
1256 **at-risk voter.**

1257 (1) As used in this section, "at-risk voter" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
1258 20A-2-601.

1259 (2) Subject to Subsection (3), if an at-risk voter signs a petition, the voter's voter  
1260 identification number and date of signature are subject to disclosure to the same extent,  
1261 and in the same manner, as the voter identification number and date of signature of a  
1262 voter who is not an at-risk voter who signs the petition.

1263 (3)(a) Subsection (2) applies only to the extent of a disclosure made in direct relation to  
1264 the petition, including:

1265 (i) disclosing the voter identification number and date of signature of an at-risk voter  
1266 who signed the petition;

1267 (ii) signature verification or certification for the petition; or

1268 (iii) removing a signature from the petition.

1269 (b) Except to the extent described in Subsection (3)(a), the voter registration record of an  
1270 at-risk voter retains the classification as a private record.

1271 Section 16. Section **20A-2-101.1** is amended to read:

1272 **20A-2-101.1 (Effective 04/06/26). Preregistering to vote.**

1273 (1) An individual may preregister to vote if the individual:

1274 (a) is 16 or 17 years [~~of age~~] old;

1275 (b) is not eligible to register to vote because the individual does not comply with the age  
1276 requirements described in Subsection 20A-2-101(1)(c);

1277 (c) is a citizen of the United States;

1278 (d) has been a resident of Utah for at least 30 calendar days; and

1279 (e) currently resides within the voting district or precinct in which the individual  
1280 preregisters to vote.

1281 (2) An individual described in Subsection (1) may not vote in an election and is not  
1282 registered to vote until:

1283 (a) the individual is otherwise eligible to register to vote because the individual complies  
1284 with the age requirements described in Subsection 20A-2-101(1)(c); and

1285 (b) the county clerk registers the individual to vote under Subsection (4).

1286 (3) An individual who preregisters to vote shall:

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

1321 in accordance with Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(1)].

1322 (6) If an individual who is at least 18 years [~~of age~~] old erroneously indicates on the voter  
1323 registration form that the individual is preregistering to vote, the county clerk shall  
1324 consider the form as a voter registration form and shall process the form in accordance  
1325 with this chapter.

1326 Section 17. Section **20A-2-104** is amended to read:

1327 **20A-2-104 (Effective 04/06/26). Voter registration form -- Registered voter lists**  
1328 **-- Fees for copies.**

1329 [~~(1) As used in this section:~~]

1330 [~~(a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:~~]

1331 [~~(i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;~~]

1332 [~~(ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or]~~

1333 [~~(iii) employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual described in~~  
1334 ~~Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) for political campaign purposes.]~~

1335 [~~(b) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-402 and~~  
1336 ~~the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.]~~

1337 [~~(c) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and~~  
1338 ~~the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.]~~

1339 [~~(d) "Hash Code" means a code generated by applying an algorithm to a set of data to~~  
1340 ~~produce a code that:~~

1341 [~~(i) uniquely represents the set of data;~~]

1342 [~~(ii) is always the same if the same algorithm is applied to the same set of data; and]~~

1343 [~~(iii) cannot be reversed to reveal the data applied to the algorithm.]~~

1344 [~~(e) "Protected individual" means an individual:~~]

1345 [~~(i) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration~~  
1346 ~~record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates~~  
1347 ~~on the form that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is~~  
1348 ~~a victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of~~  
1349 ~~domestic violence or dating violence;]~~

1350 [~~(ii) who submits a withholding request form with the individual's voter registration~~  
1351 ~~record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the individual indicates~~  
1352 ~~on the form and provides verification that the individual, or an individual who~~  
1353 ~~resides with the individual, is a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed~~  
1354 ~~forces as defined in Section 20A-1-513, a public figure, or protected by a~~

1355 ~~protective order or protection order; or]~~  
 1356 ~~[(iii) whose voter registration record was classified as a private record at the request~~  
 1357 ~~of the individual before May 12, 2020.]~~

1358 [(2)] (1)(a) An individual applying for voter registration, or an individual preregistering  
 1359 to vote, shall complete a voter registration form in substantially the following form:

1360 (i) the first part of the form shall include the following:

1361 " \_\_\_\_\_  
 1362 -----

1363 UTAH ELECTION REGISTRATION FORM

1364 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

1365 If you checked "no" to the above question, do not complete this form.

1366 Will you be 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old on or before election day? Yes No

1367 If you checked "no" to the above question, are you 16 or 17 years ~~[of age]~~ old and  
 1368 preregistering to vote? Yes No

1369 If you checked "no" to both of the prior two questions, do not complete this form.

1370 Name of Voter

1371 \_\_\_\_\_

1372 First Middle Last

1373 Utah Driver License or Utah Identification Card

1374 Number \_\_\_\_\_

1375 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

1376 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

1377 \_\_\_\_\_

1378 City County State Zip Code

1379 Telephone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

1380 Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_";

1381 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2027, immediately following the portion of the form  
 1382 described in Subsection (1)(a)(i), the form shall include the following:

1383 "Do you consent to the election officer providing the following information to  
 1384 the political party with which you affiliate? (optional):

1385 • The email address you provided above? Yes No

1386 • The phone number you provided above? Yes No"; and

1387 (iii) following the portions of the form required under Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii), the form  
 1388 shall include the following:

1389 "Last four digits of Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

1390 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if

1391 known)\_\_\_\_\_

1392 \_\_\_\_\_

1393 City County State Zip Code

1394 Political Party

1395 (a listing of each registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101 and  
 1396 maintained by the lieutenant governor under Section 67-1a-2, with each party's name preceded  
 1397 by a checkbox)

1398 Unaffiliated (no political party preference) Other (Please  
 1399 specify)\_\_\_\_\_

1400 I do swear (or affirm), subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information  
 1401 contained in this form is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the  
 1402 state of Utah, residing at the above address. Unless I have indicated above that I am  
 1403 preregistering to vote in a later election, I will be at least 18 years [~~of age~~] old and will have  
 1404 resided in Utah for 30 calendar days immediately before the next election. I am not a  
 1405 convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

1406 Signed and sworn

1407 \_\_\_\_\_

1408 Voter's Signature

1409 \_\_\_\_\_(month/day/year).

1410 **PRIVACY INFORMATION**

1411 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such  
 1412 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state  
 1413 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized  
 1414 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an  
 1415 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the  
 1416 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

1417 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

1418 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration  
 1419 record be withheld from public disclosure if you are, or reside with:

- 1420 • an individual who is a victim of, or is threatened with, domestic violence or dating
- 1421 violence;
- 1422 • a law enforcement officer;

- 1423       • a member of the armed forces;  
1424       • a public figure; or  
1425       • an individual who is protected by a court order.

1426       To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by  
1427       submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.  
1428       You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at  
1429       the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor].

1430       ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~  
1431       ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~  
1432       ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~  
1433       ~~requirements of law.~~

1434           ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~  
1435       ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~  
1436       ~~year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,~~  
1437       ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.~~

1438           ~~You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld~~  
1439       ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~  
1440       ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:~~

1441           ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld~~  
1442       ~~from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,~~  
1443       ~~and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.~~

1444           ~~REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION~~

1445           ~~In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying~~  
1446       ~~information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates~~  
1447       ~~for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a~~  
1448       ~~withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following~~  
1449       ~~paragraphs.~~

1450           ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~  
1451       ~~records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their~~  
1452       ~~contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this~~  
1453       ~~registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely~~  
1454       ~~to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating~~  
1455       ~~violence.~~

1456           ~~A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration~~

1457 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their  
1458 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any  
1459 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,  
1460 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the  
1461 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]

1462 CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT

1463 Name:

1464 Name at birth, if different:

1465 Place of birth:

1466 Date of birth:

1467 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

1468 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a  
1469 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and  
1470 correct.

1471 \_\_\_\_\_

1472 Signature of Applicant

1473 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or  
1474 allowing yourself to be registered or preregistered to vote if you know you are not entitled to  
1475 register or preregister to vote is up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

1476 NOTICE: IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, YOU MUST PRESENT VALID  
1477 VOTER IDENTIFICATION TO THE POLL WORKER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
1478 REQUIREMENTS OF LAW.

1479 FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1480 Type of I.D. \_\_\_\_\_

1481 Voting Precinct \_\_\_\_\_

1482 Voting I.D. Number \_\_\_\_\_

1483 -----"

1484 (b) The voter registration form described in Subsection [(2)(a)] (1)(a) shall include:

1485 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

1486 "-----"

1487 BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

1488 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official  
1489 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

1490 -----";

- 1491 and
- 1492 (ii) [~~no later than November 5, 2025,~~]the following, immediately after the question described
- 1493 in Subsection [~~(2)(b)(i)~~] (1)(b)(i):
- 1494 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:
- 1495 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail a ballot to me.
- 1496 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."
- 1497 [~~(e)(i) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the county clerk shall retain a~~
- 1498 ~~copy of each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file,~~
- 1499 ~~which may be electronic or some other recognized system.]~~
- 1500 [(ii) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the
- 1501 ~~Division of Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.]~~
- 1502 [(3)(a) Each county clerk shall retain lists of currently registered voters.]
- 1503 [(b) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.]
- 1504 [(c) If there are any discrepancies between the two lists, the county clerk's list is the
- 1505 ~~official list.]~~
- 1506 [(d) The lieutenant governor and the county clerks may charge the fees established under
- 1507 ~~the authority of Subsection 63G-2-203(10) to individuals who wish to obtain a copy~~
- 1508 ~~of the list of registered voters.]~~
- 1509 [(4)(a) As used in this Subsection (4), "qualified person" means:]
- 1510 [(i) a government official or government employee acting in the government official's
- 1511 ~~or government employee's capacity as a government official or a government~~
- 1512 ~~employee;]~~
- 1513 [(ii) a health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, or an agent, employee,
- 1514 ~~or independent contractor of a health care provider;]~~
- 1515 [(iii) an insurance company, as defined in Section 67-4a-102, or an agent, employee,
- 1516 ~~or independent contractor of an insurance company;]~~
- 1517 [(iv) a financial institution, as defined in Section 7-1-103, or an agent, employee, or
- 1518 ~~independent contractor of a financial institution;]~~
- 1519 [(v) a political party, or an agent, employee, or independent contractor of a political
- 1520 ~~party;]~~
- 1521 [(vi) a candidate for public office, or an employee, independent contractor, or
- 1522 ~~volunteer of a candidate for public office;]~~
- 1523 [(vii) a person described in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vi) who, after obtaining a
- 1524 ~~year of birth from the list of registered voters;]~~

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

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

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

1627 Subsections (7) and (8).]

1628 [(h) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall classify the voter registration record  
1629 of a voter as a private record if the voter:]

1630 [(i) submits a written application, created by the lieutenant governor, requesting that  
1631 the voter's voter registration record be classified as private;]

1632 [(ii) requests on the voter's voter registration form that the voter's voter registration  
1633 record be classified as a private record; or]

1634 [(iii) submits a withholding request form described in Subsection (7) and any  
1635 required verification.]

1636 [(i) Except as provided in Subsections (4)(d)(ii) and (e)(ii), the lieutenant governor or a  
1637 county clerk may not disclose to a person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) a  
1638 voter registration record, or information obtained from a voter registration record, if  
1639 the record is withheld under Subsection (7).]

1640 [(j) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed under this section, the  
1641 lieutenant governor may impose a civil fine against a person who violates a provision  
1642 of this section, in an amount equal to the greater of:]

1643 [(i) the product of 30 and the square root of the total number of:]

1644 [(A) records obtained, provided, or used unlawfully, rounded to the nearest whole  
1645 dollar; or]

1646 [(B) records from which information is obtained, provided, or used unlawfully,  
1647 rounded to the nearest whole dollar; or]

1648 [(ii) \$200.]

1649 [(k) A qualified person may not obtain, provide, or use the year of birth of a registered  
1650 voter, if the year of birth is obtained from the list of registered voters or from a voter  
1651 registration record, unless the person:]

1652 [(i) is a government official or government employee who obtains, provides, or uses  
1653 the year of birth in the government official's or government employee's capacity  
1654 as a government official or government employee;]

1655 [(ii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii), (iii), or (iv) and obtains or  
1656 uses the year of birth only to verify the accuracy of personal information  
1657 submitted by an individual or to confirm the identity of a person in order to  
1658 prevent fraud, waste, or abuse;]

1659 [(iii) is a qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi) and obtains,  
1660 provides, or uses the year of birth for a political purpose of the political party or

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

1695            [(H) notice that if the person makes a false statement in the document, the person  
1696            is punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.]

1697        [(o) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(p), the information that the lieutenant  
1698        governor or a county clerk is required to provide, under Subsection (4)(n), from the  
1699        record of a protected individual is:]

1700            [(i) a single hash code, generated from a string of data that includes both the voter's  
1701            voter identification number and residential address;]

1702            [(ii) the voter's residential address;]

1703            [(iii) the voter's mailing address, if different from the voter's residential address;]

1704            [(iv) the party affiliation of the voter;]

1705            [(v) the precinct number for the voter's residential address;]

1706            [(vi) the voter's voting history; and]

1707            [(vii) a designation of which age group, of the following age groups, the voter falls  
1708            within:]

1709            [(A) 25 or younger;]

1710            [(B) 26 through 35;]

1711            [(C) 36 through 45;]

1712            [(D) 46 through 55;]

1713            [(E) 56 through 65;]

1714            [(F) 66 through 75; or]

1715            [(G) 76 or older.]

1716        [(p) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose:]

1717            [(i) information described in Subsection (4)(o) that, due to a small number of voters  
1718            affiliated with a particular political party, or due to another reason, would likely  
1719            reveal the identity of a voter if disclosed; or]

1720            [(ii) the address described in Subsection (4)(o)(iii) if the lieutenant governor or the  
1721            county clerk determines that the nature of the address would directly reveal  
1722            sensitive information about the voter.]

1723        [(q) A qualified person described in Subsection (4)(a)(v) or (vi), may not obtain,  
1724        provide, or use the information described in Subsection (4)(n) or (o), except to the  
1725        extent that the qualified person uses the information for a political purpose of a  
1726        political party or candidate for public office.]

1727        [(5)] (2) When political parties not listed on the voter registration form qualify as registered  
1728        political parties under Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures, the

1729 lieutenant governor shall inform the county clerks of the name of the new political party  
1730 and direct the county clerks to ensure that the voter registration form is modified to  
1731 include that political party.

1732 ~~[(6)] (3)~~ Upon receipt of a voter registration form from an applicant, the county clerk or the  
1733 clerk's designee shall:

1734 (a) review each voter registration form for completeness and accuracy; and

1735 (b) if the county clerk believes, based upon a review of the form, that an individual may  
1736 be seeking to register or preregister to vote who is not legally entitled to register or  
1737 preregister to vote, refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and  
1738 possible prosecution.

1739 ~~[(7) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall withhold from a person, other than a  
1740 person described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), the voter registration record, and information  
1741 obtained from the voter registration record, of a protected individual.]~~

1742 ~~[(8)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute a withholding request form  
1743 for the purpose described in Subsections (1)(e)(i), (1)(e)(ii), (7), and this Subsection  
1744 (8) to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration form.]~~

1745 ~~[(b) An individual described in Subsection (1)(e)(i) is not required to provide  
1746 verification, other than the individual's attestation and signature on the withholding  
1747 request form, that the individual, or an individual who resides with the individual, is a  
1748 victim of domestic violence or dating violence or is likely to be a victim of domestic  
1749 violence or dating violence.]~~

1750 ~~[(e) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make  
1751 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
1752 establishing requirements for providing the verification described in Subsection  
1753 (1)(e)(ii).]~~

1754 ~~[(9) An election officer or an employee of an election officer may not encourage an  
1755 individual to submit, or discourage an individual from submitting, a withholding request  
1756 form.]~~

1757 ~~[(10)(a) The lieutenant governor shall make and execute a plan to provide notice to  
1758 registered voters who are protected individuals, that includes the following  
1759 information:]~~

1760 ~~[(i) that the voter's classification of the record as private remains in effect;]~~

1761 ~~[(ii) that certain non-identifying information from the voter's voter registration record  
1762 may, under certain circumstances, be released to political parties and candidates]~~

- 1763 for public office;]
- 1764 [(iii) that the voter's name, driver license or identification card number, social  
1765 security number, email address, phone number, and the voter's day, month, and  
1766 year of birth will remain private and will not be released to political parties or  
1767 candidates for public office;]
- 1768 [(iv) that a county clerk will only release the information to political parties and  
1769 candidates in a manner that does not associate the information with a particular  
1770 voter; and]
- 1771 [(v) that a county clerk may, under certain circumstances, withhold other information  
1772 that the county clerk determines would reveal identifying information about the  
1773 voter.]
- 1774 [(b) The lieutenant governor may include in the notice described in this Subsection (10)  
1775 a statement that a voter may obtain additional information on the lieutenant  
1776 governor's website.]
- 1777 [(e) The plan described in Subsection (10)(a) may include providing the notice described  
1778 in Subsection (10)(a) by:]
- 1779 [(i) publication on the Utah Public Notice Website, created in Section 63A-16-601;]  
1780 [(ii) publication on the lieutenant governor's website or a county's website;]  
1781 [(iii) posting the notice in public locations;]  
1782 [(iv) publication in a newspaper;]  
1783 [(v) sending notification to the voters by electronic means;]  
1784 [(vi) sending notice by other methods used by government entities to communicate  
1785 with citizens; or]  
1786 [(vii) providing notice by any other method.]
- 1787 [(d) The lieutenant governor shall provide the notice included in a plan described in this  
1788 Subsection (10) before June 16, 2023.]

1789 Section 18. Section **20A-2-108** is amended to read:

1790 **20A-2-108 (Effective 04/06/26). Driver license or state identification card**

1791 **registration form -- Transmittal of information.**

1792 (1) As used in this section, "qualifying form" means:

- 1793 (a) a driver license application form; or  
1794 (b) a state identification card application form.

1795 (2) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall design each qualifying  
1796 form to include:

1797 (a)(i) the following question, which an applicant is required to answer: "Do you  
1798 authorize the use of information in this form for voter registration purposes?

1799 YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_"; and

1800 (ii) [no later than November 5, 2025,]the following:

1801 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

1802 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail a ballot to me.

1803 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person.";

1804 (b) the following statement:

1805 "PRIVACY INFORMATION

1806 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such  
1807 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state  
1808 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized  
1809 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an  
1810 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the  
1811 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

1812 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

1813 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration  
1814 record be withheld from public disclosure if you are, or reside with:

1815 • an individual who is a victim of, or is threatened with, domestic violence or dating  
1816 violence;

1817 • a law enforcement officer;

1818 • a member of the armed forces;

1819 • a public figure; or

1820 • an individual who is protected by a court order.

1821 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by  
1822 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.

1823 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at  
1824 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor]."; and

1825 ~~[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as~~  
1826 ~~your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and~~  
1827 ~~some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the~~  
1828 ~~requirements of law.~~

1829 ~~Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email~~  
1830 ~~address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your~~

1831 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,  
1832 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

1833 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld  
1834 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,  
1835 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

1836 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld  
1837 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,  
1838 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

1839 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

1840 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying  
1841 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates  
1842 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a  
1843 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following  
1844 paragraphs.

1845 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration  
1846 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their  
1847 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this  
1848 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely  
1849 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating  
1850 violence.

1851 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration  
1852 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their  
1853 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any  
1854 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,  
1855 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the  
1856 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."; and]

1857 (c) a section in substantially the following form:

1858 "-----"

1859 BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

1860 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official  
1861 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No

1862 -----"

1863 (3) The lieutenant governor and the Driver License Division shall ensure that a qualifying  
1864 form contains:

- 1865 (a) a place for an individual to affirm the individual's citizenship, voting eligibility, and  
 1866 Utah residency, and that the information provided in the form is true;
- 1867 (b) a records disclosure that is similar to the records disclosure on a voter registration  
 1868 form described in Section 20A-2-104;
- 1869 (c) a statement that if an applicant declines to register or preregister to vote, the fact that  
 1870 the applicant has declined to register or preregister will remain confidential and will  
 1871 be used only for voter registration purposes;
- 1872 (d) a statement that if an applicant does register or preregister to vote, the office at which  
 1873 the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will  
 1874 be used only for voter registration purposes; and
- 1875 (e) if the applicant answers "yes" to the question described in Subsection [~~(2)(a)~~] (2)(a)(i),  
 1876 a space where an individual may, if desired:
- 1877 (i) indicate the individual's desired political affiliation from a listing of each  
 1878 registered political party, as defined in Section 20A-8-101;
- 1879 (ii) specify a political party that is not listed under Subsection (3)(e)(i) with which the  
 1880 individual desires to affiliate; or
- 1881 (iii) indicate that the individual does not wish to affiliate with a political party.

1882 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

1883 Section 19. Section **20A-2-204** is amended to read:

1884 **20A-2-204 (Effective 04/06/26). Registering to vote when applying for or**  
 1885 **renewing a driver license or other qualifying form.**

- 1886 (1) As used in this section, "voter registration form" means, when an individual named on a  
 1887 qualifying form, as defined in Section 20A-2-108, answers "yes" to the question  
 1888 described in Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(a)(i), the information on the qualifying form that  
 1889 can be used for voter registration purposes.
- 1890 (2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a citizen who is qualified to vote may  
 1891 register to vote, and a citizen who is qualified to preregister to vote may preregister to  
 1892 vote, by answering "yes" to the question described in Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(a)(i)  
 1893 and completing the voter registration form.
- 1894 (b) A citizen who is a program participant in the Safe at Home Program created in  
 1895 Section 77-38-602 is not eligible to register to vote as described in Subsection (2)(a),  
 1896 but is eligible to register to vote by any other means described in this part.
- 1897 (3) The Driver License Division shall:
- 1898 (a) assist an individual in completing the voter registration form unless the individual

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

- 1933 (A) ensure that the individual is assigned to the proper voting precinct; and  
1934 (B) send the individual the notice described in Section 20A-2-304; or  
1935 (ii) if the individual meets the qualifications to be preregistered to vote, process the  
1936 form in accordance with the requirements of Section 20A-2-101.1.
- 1937 (6)(a) When the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form  
1938 under this section, the clerk shall:
- 1939 (i) comply with the applicable provisions of this Subsection (6); or  
1940 (ii) if the individual is preregistering to vote, comply with Section 20A-2-101.1.
- 1941 (b) If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this  
1942 section no later than 5 p.m. or, if submitting the form electronically, midnight, 11  
1943 calendar days before the date of an election, the county clerk shall:
- 1944 (i) accept the voter registration form; and  
1945 (ii) unless the individual is preregistering to vote:
- 1946 (A) enter the individual's name on the list of registered voters for the voting  
1947 precinct in which the individual resides; and  
1948 (B) notify the individual that the individual is registered to vote in the upcoming  
1949 election; and
- 1950 (iii) if the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote, comply with Section  
1951 20A-2-101.1.
- 1952 (c) If the county clerk receives a correctly completed voter registration form under this  
1953 section after the deadline described in Subsection (6)(b), the county clerk shall,  
1954 unless the individual named in the form is preregistering to vote:
- 1955 (i) accept the application for registration of the individual;  
1956 (ii) process the voter registration form; and  
1957 (iii) unless the individual is preregistering to vote, and except as provided in  
1958 Subsection 20A-2-207(6), inform the individual that the individual will not be  
1959 registered to vote in the pending election, unless the individual registers to vote by  
1960 provisional ballot during the early voting period, if applicable, or on election day,  
1961 in accordance with Section 20A-2-207.
- 1962 (7)(a) If the county clerk determines that an individual's voter registration form received  
1963 from the Driver License Division is incorrect because of an error, because the form is  
1964 incomplete, or because the individual does not meet the qualifications to be registered  
1965 to vote, the county clerk shall mail notice to the individual stating that the individual  
1966 has not been registered or preregistered because of an error, because the registration

1967 form is incomplete, or because the individual does not meet the qualifications to be  
1968 registered to vote.

1969 (b) If a county clerk believes, based upon a review of a voter registration form, that an  
1970 individual, who knows that the individual is not legally entitled to register or  
1971 preregister to vote, may be intentionally seeking to register or preregister to vote, the  
1972 county clerk shall refer the form to the county attorney for investigation and possible  
1973 prosecution.

1974 Section 20. Section **20A-2-206** is amended to read:

1975 **20A-2-206 (Effective 04/06/26). Electronic registration -- Requesting to receive a**  
1976 **ballot by mail.**

1977 (1) The lieutenant governor shall create and maintain an electronic system that is publicly  
1978 available on the [~~Internet~~] internet for an individual to:

1979 (a) apply for voter registration or preregistration; or

1980 (b) beginning no later than July 1, 2025, request to receive a ballot by mail.

1981 (2) The electronic system described in Subsection (1) shall require, to register to vote, the  
1982 applicant to:

1983 (a) enter the applicant's name, address, date of birth, driver license number or state  
1984 identification card number, and any other information determined to be necessary by  
1985 the lieutenant governor;

1986 (b) provide the information required by Section 20A-2-104, except that the applicant's  
1987 signature may be obtained in the manner described in Subsections (2)(d) and (5);

1988 (c) attest to the truth of the information provided; and

1989 (d) authorize the lieutenant governor's and county clerk's use of the applicant's:

1990 (i) driver license or identification card signature, obtained under Title 53, Chapter 3,  
1991 Uniform Driver License Act, for voter registration or preregistration purposes; or

1992 (ii) signature on file in the lieutenant governor's statewide voter registration database  
1993 developed under Section 20A-2-502, for voter registration or preregistration  
1994 purposes.

1995 (3) Notwithstanding Section 20A-2-104, an applicant using the electronic system described  
1996 in Subsection (1) is not required to complete a printed registration form.

1997 (4) A system created and maintained under this section shall provide to an individual who is  
1998 registering to vote the notices concerning a voter's presentation of identification  
1999 described in Subsection [~~20A-2-104(2)~~] 20A-2-104(1).

2000 (5) The lieutenant governor shall, in relation to an individual who is registering to vote:

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

2035 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

2036 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail a ballot to me.

2037 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

2038 Section 21. Section **20A-2-304** is amended to read:

2039 **20A-2-304 (Effective 04/06/26). County clerk's responsibilities -- Notice of**  
 2040 **disposition.**

2041 Each county clerk shall:

2042 (1) register to vote each individual who meets the requirements for registration and who:

2043 (a) submits a completed voter registration form to the county clerk;

2044 (b) submits a completed voter registration form, as defined in [~~Section 20A-2-204~~]  
 2045 Subsection 20A-2-204(1), to the Driver License Division;

2046 (c) submits a completed voter registration form to a public assistance agency or a  
 2047 discretionary voter registration agency; or

2048 (d) mails a completed voter registration form to the county clerk; and

2049 (2) within 30 calendar days after the day on which the county clerk processes a voter  
 2050 registration form, send a notice to the individual who submits the form that:

2051 (a)(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been  
 2052 accepted and that the individual is registered to vote;

2053 (ii) informs the individual of the procedure for designating or changing the  
 2054 individual's political affiliation;

2055 (iii) informs the individual of the procedure to cancel a voter registration;

2056 (iv) provides instructions to the voter on how the voter may sign up to receive  
 2057 electronic ballot status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in  
 2058 Section 20A-3a-401.5; and

2059 (v) confirms that the individual has chosen to receive electronic ballot status  
 2060 notifications if the individual opted to receive electronic ballot status notifications  
 2061 on the voter registration form;

2062 (b) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form has been rejected  
 2063 and the reason for the rejection; or

2064 (c)(i) informs the individual that the individual's voter registration form is being  
 2065 returned to the individual for further action because the form is incomplete; and

2066 (ii) gives instructions to the individual on how to properly complete the form.

2067 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

2068 Section 22. Section **20A-2-504** is amended to read:

- 2069           **20A-2-504 (Effective upon governor's approval). Removing names from the**  
2070 **official register -- General requirements -- Deceased individuals.**
- 2071 (1) The county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register solely  
2072 because the voter has failed to vote in an election.
- 2073 (2) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register if:
- 2074 (a) the voter dies and the requirements of Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4) are met;
- 2075 (b) the county clerk, after complying with the requirements of Section 20A-2-505,  
2076 receives written confirmation from the voter that the voter no longer resides within  
2077 the county clerk's county;
- 2078 (c)(i) the county clerk obtains evidence that the voter's residence has changed;
- 2079 (ii) the county clerk mails notice to the voter as required under Section 20A-2-505;
- 2080 (iii) the county clerk:
- 2081 (A) receives no response from the voter; or
- 2082 (B) does not receive information that confirms the voter's residence; and
- 2083 (iv) the voter does not vote or appear to vote in an election during the period  
2084 beginning on the date of the notice described in Section 20A-2-505 and ending on  
2085 the day after the date of the second regular general election occurring after the  
2086 date of the notice;
- 2087 (d) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed from the official  
2088 register;
- 2089 (e) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has been convicted of any felony or a  
2090 misdemeanor for an offense under this title and the voter's right to vote has not been  
2091 restored as provided in Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5; or
- 2092 (f) the county clerk receives notice that a voter has registered to vote in another state  
2093 after the day on which the voter registered to vote in this state.
- 2094 (3) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk the United States Social  
2095 Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased  
2096 individuals.
- 2097 [~~(3)~~] (4) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register within five  
2098 business days after the day on which the county clerk[-] :
- 2099 (a) receives, from the lieutenant governor, the information described in Subsection (3) or  
2100 26B-8-114(11) in relation to the voter; or
- 2101 (b) receives confirmation from the Office of Vital Records and Statistics that the voter is  
2102 deceased.

- 2103 [(4)] (5) No later than 90 calendar days before each primary election day and general  
 2104 election day[-] :
- 2105 (a) the county clerk shall update the official register by reviewing the official register  
 2106 and taking the actions permitted or required by law under this section, Section  
 2107 20A-2-503, and Section 20A-2-505[-] ; and
- 2108 (b) the lieutenant governor shall compare the records that the lieutenant governor  
 2109 receives under Subsections (3) and 26B-8-114(11) to the official register to ensure  
 2110 that each county clerk complies with Subsection (4).

2111 Section 23. Section **20A-2-505** is amended to read:

2112 **20A-2-505 (Effective 04/06/26). Removing names from the official register --**  
 2113 **Determining and confirming change of residence.**

- 2114 (1) A county clerk may not remove a voter's name from the official register on the grounds  
 2115 that the voter has changed residence unless the voter:
- 2116 (a) confirms in writing that the voter has changed residence to a place outside the  
 2117 county; or
- 2118 (b)(i) does not vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the  
 2119 notice described in Subsection (3), and ending on the day after the date of the  
 2120 second regular general election occurring after the date of the notice; and
- 2121 (ii) does not respond to the notice described in Subsection (3).
- 2122 (2)(a) Within 31 calendar days after the day on which a county clerk obtains information  
 2123 that a voter's address has changed, if it appears that the voter still resides within the  
 2124 same county, the county clerk shall:
- 2125 (i) change the official register to show the voter's new address; and
- 2126 (ii) send to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice described in Subsection (3).
- 2127 (b) When a county clerk obtains information that a voter's address has changed and it  
 2128 appears that the voter now resides in a different county, the county clerk shall verify  
 2129 the changed residence by sending to the voter, by forwardable mail, the notice  
 2130 described in Subsection (3), printed on a postage prepaid, preaddressed return form.
- 2131 (3)(a) Each county clerk shall use substantially the following form to notify voters  
 2132 whose addresses have changed:
- 2133 (i) the first part of the form shall include the following:

2134 "VOTER REGISTRATION NOTICE

2135 We have been notified that your residence has changed. Please read, complete, and  
 2136 return this form so that we can update our voter registration records. What is your current

2137 street address?

2138 \_\_\_\_\_

2139 Street City County State Zip

2140 What is your current phone number (optional)? \_\_\_\_\_

2141 What is your current email address (optional)? \_\_\_\_\_";

2142 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2027, immediately following the portion of the form described in

2143 Subsection (3)(a)(i), the form shall include the following:

2144 "Do you consent to the election officer providing the following information to the

2145 political party with which you affiliate? (optional):

2146 • The email address you provided above? Yes No

2147 • The phone number you provided above? Yes No"; and

2148 (iii) following the portions of the form required under Subsections (3)(a)(i) and (ii), the form

2149 shall include the following:

2150 "If you have not changed your residence, or have moved but stayed within the same county,

2151 you must complete and return this form to the county clerk so that it is received by the county

2152 clerk before 5 p.m. no later than 30 calendar days before the date of the election. If you fail to

2153 return this form within that time:

2154 - you may be required to show evidence of your address to the poll worker before being

2155 allowed to vote in either of the next two regular general elections; or

2156 - if you fail to vote at least once, from the date this notice was mailed until the passing of

2157 two regular general elections, you will no longer be registered to vote. If you have changed

2158 your residence and have moved to a different county in Utah, you may register to vote by

2159 contacting the county clerk in your county.

2160 \_\_\_\_\_

2161 Signature of Voter

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#### PRIVACY INFORMATION

2163 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such

2164 as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state

2165 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized

2166 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an

2167 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the

2168 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

#### REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

2170 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration

- 2171 record be withheld from public disclosure if you are, or reside with:
- 2172 • an individual who is a victim of, or is threatened with, domestic violence or dating
- 2173 violence;
- 2174 • a law enforcement officer;
- 2175 • a member of the armed forces;
- 2176 • a public figure; or
- 2177 • an individual who is protected by a court order.

2178 To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by

2179 submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.

2180 You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at

2181 the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor]."

2182 [Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as

2183 your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and

2184 some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the

2185 requirements of law.

2186 Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email

2187 address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your

2188 year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,

2189 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law.

2190 You may request that all information on your voter registration records be withheld

2191 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,

2192 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

2193 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld

2194 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,

2195 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

#### 2196 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

2197 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying

2198 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates

2199 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a

2200 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following

2201 paragraphs.

2202 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration

2203 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their

2204 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this

2205 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely  
2206 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating  
2207 violence.

2208 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration  
2209 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their  
2210 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any  
2211 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,  
2212 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the  
2213 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order."]

2214 (b) The form described in Subsection (3)(a) shall also include:

2215 (i) a section in substantially the following form:

2216 "-----  
2217 **BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS**  
2218 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official  
2219 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No  
2220 -----";

2221 and

2222 (ii) [no later than November 5, 2025,]the following, immediately after the question described  
2223 in Subsection (3)(b)(i):

2224 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

2225 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail a ballot to me.

2226 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

2227 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the county clerk may not remove the  
2228 names of any voters from the official register during the 90 calendar days before a  
2229 regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before a regular general election.

2230 (b) The county clerk may remove the names of voters from the official register during  
2231 the 90 calendar days before a regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before  
2232 a regular general election if:

2233 (i) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed; or

2234 (ii) the voter dies.

2235 (c)(i) After a county clerk mails a notice under this section, the county clerk shall,  
2236 unless otherwise prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.

2237 (ii) If a county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that  
2238 there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further

- 2239 information to contact the voter, the county clerk shall, unless otherwise  
 2240 prohibited by law, list that voter as inactive.
- 2241 (iii) An inactive voter may vote, sign petitions, and have all other privileges of a  
 2242 registered voter.
- 2243 (iv) A county is not required to:
- 2244 (A) send routine mailings to an inactive voter; or
- 2245 (B) count inactive voters when dividing precincts and preparing supplies.
- 2246 [~~(5) The lieutenant governor shall make available to a county clerk United States Social~~  
 2247 ~~Security Administration data received by the lieutenant governor regarding deceased~~  
 2248 ~~individuals.]~~
- 2249 [~~(6) A county clerk shall, within 10 business days after the day on which the county clerk~~  
 2250 ~~receives the information described in Subsection (5) or Subsections 26B-8-114(11) and~~  
 2251 ~~(12) relating to a decedent whose name appears on the official register, remove the~~  
 2252 ~~decedent's name from the official register.]~~
- 2253 [~~(7) Ninety calendar days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor~~  
 2254 ~~shall compare the information the lieutenant governor has received under Subsection~~  
 2255 ~~26B-8-114(11) with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have~~  
 2256 ~~been removed from the official register.]~~

2257 Section 24. Section **20A-2-601** is enacted to read:

2258 **Part 6. Provision and Protection of Voter Data**

2259 **20A-2-601 (Effective upon governor's approval). Definitions.**

2260 As used in this part:

- 2261 (1) "Age range" means one of the following age ranges within which a registered voter's  
 2262 age falls:
- 2263 (a) 18 through 19 years old;
- 2264 (b) 20 through 22 years old;
- 2265 (c) 23 through 25 years old;
- 2266 (d) 26 through 30 years old;
- 2267 (e) 31 through 35 years old;
- 2268 (f) 36 through 40 years old;
- 2269 (g) 41 through 45 years old;
- 2270 (h) 46 through 55 years old; or
- 2271 (i) an age range above the age range described in Subsection (1)(h), in increasing  
 2272 10-year increments.

- 2273 (2) "Armed forces" means the same as that term is defined in Section 20A-1-513.
- 2274 (3) "At-risk voter" means a voter who is designated as an at-risk voter under Subsection
- 2275 20A-2-602(4)(a) or Section 20A-2-606.
- 2276 (4)(a) "Candidate for public office" means an individual:
- 2277 (i) who files a declaration of candidacy for a public office;
- 2278 (ii) who files a notice of intent to gather signatures under Section 20A-9-408; or
- 2279 (iii) who is employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an individual
- 2280 described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) or (ii), who is authorized to act on behalf of the
- 2281 individual described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) or (ii) for political purposes.
- 2282 (b) "Candidate for public office" does not include:
- 2283 (i) an individual described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) or (ii) who is eliminated as a
- 2284 candidate for:
- 2285 (A) failure to qualify for the primary election ballot via signature-gathering or
- 2286 convention;
- 2287 (B) failure to advance to the general election; or
- 2288 (C) any other reason provided by law; or
- 2289 (ii) an individual who is employed by, under contract with, or a volunteer of, an
- 2290 individual described in Subsection (4)(b)(i).
- 2291 (5) "Dating violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-102 and the
- 2292 federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
- 2293 (6) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1 and the
- 2294 federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as amended.
- 2295 (7)(a) "Government entity" means:
- 2296 (i) the state; or
- 2297 (ii) a county, city, town, school district, special district, special service district, or
- 2298 other political subdivision of the state.
- 2299 (b) "Government entity" includes an agency, bureau, office, department, division, board,
- 2300 commission, institution, laboratory, or other instrumentality of an entity described in
- 2301 Subsection (7)(a).
- 2302 (8) "Government official" means:
- 2303 (a) an elected or appointed officer of a government entity; or
- 2304 (b) an employee of a government entity.
- 2305 (9) "Mailed ballot report" means the following information for an election:
- 2306 (a) for each public registered voter:

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

- 2341 council district, and city council district;
- 2342 (h) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;
- 2343 (i) the voter's status as active or inactive;
- 2344 (j) the last day on which the voter's voter registration record was updated; and
- 2345 (k) the voting history of the voter.
- 2346 (15) "Voted report" means, the following information for an election:
- 2347 (a) for a public registered voter:
- 2348 (i) the voter's voter identification number;
- 2349 (ii) the voter's full legal name;
- 2350 (iii) the voter's complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
- 2351 (iv) the voter's county of residence;
- 2352 (v) the voter's precinct and congressional district;
- 2353 (vi) the method by which the voter voted;
- 2354 (vii) the date the ballot was processed; and
- 2355 (viii) the voter's party affiliation or status as unaffiliated; and
- 2356 (b) for an at-risk voter, the information described in Subsections (15)(a)(iv) through (viii),
- 2357 without disclosing the identity of the voter.
- 2358 (16) "Voting history" means the following information in relation to a registered voter for
- 2359 an election held in the preceding eight years:
- 2360 (a) the voter's voter identification number;
- 2361 (b) the voter's full legal name;
- 2362 (c) the voter's status as active or inactive;
- 2363 (d) the voter's precinct; and
- 2364 (e) whether the voter voted in that election.
- 2365 Section 25. Section **20A-2-602** is enacted to read:
- 2366 **20A-2-602 (Effective upon governor's approval). Change of voter registration**
- 2367 **record disclosure status -- Notice -- Redesignation of status.**
- 2368 (1) On or before April 6, 2026, the lieutenant governor shall mail to each registered voter
- 2369 whose voter registration record is designated as withheld:
- 2370 (a) an at-risk designation request form;
- 2371 (b) the following written notice:
- 2372 "Notice of Voter Registration Record Status Change
- 2373
- 2374 You are receiving this notice because your voter registration record is currently

2375 classified as withheld and is not subject to public disclosure. Your voter registration  
2376 will no longer be classified as withheld, and will be subject to public disclosure  
2377 unless, before May 6, 2026, you submit the enclosed at-risk designation request form,  
2378 and the required proof that you qualify as an at-risk voter, to your county clerk. If  
2379 you do not take this action before May 6, 2026, or if you do not qualify as an at-risk  
2380 voter, you will be designated as a public registered voter.

2381  
2382 As a public registered voter, the following information from your voter  
2383 registration record is subject to public disclosure:

- 2384 • full legal name;
- 2385 • voter identification number and federal information processing series geographic  
2386 code;
- 2387 • age range;
- 2388 • complete residential address, including the unit type and number;
- 2389 • county of residence;
- 2390 • mailing address, including the city;
- 2391 • voting precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives district,  
2392 state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district, county  
2393 council district, and city council district;
- 2394 • party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;
- 2395 • status as an active or inactive voter;
- 2396 • the last day on which your registration record was updated; and
- 2397 • your voting history.

2398  
2399 You may apply for designation as an at-risk voter in accordance with Utah Code  
2400 Section 20A-2-606 at any time, but if the application is not received by your county  
2401 clerk before May 6, 2026, your information, described above will, beginning on May  
2402 25, 2026, be subject to public disclosure, unless and until you request and receive  
2403 designation as an at-risk voter.

2404  
2405 A person who uses or discloses information from a voter registration record in a  
2406 manner that is prohibited by law, including information in a voter registration that is  
2407 subject to public disclosure, is subject to criminal prosecution."; and  
2408 (c) immediately after the notice described in Subsection (1)(b), a brief, concise statement

2409           of:

2410           (i) the qualifications to become an at-risk voter; and

2411           (ii) how to apply for designation as an at-risk voter.

2412    (2) On or before April 8, 2026, the lieutenant governor shall mail to each registered voter

2413           whose voter registration record is designated as private:

2414           (a) the following written notice:

2415               "Notice of Voter Registration Record Status Change

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2417               You are receiving this notice because your voter registration record is currently

2418               classified as private and is not subject to public disclosure. Your voter registration

2419               will no longer be classified as private, and will be subject to public disclosure unless,

2420               before May 6, 2026, you submit the enclosed at-risk designation request form, and

2421               the required proof that you qualify as an at-risk voter, to your county clerk. If you do

2422               not take this action before May 6, 2026, or if you do not qualify as an at-risk voter,

2423               you will be designated as a public registered voter.

2424

2425               As a public registered voter, the following information from your voter

2426               registration record is subject to public disclosure:

2427               • full legal name;

2428               • voter identification number and federal information processing series geographic

2429               code;

2430               • age range;

2431               • complete residential address, including the unit type and number;

2432               • county of residence;

2433               • mailing address, including the city;

2434               • voting precinct, congressional district, state House of Representatives district,

2435               state Senate district, state school board district, local school board district, county

2436               council district, and city council district;

2437               • party affiliation or status as unaffiliated;

2438               • status as an active or inactive voter;

2439               • the last day on which your registration record was updated; and

2440               • your voting history.

2441

2442               You may apply for designation as an at-risk voter in accordance with Utah Code

2443 Section 20A-2-606 at any time, but if the application is not received by your county  
2444 clerk before May 6, 2026, your information, described above will, beginning on May  
2445 25, 2026, be subject to public disclosure, unless and until you request and receive  
2446 designation as an at-risk voter.

2447  
2448 A person who uses or discloses information from a voter registration record in a  
2449 manner that is prohibited by law, including information in a voter registration that is  
2450 subject to public disclosure, is subject to criminal prosecution."; and

2451 (b) immediately after the notice described in Subsection (2)(a), a brief, concise statement  
2452 of:

2453 (i) the qualifications to become an at-risk voter;

2454 (ii) how to apply for designation as an at-risk voter; and

2455 (iii) how to obtain an at-risk voter designation request form.

2456 (3) A county clerk who receives a completed at-risk designation request form on or before  
2457 May 6, 2026, shall, on or before May 21, 2026:

2458 (a) process the form; and

2459 (b)(i) if, based on the information provided in the form and the supporting documents  
2460 provided with the form, the county clerk determines that the voter has established  
2461 that the voter qualifies as an at-risk voter, designate the voter as an at-risk voter; or

2462 (ii) if, based on the information provided in the form and the supporting documents  
2463 provided with the form, the county clerk does not make the determination  
2464 described in Subsection (3)(b)(i), the county clerk shall, as soon as reasonably  
2465 possible, notify the voter, by mail or other means:

2466 (A) that the county clerk was not able to make the determination described in  
2467 Subsection (3)(b)(i);

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

2470 (C) of what, if anything, the voter can do to resolve the reason the county clerk  
2471 was not able to make the determination described in Subsection (3)(b)(i).

2472 (4) On or before May 24, 2026, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk shall:

2473 (a) designate a current registered voter as an at-risk voter if:

2474 (i) before May 12, 2020, the voter's voter registration record was protected from  
2475 disclosure due to the election officer determining that the voter was facing a threat  
2476 or risk of harm;

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

2511 party.

2512 Section 26. Section **20A-2-603** is enacted to read:

2513 **20A-2-603** (Effective 04/06/26). **General request for voter registration records.**

2514 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this part, or another express provision of  
2515 law, upon receiving a request under this section from a person for voter registration  
2516 records, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk:

2517 (a) shall disclose to the person the standard voter data from a public registered voter's  
2518 voter registration record; and

2519 (b) may not disclose to the person:

2520 (i) information from a public registered voter's voter registration record that is not  
2521 standard voter data; or

2522 (ii) any information from an at-risk voter's voter registration record.

2523 (2) A person that receives information under Subsection (1)(a):

2524 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not  
2525 be accessed by another person, unless the other person is an authorized agent of the  
2526 person that receives the information under Subsection (1)(a);

2527 (b) may only use the information in a manner the person is permitted to use the  
2528 information under Subsection 20A-2-607(3):

2529 (c) may not:

2530 (i) use or share the information for a purpose other than a purpose described in  
2531 Subsection (2)(b); or

2532 (ii) grant access to the information to a person other than an authorized agent of the  
2533 person that receives the information under Subsection (1)(a);

2534 (d) notwithstanding Subsection (2)(b), may not grant access to the information or share  
2535 the information with another person, if the person that receives the information under  
2536 this section believes that the other person:

2537 (i) will use or share the information in a manner other than a manner described in  
2538 Subsection (2)(b); or

2539 (ii) will not comply with Subsection (2)(a), (b), or (c); and

2540 (e) may limit access by an authorized agent of the person to only the portion of the  
2541 information needed for the authorized agent to fulfill a purpose for which the  
2542 authorized agent is:

2543 (i) permitted by law to use the information; and

2544 (ii) authorized by the person who receives the information under Subsection (1)(a).

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

2577 Section 27. Section **20A-2-604** is enacted to read:

2578 **20A-2-604 (Effective 04/06/26). Request for voter registration records by**

- 2579 **political party -- Confirmation of political party affiliation.**
- 2580 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon
- 2581 receiving a request from a political party for voter registration records, the lieutenant
- 2582 governor or a county clerk:
- 2583 (a) for each public registered voter who is not affiliated with the political party:
- 2584 (i) shall provide to the political party the voter's standard voter data; and
- 2585 (ii) may not provide to the political party any information from the public registered
- 2586 voter's voter registration record that is not standard voter data;
- 2587 (b) for each public registered voter who is affiliated with the political party:
- 2588 (i) shall provide to the political party the voter's standard voter data;
- 2589 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, shall provide the public registered voter's phone
- 2590 number, only if the voter consents on the voter's voter registration form to the
- 2591 election officer disclosing the voter's phone number to the political party;
- 2592 (iii) beginning January 1, 2027, shall provide the public registered voter's email
- 2593 address, only if the voter consents on the voter's voter registration form to the
- 2594 election officer disclosing the voter's email address to the political party; and
- 2595 (iv) may not provide to the political party any information relating to the voter other
- 2596 than the information provided in accordance with Subsections (1)(b)(i) through
- 2597 (iii); and
- 2598 (c) may not provide to the political party any information from an at-risk voter's voter
- 2599 registration record.
- 2600 (2) If an at-risk voter consents, on the voter's voter registration form, to provide the political
- 2601 party with which the voter chooses to affiliate with the voter's phone number or email
- 2602 address, the county clerk or the lieutenant governor:
- 2603 (a) may not provide the phone number or email address to the political party; and
- 2604 (b) shall notify the at-risk voter that the voter must contact the political party directly to
- 2605 provide the voter's phone number or email address to the political party.
- 2606 (3) A political party, or an agent of a political party, that receives information under this
- 2607 section:
- 2608 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not
- 2609 be accessed by a person other than the political party or an authorized agent of the
- 2610 political party;
- 2611 (b) may only use the information:
- 2612 (i) to communicate with an individual who is affiliated with the political party in

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

2647 manner that is prohibited by law;  
2648 (vi) a statement that obtaining the information under false pretenses, or providing or  
2649 using the information in a manner that is prohibited by law, is punishable as a  
2650 class A misdemeanor and by a civil fine; and  
2651 (vii) notice that if a person makes a false statement in the request form, the person is  
2652 punishable by law under Section 76-8-504.

2653 (5) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information described in  
2654 Subsection (1)(a) or (b) to a person requesting the information under this section if the  
2655 lieutenant governor or county clerk has probable cause to believe that the person:

2656 (a) is not a political party or an agent of the political party; or  
2657 (b) will use or share the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2658 Section 28. Section **20A-2-605** is enacted to read:

2659 **20A-2-605 (Effective 04/06/26). Request for voter registration records by a**  
2660 **government official.**

2661 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or another express provision of law, upon  
2662 request by a government official acting in the government official's capacity as a  
2663 government official, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk:

2664 (a) shall disclose to the government official only the information in a voter registration  
2665 record necessary to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty imposed  
2666 by law on the government official; and

2667 (b) may not disclose to the government official the information in a voter registration  
2668 record that is not necessary to permit the government official to fulfill an official duty  
2669 imposed by law on the government official.

2670 (2) A government official who receives information under Subsection (1)(a):

2671 (a) shall ensure, using industry standard security measures, that the information may not  
2672 be accessed by a person other than the government official or the government entity  
2673 that the government official represents;

2674 (b) may only use the information to the extent necessary to fulfill a duty of the  
2675 government official; and

2676 (c) may not disclose the information to a person other than a person needing the  
2677 information to fulfill a duty of the government official or the government entity that  
2678 the government official represents.

2679 (3) Before providing the information described in Subsection (1)(a) to a government  
2680 official:

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

2706 (4) The lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose the information under this  
2707 section if the lieutenant governor or county clerk reasonably believes that the person:

- 2708 (a) is not a government official;  
2709 (b) does not need the information requested to fulfill an official duty imposed by law on  
2710 the government official; or  
2711 (c) will provide or use the information in a manner prohibited by law.

2712 Section 29. Section **20A-2-606** is enacted to read:

2713 **20A-2-606 (Effective 04/06/26). At-risk registered voter -- Application --**

2714 **Designation -- Change of status.**

- 2715 (1) Except to the extent expressly authorized in this part or otherwise expressly provided by  
2716 law, the lieutenant governor or a county clerk may not disclose an at-risk voter's voter  
2717 registration record, or any information from an at-risk voter's voter registration record.
- 2718 (2)(a) The lieutenant governor shall design and distribute an at-risk designation request  
2719 form to each election officer and to each agency that provides a voter registration  
2720 form.
- 2721 (b) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor may make  
2722 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
2723 establishing requirements for providing the proof described in Subsections (4)(a)(ii),  
2724 (b)(ii), and (c)(ii).
- 2725 (3) The following may not encourage an individual to submit, or discourage an individual  
2726 from submitting, an at-risk designation request form:
- 2727 (a) an election officer;
- 2728 (b) an agency described in Subsection (2)(a); or
- 2729 (c) an employee of a person described in Subsection (3)(a) or (b).
- 2730 (4) A voter may apply for designation as an at-risk voter by submitting, either with the  
2731 voter's voter registration form, or separately to the voter's county clerk:
- 2732 (a)(i) an at-risk designation request form indicating that the voter is, or resides with,  
2733 an individual who is a victim of, or who is threatened with, domestic violence or  
2734 dating violence; and
- 2735 (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (2)(b), proof of the  
2736 indication described in Subsection (4)(a)(i) in the form of a sworn affidavit where  
2737 the voter swears to the following statement: "I am applying for designation as an  
2738 at-risk voter because I am, or I reside with, an individual who is a victim of, or  
2739 who is threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence."; or
- 2740 (b)(i) an at-risk designation request form indicating that the voter, or an individual  
2741 who resides with the voter, is a law enforcement officer, a public figure, a member  
2742 of the armed forces, or protected by a protective order or protection order; and
- 2743 (ii) in accordance with any rules made under Subsection (2)(b), proof of the  
2744 indication described in Subsection (4)(b)(i).
- 2745 (5) A county clerk shall designate a voter as an at-risk voter if the voter complies with  
2746 Subsection (4).
- 2747 (6) A county clerk shall, beginning in 2030, and every five years after 2030, before July 15:  
2748 (a) mail to each voter who, for a period of one year or longer, has been designated as an

- 2749 at-risk voter:
- 2750 (i) notice that the voter is designated as an at-risk voter and the grounds for the
- 2751 designation;
- 2752 (ii) a list of the grounds for designating a voter as an at-risk voter;
- 2753 (iii) an inquiry regarding whether the voter still qualifies as an at-risk voter; and
- 2754 (iv) a self-addressed envelope, with postage prepaid, for the voter to mail the voter's
- 2755 response to the inquiry described in Subsection (5)(a)(iii); and
- 2756 (b) remove the designation of a voter as an at-risk voter if the voter responds that the
- 2757 voter no longer qualifies as an at-risk voter.

2758 Section 30. Section **20A-2-607** is enacted to read:

2759 **20A-2-607 (Effective upon governor's approval). Applicability and enforcement**

2760 **-- Transition.**

- 2761 (1) This part does not govern or restrict the release of a voter registration record:
- 2762 (a) to an election officer or an employee of an election officer;
- 2763 (b) for a government purpose relating to maintaining the voter registration list or the
- 2764 administration of an election;
- 2765 (c) to the extent required by law, to the federal government to comply with, or verify
- 2766 compliance with, the requirements of federal election law;
- 2767 (d) in accordance with an order of a court with jurisdiction; or
- 2768 (e) to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency for a legitimate law enforcement
- 2769 purpose related to election law.
- 2770 (2) Beginning on March 9, 2026, and ending on May 25, 2026, a person that requests a
- 2771 copy of the voter registration list:
- 2772 (a) will receive the portion of the list, as the list existed on March 8, 2026, that the
- 2773 person was eligible to receive on March 8, 2026; and
- 2774 (b) will not receive an updated version of the list, or of any information in an updated
- 2775 version of the list, until May 25, 2026.
- 2776 (3) A person may only obtain or use information from the list of registered voters for:
- 2777 (a) a political purpose;
- 2778 (b) another purpose for which the person is, under this part, expressly permitted to
- 2779 obtain or use the information; or
- 2780 (c) another purpose for which the person is permitted to obtain or use the information:
- 2781 (i) under a provision of state or federal law; or
- 2782 (ii) by order of a court with jurisdiction.

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

2798 (5) A violation of Subsection (4) is a class A misdemeanor.

2799 Section 31. Section **20A-2-608**, which is renumbered from Section 20A-5-410 is renumbered  
2800 and amended to read:

2801 **[20A-5-410] 20A-2-608 (Effective 04/06/26). Election officer to keep voting**  
2802 **history information and status -- Restrictions.**

2803 ~~[(1) As used in this section, "voting history record" means the following information~~  
2804 ~~relating to a registered voter:]~~

2805 ~~[(a) the information in the voter's voter registration record, other than the information~~  
2806 ~~classified as private under Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(j);]~~

2807 ~~[(b) the voter's privacy status;]~~

2808 ~~[(c) the voter's status as active or inactive;]~~

2809 ~~[(d) the voter's voter identification number;]~~

2810 ~~[(e) the voter's federal information processing system code;]~~

2811 ~~[(f) the voter's precinct;]~~

2812 ~~[(g) each political district in which the voter is a resident;]~~

2813 ~~[(h) a list of elections in which the voter voted;]~~

2814 ~~[(i) whether the voter voted in person on election day;]~~

2815 ~~[(j) whether the voter voted in person before election day;]~~

2816 ~~[(k) whether the voter returned a mailed ballot;]~~

- 2817           ~~[(l) whether the voter's ballot was mailed to an alternate address; and]~~  
 2818           ~~[(m) the date on which the voter voted or on which the voter returned a mailed ballot.]~~  
 2819   ~~[(2)(a) Each election officer shall maintain, in the election officer's office, a voting~~  
 2820           ~~history record of those voters registered to vote in the election officer's jurisdiction.]~~  
 2821           ~~[(b) The voting history record is a public record under Title 63G, Chapter 2,~~  
 2822           ~~Government Records Access and Management Act, except:]~~  
 2823           ~~[(i) as it relates to a voter whose voter registration record is classified as private under~~  
 2824           ~~Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(k) or (l); or]~~  
 2825           ~~[(ii) a record or information described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(n).]~~  
 2826   (1) A county clerk shall maintain:  
 2827           (a) for each registered voter:  
 2828           (i) the standard voter information for that voter; and  
 2829           (ii) whether the voter is a public registered voter or an at-risk voter; and  
 2830           (b) only during the time period beginning on the day on which the bulk of ballots are  
 2831           mailed for an election and ending at the close of operating hours on the day before  
 2832           the election, a voted report and a mailed ballot report for the election.  
 2833   (2)(a) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(b), the county clerk shall retain a copy of  
 2834           each voter registration form in a permanent countywide alphabetical file, which may  
 2835           be electronic or some other recognized system.  
 2836           (b) The county clerk may transfer a superseded voter registration form to the Division of  
 2837           Archives and Records Service created under Section 63A-12-101.  
 2838           (c) A county clerk shall retain a list of currently registered voters.  
 2839           (d) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a list of registered voters in electronic form.  
 2840           (e) If there are any discrepancies between the lists described in Subsections (2)(c) and (d),  
 2841           the county clerk's list is the official list.  
 2842   (3) Subsection (1) or (2) does not authorize the disclosure of the information described in  
 2843           Subsection (1) or (2) beyond the extent expressly provided in this part.  
 2844   ~~[(3)(a) When an election officer reports voting history for an election, the election~~  
 2845           ~~officer shall, for each voter whose voter registration is classified as private under~~  
 2846           ~~Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(h), report the following, for that election only, without~~  
 2847           ~~disclosing the identity of the voter:]~~  
 2848           ~~[(i) for voting by mail, the information described in Subsection (4)(a);]~~  
 2849           ~~[(ii) for early voting, the date the individual voted; and]~~  
 2850           ~~[(iii) for voting on election day, the date the individual voted.]~~

- 2851 [(b) In relation to the information of a voter whose voter registration is classified as  
 2852 private under Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(h), a report described in Subsection (3)(a)  
 2853 may not disclose, by itself or in conjunction with any other public information, the  
 2854 identity or any other personal identifying information of the voter.]
- 2855 [(4) Subject to Subsection (5), the election officer shall ensure that the voting history record  
 2856 kept by the election officer for each voting precinct contains:]
- 2857 [(a) for voting by mail:]
- 2858 [(i) the date that the manual ballot was mailed to the voter; and]
- 2859 [(ii) the date that the voted manual ballot was received by the election officer;]
- 2860 [(b) for early voting:]
- 2861 [(i) the name and address of each individual who participated in early voting; and]
- 2862 [(ii) the date the individual voted; and]
- 2863 [(c) for voting on election day, the name and address of each individual who voted on  
 2864 election day.]
- 2865 [(5) Subsection (4) does not authorize the disclosure of the information described in  
 2866 Subsection (4) beyond the extent expressly provided in Subsections (2) and (3).]
- 2867 (4) A person may, on a subscription basis, obtain the voted report and the mailed ballot  
 2868 report during time period described in Subsection (1)(b).
- 2869 [(6)] (5)(a) Notwithstanding the time limits for response to a request for records under  
 2870 Section 63G-2-204 or the time limits for a request for records established in any  
 2871 ordinance, the election officer shall ensure that the information required to be  
 2872 disclosed under this [section] part is recorded and made available[~~to the public~~] , upon  
 2873 request and subject to the provisions of this part, no later than one business day after  
 2874 the day on which the election officer receives the information.
- 2875 (b) Notwithstanding the fee requirements of Section 63G-2-203 or the fee requirements  
 2876 established in any ordinance, the election officer shall [make copies of the voting  
 2877 history record available to the public, in accordance with this section, for the actual  
 2878 cost of production or copying] provide the information disclosed under this section,  
 2879 Section 20A-6-603, or Section 20A-6-604, in accordance with the fees established  
 2880 under Subsection 63G-2-203(10).
- 2881 Section 32. Section **20A-3a-401** is amended to read:
- 2882 **20A-3a-401 (Effective 04/06/26). Custody of voted ballots mailed or deposited in**  
 2883 **a ballot drop box -- Disposition -- Notice -- Disclosures relating to unresolved ballots.**
- 2884 (1) This section governs ballots returned by mail, via a ballot drop box, or by other legal

- 2885 means.
- 2886 (2) Poll workers shall process return envelopes containing manual ballots that are in the  
2887 custody of the poll workers in accordance with this section.
- 2888 (3) Poll workers shall examine a return envelope to make the determinations described in  
2889 Subsection (4).
- 2890 (4) The poll workers shall take the action described in Subsection (5)(a) if the poll workers  
2891 determine:
- 2892 (a) for an election held before January 1, 2029:
- 2893 (i) that the return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver  
2894 license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security number;  
2895 or
- 2896 (ii) if the return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection (4)(a)(i),  
2897 that:
- 2898 (A) in accordance with the rules made under Subsection (13), the signature on the  
2899 affidavit of the return envelope is reasonably consistent with the individual's  
2900 signature in the voter registration records; or
- 2901 (B) for an individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v), the  
2902 signature is verified by alternative means;
- 2903 (b) for an election held on or after January 1, 2029:
- 2904 (i) that the return envelope contains the last four digits of the voter's Utah driver  
2905 license number, Utah state identification card number, or social security number;
- 2906 (ii) if the return envelope does not contain the digits described in Subsection (4)(b)(i),  
2907 that the voter included in the return envelope a copy of the identification described  
2908 in Subsection 20A-3a-204(2)(c)(ii); or
- 2909 (iii) for a voter described in Subsection 20A-3a-301(7), that the voter complied with  
2910 Subsection 20A-3a-301(7);
- 2911 (c) that the affidavit is sufficient;
- 2912 (d) that the voter is registered to vote in the correct precinct;
- 2913 (e) that the voter's right to vote the ballot has not been challenged;
- 2914 (f) that the voter has not already voted in the election; and
- 2915 (g) for a voter who has not yet provided valid voter identification with the voter's voter  
2916 registration, whether the voter has provided valid voter identification with the return  
2917 envelope.
- 2918 (5)(a) If the poll workers make all of the findings described in Subsection (4), the poll

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

2953 to the election officer a correctly completed affidavit, provided by the county  
2954 clerk, that meets the requirements described in Subsection (7)(d).

2955 (c) The election officer shall ensure that the notice described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b)  
2956 includes:

2957 (i) when communicating the notice by mail, a printed copy of the affidavit described  
2958 in Subsection (7)(d) and a courtesy reply envelope;

2959 (ii) when communicating the notice electronically, a link to a copy of the affidavit  
2960 described in Subsection (7)(d) or information on how to obtain a copy of the  
2961 affidavit; or

2962 (iii) when communicating the notice by phone, either during a direct conversation  
2963 with the voter or in a voicemail, arrangements for the voter to receive a copy of  
2964 the affidavit described in Subsection (7)(d), either in person from the clerk's  
2965 office, by mail, or electronically.

2966 (d) An affidavit described in Subsection (7)(a)(ii)(C) or (7)(b)(ii)(C) shall include:

2967 (i) an attestation that the individual voted the ballot;

2968 (ii) a space for the individual to enter the individual's name, date of birth, and driver  
2969 license number or the last four digits of the individual's social security number;

2970 (iii) a space for the individual to sign the affidavit;

2971 (iv) a statement that, by signing the affidavit, the individual authorizes the lieutenant  
2972 governor's and county clerk's use of the information in the affidavit and the  
2973 individual's signature on the affidavit for voter identification purposes; and

2974 (v) a check box accompanied by language in substantially the following form: "I am  
2975 a voter with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that  
2976 impacts my ability to sign my name consistently. I can provide appropriate  
2977 documentation upon request. To discuss accommodations, I can be contacted at  
2978 \_\_\_\_\_".

2979 (e) In order for an individual described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b) to have the  
2980 individual's ballot counted, the individual shall deliver the affidavit described in  
2981 Subsection (7)(d) to the election officer.

2982 (f) An election officer who receives a signed affidavit under Subsection (7)(e) shall  
2983 immediately:

2984 (i) scan the signature on the affidavit electronically and keep the signature on file in  
2985 the statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-502;

2986 (ii) if the election officer receives the affidavit no later than noon on the last business

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

- 3021 (A) the name and voter identification number of the individual contacted;
- 3022 (B) the name of the individual who conducts the verification;
- 3023 (C) the date and manner of the communication;
- 3024 (D) the type of personal identifying information provided by the individual;
- 3025 (E) a description of the records against which the personal identifying information
- 3026 provided by the individual is compared and verified; and
- 3027 (F) other information required by the lieutenant governor.
- 3028 (10)(a) The election officer shall retain and preserve:
- 3029 (i) the return envelopes in accordance with Subsection 20A-4-202(2); and
- 3030 (ii) the documents described in Subsection (9)(b)(iv) in accordance with Subsection
- 3031 20A-4-202(3).
- 3032 (b) If the election officer complies with Subsection (10)(a)(ii) by including the
- 3033 documentation in the voter's voter registration record, the election officer shall make,
- 3034 retain, and preserve a record of the name and voter identification number of each
- 3035 voter contacted under Subsection (9)(b).
- 3036 (11)(a) The election officer shall record the following in the database used in the
- 3037 verification process:
- 3038 (i) any initial rejection of a ballot under Subsection (5)(b), within one business day
- 3039 after the day on which the election officer rejects the ballot; and
- 3040 (ii) any resolution of a rejection of a ballot under Subsection (9), within one business
- 3041 day after the day on which the ballot rejection is resolved.
- 3042 (b) An election officer shall include, in the canvass report, a final report of the
- 3043 disposition of all rejected and resolved ballots, including, for ballots rejected, the
- 3044 following:
- 3045 (i) the number of ballots rejected because the voter did not sign the voter's ballot; and
- 3046 (ii) the number of ballots rejected because the voter's signatures on the ballot, and in
- 3047 records on file, do not correspond.
- 3048 (12) Willful failure to comply with this section constitutes willful neglect of duty under
- 3049 Section 20A-5-701.
- 3050 (13) The director of elections within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall make
- 3051 rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to
- 3052 establish:
- 3053 (a) criteria and processes for use by poll workers in determining if a signature
- 3054 corresponds with the signature on file for the voter under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A);

3055 (b) training and certification requirements for election officers and employees of election  
 3056 officers regarding the criteria and processes described in Subsection (13)(a); and  
 3057 (c) in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.  
 3058 Secs. 12131 through 12165, an alternative means of verifying the identity of an  
 3059 individual who checks the box described in Subsection (7)(d)(v).

3060 (14)(a) Upon request, and subject to Subsections (14)(b) and (c), an election officer may  
 3061 disclose the name and address of a voter whose ballot has been rejected and not yet  
 3062 resolved with:

3063 (i) a candidate in the election;  
 3064 (ii) an individual who represents the candidate's campaign;  
 3065 (iii) the sponsors of an initiative or referendum appearing on the ballot; or  
 3066 (iv) for a ballot proposition appearing on the ballot, an individual who represents a  
 3067 political issues committee, as defined in Section 20A-11-101, if the political  
 3068 issues committee supports or opposes the ballot proposition.

3069 (b) If an election officer discloses the information described in Subsection (14)(a), the  
 3070 election officer shall:

3071 (i) make the disclosure within two business days after the day on which the request is  
 3072 made;  
 3073 (ii) respond to each request in the order the requests were made; and  
 3074 (iii) make each disclosure in a manner, and within a period of time, that does not  
 3075 reflect favoritism to one requestor over another.

3076 (c) A disclosure described in this Subsection (14) may not include [~~the name or address~~  
 3077 ~~of a protected individual, as defined in Subsection 20A-2-104(1)] any information  
 3078 relating to an at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601.~~

3079 Section 33. Section **20A-6-105** is amended to read:

3080 **20A-6-105 (Effective 04/06/26). Provisional ballot envelopes.**

3081 (1) Each election officer shall ensure that provisional ballot envelopes are printed in  
 3082 substantially the following form:

3083 (a) the envelope shall include the following[~~statement~~]:

3084 "AFFIRMATION

3085 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No

3086 Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? Yes No

3087 If you checked "no" in response to either of the two above questions, do not complete  
 3088 this form.

3089 Name of Voter \_\_\_\_\_

3090 First Middle Last

3091 Driver License or Identification Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

3092 State of Issuance of Driver License or Identification Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

3093 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

3094 Street Address of Principal Place of Residence

3095 \_\_\_\_\_

3096 City County State Zip Code

3097 Telephone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

3098 Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_";

3099 (b) beginning on January 1, 2027, immediately following the portion of the envelope  
3100 described in Subsection (1)(a), the envelope shall include the following:

3101 "Do you consent to the election officer providing the following information to the  
3102 political party with which you affiliate? (optional):

3103 • The email address you provided above? Yes No

3104 • The phone number you provided above? Yes No";

3105 (c) following the statement required under Subsections (1)(a) and (b), the envelope shall  
3106 include the following:

3107 "Last four digits of Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

3108 Last former address at which I was registered to vote (if known)

3109 \_\_\_\_\_

3110 City County State Zip Code

3111 Voting Precinct (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

3112 I, (please print your full name) \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear or  
3113 affirm:

3114 That I am eligible to vote in this election; that I have not voted in this election in any  
3115 other precinct; that I am eligible to vote in this precinct; and that I request that I be permitted  
3116 to vote in this precinct; and

3117 Subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information contained in this form  
3118 is true, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Utah, residing at the above  
3119 address; and that I am at least 18 years old and have resided in Utah for the 30 calendar days  
3120 immediately before this election.

3121 Signed

3122 \_\_\_\_\_

3123 Dated

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3125 In accordance with Section 20A-3a-506, wilfully providing false information above is a  
3126 class B misdemeanor under Utah law and is punishable by imprisonment and by fine.

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#### PRIVACY INFORMATION

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3129 Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as  
3130 your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state  
3131 identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized  
3132 government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an  
3133 authorized government entity, unless you have consented, above, to disclose them to the  
3134 political party with which you choose to affiliate.

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#### REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

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3136 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration

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3138 record be withheld from public disclosure if you are, or reside with:

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• an individual who is a victim of, or is threatened with, domestic violence or dating

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• violence;

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• a law enforcement officer;

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• a member of the armed forces;

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• a public figure; or

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• an individual who is protected by a court order.

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

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submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk.

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You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at

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the following website [insert the website address specified by the lieutenant governor].

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[Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as

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your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and

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some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the

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requirements of law.

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

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address, full date of birth, and phone number are available only to government entities. Your

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year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties,

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

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

from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,

3157 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

3158        Yes, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld  
3159 from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office,  
3160 and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

3161 **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION**

3162 In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that identifying  
3163 information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates  
3164 for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a  
3165 withholding request form, and any required verification, as described in the following  
3166 paragraphs.

3167 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration  
3168 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their  
3169 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form with this  
3170 registration record, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk, if the person is or is likely  
3171 to be, or resides with a person who is or is likely to be, a victim of domestic violence or dating  
3172 violence.

3173 A person may request that identifying information on the person's voter registration  
3174 records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their  
3175 contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting a withholding request form and any  
3176 required verification with this registration form, or to the lieutenant governor or a county clerk,  
3177 if the person is, or resides with a person who is, a law enforcement officer, a member of the  
3178 armed forces, a public figure, or protected by a protective order or a protection order.]

3179 **CITIZENSHIP AFFIDAVIT**

3180 Name:

3181 Name at birth, if different:

3182 Place of birth:

3183 Date of birth:

3184 Date and place of naturalization (if applicable):

3185 I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that I am a  
3186 citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and  
3187 correct.

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3189 \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

3190 In accordance with Section 20A-2-401, the penalty for willfully causing, procuring, or

3191 allowing yourself to be registered to vote if you know you are not entitled to register to vote is  
 3192 up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500."; and

3193 [(b)] (d) the following statement shall appear after the statement described in Subsection [(1)(a)]  
 3194 (1)(c):

3195 "BALLOT NOTIFICATIONS

3196 Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official  
 3197 communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? Yes No [  
 3198 "]; and]

3199 [(e) no later than November 5, 2025, after the statement described in Subsection (1)(b), the  
 3200 following:

3201 "Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

3202 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail a ballot to me.

3203 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person."

3204 (2) The provisional ballot envelope shall include:

3205 (a) a unique number;

3206 (b) a detachable part that includes the unique number;

3207 (c) a telephone number, internet address, or other indicator of a means, in accordance  
 3208 with Section 20A-6-105.5, where the voter can find out if the provisional ballot was  
 3209 counted; and

3210 (d) an insert containing written instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive ballot  
 3211 status notifications via the ballot tracking system described in Section 20A-3a-401.5.

3212 Section 34. Section **20A-7-103** is amended to read:

3213 **20A-7-103 (Effective upon governor's approval) (Contingently Superseded 01/01/27).**

3214 **Constitutional amendments and other questions submitted by the Legislature --**

3215 **Publication -- Ballot title -- Procedures for submission to popular vote.**

3216 (1) The procedures contained in this section govern when the Legislature submits a  
 3217 proposed constitutional amendment or other question to the voters.

3218 (2) The lieutenant governor shall, not more than 60 calendar days or less than 14 calendar  
 3219 days before the date of the election, publish the full text of the amendment, question, or  
 3220 statute for the state, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, through the date of  
 3221 the election.

3222 (3)(a) The [~~presiding officers~~] legislative general counsel shall:

3223 [(a)] (i) entitle each proposed constitutional amendment "Constitutional Amendment  
 3224 \_\_\_" and assign a letter to the constitutional amendment in accordance with the

- 3225 requirements of Section 20A-6-107;
- 3226 [~~(b)~~] (ii) entitle each proposed question "Proposition Number \_\_\_" with the number
- 3227 assigned to the proposition under Section 20A-6-107 placed in the blank;
- 3228 [~~(e)~~] (iii) draft and designate a ballot title for each proposed amendment or question
- 3229 submitted by the Legislature that:
- 3230 [(i)] (A) summarizes the subject matter of the amendment or question; and
- 3231 [(ii)] (B) for a proposed constitutional amendment, summarizes any legislation that
- 3232 is enacted and will become effective upon the voters' adoption of the proposed
- 3233 constitutional amendment; and
- 3234 [~~(d)~~] (iv) deliver each letter or number and ballot title to the lieutenant governor.
- 3235 (b) Consistent with Section 36-12-12, the legislative general counsel performs the duties
- 3236 in this section as counsel for the presiding officers.
- 3237 (4) The lieutenant governor shall certify the letter or number and ballot title of each
- 3238 amendment or question to the county clerk of each county no later than 65 calendar days
- 3239 before the date of the election.
- 3240 (5) The county clerk of each county shall:
- 3241 (a) ensure that the letter or number and the ballot title of each amendment and question
- 3242 prepared in accordance with this section are included in the sample ballots and
- 3243 official ballots; and
- 3244 (b) publish the sample ballots and official ballots as provided by law.
- 3245 Section 35. Section **20A-7-103** is amended to read:
- 3246 **20A-7-103 (Contingently Effective 01/01/27). Constitutional amendments and**
- 3247 **other questions submitted by the Legislature -- Publication -- Ballot title -- Procedures**
- 3248 **for submission to popular vote.**
- 3249 (1) The procedures contained in this section govern when the Legislature submits a
- 3250 proposed constitutional amendment or other question to the voters.
- 3251 (2) The lieutenant governor shall:
- 3252 (a) for a proposed constitutional amendment, in accordance with Utah Constitution,
- 3253 Article XXIII, Section 1, publish the entire text of the proposed constitutional
- 3254 amendment for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, as
- 3255 a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102; or
- 3256 (b) for a question other than a proposed constitutional amendment, publish the question
- 3257 for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, as a class A
- 3258 notice under Section 63G-30-102.

- 3259 (3)(a) The [~~presiding officers~~] legislative general counsel shall:
- 3260        [(~~a~~)] (i) entitle each proposed constitutional amendment "Constitutional Amendment
- 3261            \_\_" and assign a letter to the constitutional amendment in accordance with the
- 3262            requirements of Section 20A-6-107;
- 3263        [(~~b~~)] (ii) entitle each proposed question "Proposition Number \_\_" with the number
- 3264            assigned to the proposition under Section 20A-6-107 placed in the blank;
- 3265        [(~~c~~)] (iii) draft and designate a ballot title for each proposed amendment or question
- 3266            submitted by the Legislature that:
- 3267            [(~~i~~)] (A) summarizes the subject matter of the amendment or question; and
- 3268            [(~~ii~~)] (B) for a proposed constitutional amendment, summarizes any legislation that
- 3269            is enacted and will become effective upon the voters' adoption of the proposed
- 3270            constitutional amendment; and
- 3271        [(~~d~~)] (iv) deliver each letter or number and ballot title to the lieutenant governor.
- 3272        (b) Consistent with Section 36-12-12, the legislative general counsel performs the duties
- 3273            in this section as counsel for the presiding officers.
- 3274        (4) The lieutenant governor shall certify the letter or number and ballot title of each
- 3275            amendment or question to the county clerk of each county no later than 65 calendar days
- 3276            before the date of the election.
- 3277        (5) The county clerk of each county shall:
- 3278            (a) ensure that the letter or number and the ballot title of each amendment and question
- 3279            prepared in accordance with this section are included in the sample ballots and
- 3280            official ballots; and
- 3281            (b) publish the sample ballots and official ballots as provided by law.
- 3282            Section 36. Section **20A-7-105** is amended to read:
- 3283            **20A-7-105 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual petition processes -- Obtaining**
- 3284            **signatures -- Verification -- Submitting the petition -- Certification of signatures --**
- 3285            **Transfer to lieutenant governor -- Removal of signature.**
- 3286        (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process and the manual referendum
- 3287            process.
- 3288        (2) As used in this section:
- 3289            (a) "Local petition" means:
- 3290            (i) a manual local initiative petition described in Part 5, Local Initiatives -
- 3291            Procedures; or
- 3292            (ii) a manual local referendum petition described in Part 6, Local Referenda -

- 3293 Procedures.
- 3294 (b) "Packet" means an initiative packet or referendum packet.
- 3295 (c) "Petition" means a local petition or statewide petition.
- 3296 (d) "Statewide petition" means:
- 3297 (i) a manual statewide initiative petition described in Part 2, Statewide Initiatives; or
- 3298 (ii) a manual statewide referendum petition described in Part 3, Statewide Referenda.
- 3299 (3)(a) A Utah voter may sign a statewide petition if the voter is a legal voter.
- 3300 (b) A Utah voter may sign a local petition if the voter:
- 3301 (i) is a legal voter; and
- 3302 (ii) resides in the local jurisdiction.
- 3303 (4)(a) The sponsors shall ensure that the individual in whose presence each signature
- 3304 sheet was signed:
- 3305 (i) is at least 18 years old;
- 3306 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification printed on the last
- 3307 page of each packet; and
- 3308 (iii) is informed that each signer is required to read and understand:
- 3309 (A) for an initiative petition, the law proposed by the initiative; or
- 3310 (B) for a referendum petition, the law that the referendum seeks to overturn.
- 3311 (b) An individual may not sign the verification printed on the last page of a packet if the
- 3312 individual signed a signature sheet in the packet.
- 3313 (5)(a) The sponsors, or an agent of the sponsors, shall submit a signed and verified
- 3314 packet to the county clerk of the county in which the packet was circulated before 5
- 3315 p.m. no later than the earlier of:
- 3316 (i) for a statewide initiative:
- 3317 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
- 3318 the first individual signs the initiative packet;
- 3319 (B) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on
- 3320 which the application for the initiative petition is filed; or
- 3321 (C) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election
- 3322 immediately after the application is filed under Section 20A-7-202;
- 3323 (ii) for a statewide referendum:
- 3324 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which
- 3325 the first individual signs the referendum packet; or
- 3326 (B) the first business day that is at least 40 calendar days after the day on which

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

- 3361 the sponsors submit the last initiative packet to the county clerk, submit to the  
 3362 lieutenant governor:
- 3363 (i) a list containing:
- 3364 (A) the name and email address of each individual the sponsors sent, or caused to  
 3365 be sent, the email described in Subsection (5)(c); and
- 3366 (B) the date the email was sent;
- 3367 (ii) a copy of the email described in Subsection (5)(c); and
- 3368 (iii) the following written verification, completed and signed by each of the sponsors:
- 3369 "Verification of initiative sponsor State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_ I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 3370 of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:
- 3371 I am a sponsor of the initiative petition entitled \_\_\_\_\_; and
- 3372 I sent, or caused to be sent, to each individual who provided a legible, valid email  
 3373 address on a signature sheet submitted to the county clerk in relation to the initiative petition,  
 3374 the email described in Utah Code Subsection 20A-7-105(5)(c).
- 3375 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3376 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)."[;]
- 3377 (e) For a local initiative, the sponsors shall, no later than 5 p.m. on the day on which the  
 3378 sponsors submit the last initiative packet to the local clerk, submit to the local clerk  
 3379 the items described in Subsection (5)(d).
- 3380 (f) Signatures gathered for an initiative petition are not valid if the sponsors do not  
 3381 comply with Subsection (5)(c), (d), or (e).
- 3382 (6)(a) Within 21 calendar days after the day on which the county clerk receives the  
 3383 packet, the county clerk shall:
- 3384 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002, or 20A-7-106 if applicable,  
 3385 to determine whether each signer is a legal voter and, as applicable, the  
 3386 jurisdiction where the signer is registered to vote;
- 3387 (ii) for a statewide initiative or a statewide referendum:
- 3388 (A) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a legal voter;
- 3389 (B) post the [~~name,~~]voter identification number[;] and the date of signature of  
 3390 each legal voter certified under Subsection (6)(a)(ii)(A) on the lieutenant  
 3391 governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant  
 3392 governor; and
- 3393 (C) deliver the verified packet to the lieutenant governor;
- 3394 (iii) for a local initiative or a local referendum:

- 3395 (A) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a legal voter who is  
 3396 registered in the jurisdiction to which the initiative or referendum relates;  
 3397 (B) post the [~~name,~~]voter identification number[;] and the date of signature of  
 3398 each legal voter certified under Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(A) on the lieutenant  
 3399 governor's website, in a conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant  
 3400 governor; and  
 3401 (C) deliver the verified packet to the local clerk.
- 3402 (b) For a local initiative or local referendum, the local clerk shall post a link in a  
 3403 conspicuous location on the local government's website to the posting described in  
 3404 Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(B):
- 3405 (i) for a local initiative, during the period of time described in Subsection  
 3406 20A-7-507(3)(a); or  
 3407 (ii) for a local referendum, during the period of time described in Subsection  
 3408 20A-7-607(2)(a)(i).
- 3409 (7) The county clerk may not certify a signature under Subsection (6):
- 3410 (a) on a packet that is not verified in accordance with Subsection (4); or  
 3411 (b) that does not have a date of signature next to the signature.
- 3412 (8)(a) A voter who signs a statewide initiative petition may have the voter's signature  
 3413 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to  
 3414 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later  
 3415 than 5 p.m. the earlier of:
- 3416 (i) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk before December 1:
- 3417 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which  
 3418 the voter signs the signature removal statement; or  
 3419 (B) the first business day that is at least 90 calendar days after the day on which  
 3420 the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-207(2);  
 3421 or  
 3422 (ii) for an initiative packet received by the county clerk on or after December 1:
- 3423 (A) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which  
 3424 the voter signs the signature removal statement; or  
 3425 (B) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which  
 3426 the lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-207(2).
- 3427 (b) A voter who signs a statewide referendum petition may have the voter's signature  
 3428 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to

- 3429 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later  
3430 than 5 p.m. the earlier of:
- 3431 (i) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which the  
3432 voter signs the statement requesting removal; or
- 3433 (ii) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which the  
3434 lieutenant governor posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-307(2).
- 3435 (c) A voter who signs a local initiative petition may have the voter's signature removed  
3436 from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to the  
3437 county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later than  
3438 5 p.m. the earlier of:
- 3439 (i) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which the  
3440 voter signs the signature removal statement;
- 3441 (ii) the first business day that is at least 90 calendar days after the day on which the  
3442 local clerk posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-507(2);
- 3443 (iii) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on  
3444 which the application is filed; or
- 3445 (iv)(A) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular  
3446 general election immediately after the application is filed under Section  
3447 20A-7-502; or
- 3448 (B) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal  
3449 general election immediately after the application is filed under Section  
3450 20A-7-502.
- 3451 (d) A voter who signs a local referendum petition may have the voter's signature  
3452 removed from the petition by, in accordance with Section 20A-1-1003, submitting to  
3453 the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed no later  
3454 than 5 p.m. the earlier of:
- 3455 (i) the first business day that is at least 30 calendar days after the day on which the  
3456 voter signs the statement requesting removal; or
- 3457 (ii) the first business day that is at least 45 calendar days after the day on which the  
3458 local clerk posts the voter's name under Subsection 20A-7-607(2)(a).
- 3459 (e) In order for the signature to be removed, the county clerk must receive the statement  
3460 described in this Subsection (8) before 5 p.m. no later than the applicable deadline  
3461 described in this Subsection (8).
- 3462 (f) A county clerk shall analyze a signature, for purposes of removing a signature from a

3463 petition, in accordance with Subsection 20A-1-1003(3).

3464 (9)(a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under  
3465 Subsection (8) and determines that the signature should be removed from the petition  
3466 under Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the county clerk shall:

3467 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are  
3468 not included in the posting described in Subsection (6)(a)(ii)(B) or (iii)(B); and

3469 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the signature packets and signature packet  
3470 totals.

3471 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (9)(a) before the later of:

3472 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (6)(a); or

3473 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement  
3474 requesting signature removal under Subsection (8).

3475 (10) A person may not retrieve a packet from a county clerk, or make any alterations or  
3476 corrections to a packet, after the packet is submitted to the county clerk.

3477 Section 37. Section **20A-7-203** is amended to read:

3478 **20A-7-203 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative**  
3479 **petition and signature sheets.**

3480 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

3481 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3482 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Lieutenant Governor:

3483 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed  
3484 law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or rejection at the  
3485 regular general election/session to be held/ beginning on \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year);

3486 Each signer says:

3487 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying  
3488 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the  
3489 initials "AV" as my signature;

3490 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
3491 initiative petition;

3492 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3493 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3494 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.

3495 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3496 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be

3497 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
3498 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3499 NOTICE TO SIGNERS:

3500 Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public  
3501 hearings.)".

3502 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least  
3503 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):

3504 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax  
3505 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
3506 increase in the current tax rate."[-]

3507 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
3508 proposed law to each initiative petition.

3509 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:

3510 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3511 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the  
3512 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3513 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,  
3514 bold type;

3515 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch  
3516 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3517 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3518 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
3519 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3520 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

3521 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

3522 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3523 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
3524 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point  
3525 type;

3526 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3527 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
3528 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

3529 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3530 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

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

3565 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
3566 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3567 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity  
3568 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
3569 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified  
3570 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3571 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed  
3572 statement:

3573 Verification of signature collector

3574 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

3575 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3576 I am at least 18 years old;

3577 All the names that appear in this initiative packet were signed by individuals who  
3578 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed  
3579 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying  
3580 disability, I have signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the  
3581 individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's  
3582 signature;

3583 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative  
3584 packet by the initials "AV":

3585 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative  
3586 petition on the individual's behalf;

3587 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
3588 capacity to give direction or consent;

3589 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
3590 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

3591 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
3592 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

3593 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature  
3594 sheet;

3595 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by  
3596 the initiative;

3597 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
3598 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is

3599 registered to vote in Utah;

3600 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

3601 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this initiative  
3602 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3603 \_\_\_\_\_  
3604 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

3605 (5) If the initial fiscal impact statement described in Subsection (3)(f)(ii), as updated in  
3606 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5), exceeds 200 words, the Office of the  
3607 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall prepare a shorter summary statement, for the purpose of  
3608 inclusion on an initiative signature sheet, that does not exceed 200 words.

3609 (6) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions  
3610 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3611 Section 38. Section **20A-7-215** is amended to read:

3612 **20A-7-215 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative**  
3613 **petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3614 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

3615 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3616 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Lieutenant  
3617 Governor:

3618 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following  
3619 proposed law be submitted to the legal voters/Legislature of Utah for their/its approval or  
3620 rejection at the regular general election/session to be held/beginning on  
3621 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year)."

3622 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
3623 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
3624 understand the information presented on this screen."

3625 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the following  
3626 statement:

3627 "Public hearings to discuss this initiative were held at: (list dates and locations of public  
3628 hearings.)".

3629 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
3630 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
3631 and understand the information presented on this screen."

3632 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of

3633 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-202(2)(e)(i), followed by the entire text  
3634 of the proposed law.

3635 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link  
3636 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
3637 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."

3638 (5) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the  
3639 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to  
3640 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement: "By clicking here, I  
3641 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":

3642 (a) a description of all proposed sources of funding for the costs associated with the  
3643 proposed law, including the proposed percentage of total funding from each source;

3644 (b)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative  
3645 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage  
3646 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
3647 increase in the current tax rate."; or

3648 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This  
3649 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";

3650 (c) the initial fiscal impact statement issued by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal  
3651 Analyst in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-202.5(2)(a), including any update in  
3652 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-204.1(5)(b);

3653 (d) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition  
3654 may be paid for gathering signatures; and

3655 (e) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

3656 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

3657 I am personally signing this initiative petition;

3658 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3659 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is  
3660 accurate.

3661 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name  
3662 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
3663 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
3664 that the individual is not a registered voter.

3665 [WARNING

3666 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter

3667 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be  
 3668 made public.]

3669 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3670 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
 3671 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
 3672 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3673 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

3674 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection  
 3675 (5)(e), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your  
 3676 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3677 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection  
 3678 (5)(e), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
 3679 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the initiative petition through the  
 3680 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3681 Section 39. Section **20A-7-217** is amended to read:

3682 **20A-7-217 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Collecting**  
 3683 **signatures -- Email notification -- Removal of signatures.**

3684 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

3685 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., the earlier of:

3686 (a) the last business day that is no more than 316 calendar days after the day on which  
 3687 the initiative application is filed; or

3688 (b) the February 15 immediately before the next regular general election immediately  
 3689 after the initiative application is filed under Section 20A-7-202.

3690 (3) The lieutenant governor shall send to each individual who provides a valid email  
 3691 address during the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

3692 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding  
 3693 Your Petition Signature"; and

3694 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

3695 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

3696 [insert title of initiative]

3697 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the text of the law proposed by the initiative,  
 3698 the fiscal impact statement, and information on the deadline for removing your signature from  
 3699 the initiative petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that  
 3700 takes the individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the

3701 information referred to in the email]."

3702 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days  
3703 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs an initiative petition is  
3704 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [~~name,~~]voter identification number[;] and  
3705 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a  
3706 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor.

3707 (5)(a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under  
3708 Subsection 20A-7-216(4), the county clerk shall:

3709 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are  
3710 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

3711 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the initiative petition and the initiative petition  
3712 signature totals.

3713 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

3714 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

3715 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement  
3716 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-216(4).

3717 Section 40. Section **20A-7-303** is amended to read:

3718 **20A-7-303 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual referendum process -- Form of**  
3719 **referendum petition and signature sheets.**

3720 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

3721 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3722 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_, Lieutenant Governor:

3723 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill No.

3724 \_\_\_\_, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth here

3725 the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state of

3726 Utah during the \_\_\_\_ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or rejection

3727 at a regular general election or a statewide special election;

3728 Each signer says:

3729 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a

3730 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer

3731 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

3732 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the

3733 referendum petition;

3734 I have personally read the entire statement included with this referendum packet;

3735 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3736 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.[":]

3737 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3738 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
 3739 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
 3740 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

3741 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
 3742 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

3743 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

3744 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

3745 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the  
 3746 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

3747 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least  
 3748 14-point, bold type;

3749 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch  
 3750 from the left side of the paper, as follows:

3751 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;

3752 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
 3753 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;

3754 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;

3755 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;

3756 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3757 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
 3758 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point  
 3759 type;

3760 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3761 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
 3762 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;

3763 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;

3764 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;

3765 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
 3766 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;

3767 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

3768 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words

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

3782 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at  
 3783 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

3784 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by  
 3785 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

3786 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name  
 3787 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
 3788 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual  
 3789 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3790 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity  
 3791 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
 3792 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified  
 3793 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

3794 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed  
 3795 statement:

3796 Verification of signature collector

3797 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

3798 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

3799 I am at least 18 years old;

3800 All the names that appear in this referendum packet were signed by individuals who  
 3801 professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed  
 3802 the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying

3803 disability, I have signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of  
 3804 the individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's  
 3805 signature;

3806 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum  
 3807 packet by the initials "AV":

3808 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum  
 3809 petition on the individual's behalf;

3810 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
 3811 capacity to give direction or consent;

3812 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
 3813 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's  
 3814 behalf;

3815 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
 3816 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

3817 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature  
 3818 sheet;

3819 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition  
 3820 seeks to overturn;

3821 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
 3822 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each  
 3823 signer is registered to vote in Utah;

3824 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name; and

3825 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum  
 3826 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

3827 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3828 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date).

3829 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum  
 3830 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

3831 Section 41. Section **20A-7-313** is amended to read:

3832 **20A-7-313 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Form of**  
 3833 **referendum petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

3834 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

3835 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

3836 "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Lieutenant

3837 Governor:

3838 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that Senate (or House) Bill  
3839 No.\_\_\_\_, entitled (title of act, and, if the petition is against less than the whole act, set forth  
3840 here the part or parts on which the referendum is sought), passed by the Legislature of the state  
3841 of Utah during the \_\_\_\_ Session, be referred to the people of Utah for their approval or  
3842 rejection at a regular general election or a statewide special election."

3843 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
3844 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
3845 understand the information presented on this screen."

3846 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text  
3847 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

3848 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
3849 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
3850 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum  
3851 petition."

3852 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement  
3853 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be  
3854 paid for gathering signatures.

3855 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link  
3856 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
3857 understand the information presented on this screen."

3858 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,  
3859 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

3860 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;

3861 I am personally signing this referendum petition;

3862 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3863 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is  
3864 accurate.

3865 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name  
3866 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
3867 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual  
3868 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

3869 [WARNING

3870 Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter

3871 identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this referendum petition will  
 3872 be made public.]

3873 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3874 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
 3875 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
 3876 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

3877 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

3878 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),  
 3879 the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.  
 3880 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

3881 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),  
 3882 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
 3883 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the  
 3884 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

3885 Section 42. Section **20A-7-315** is amended to read:

3886 **20A-7-315 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Collecting**  
 3887 **signatures -- Removal of signatures.**

3888 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

3889 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., 40 calendar days after the  
 3890 day on which the legislative session at which the law passed ends.

3891 (3) The lieutenant governor shall send to each individual who provides a valid email  
 3892 address during the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

3893 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding  
 3894 Your Petition Signature"; and

3895 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

3896 "You signed a petition for the following referendum:

3897 [insert title of referendum]

3898 To access a copy of the referendum petition, the law that is the subject of the referendum  
 3899 petition, and information on the deadline for removing your signature from the referendum  
 3900 petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the  
 3901 individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the  
 3902 information referred to in the email]."

3903 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days  
 3904 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs a referendum petition is

3905 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [name,] voter identification number[,] and  
 3906 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a  
 3907 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor.

3908 (5)(a) If the county clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under  
 3909 Subsection 20A-7-314(4), the county clerk shall:

3910 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are  
 3911 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

3912 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the referendum petition and the signature totals.

3913 (b) The county clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

3914 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

3915 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement  
 3916 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-314(4).

3917 Section 43. Section **20A-7-503** is amended to read:

3918 **20A-7-503 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual initiative process -- Form of initiative**  
 3919 **petition and signature sheet.**

3920 (1) This section applies only to the manual initiative process.

3921 (2)(a) Each proposed initiative petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

3922 "INITIATIVE PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_, County Clerk/City Recorder/Town  
 3923 Clerk:

3924 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully demand that the following proposed  
 3925 law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next meeting; and  
 3926 the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the proposed law or  
 3927 takes no action on it.

3928 Each signer says:

3929 I have personally signed this initiative petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying  
 3930 disability, I have signed this initiative petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the  
 3931 initials "AV" as my signature;

3932 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
 3933 petition;

3934 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

3935 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

3936 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

3937 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

3938 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be

- 3939 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
3940 registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 3941 (b) If the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement shall appear, in at least  
3942 14-point, bold type, immediately following the information described in Subsection (2)(a):  
3943 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax  
3944 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
3945 increase in the current tax rate."
- 3946 (c) The sponsors of an initiative or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
3947 proposed law to each initiative petition.
- 3948 (3) Each initiative signature sheet shall:
- 3949 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 3950 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the  
3951 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
- 3952 (c) include the title of the initiative printed below the horizontal line, in at least 14-point,  
3953 bold type;
- 3954 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the initiative, and beginning .5 inch  
3955 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
- 3956 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
- 3957 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
3958 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
- 3959 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
- 3960 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3961 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3962 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
3963 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point  
3964 type;
- 3965 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3966 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
3967 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 3968 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3969 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 3970 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
3971 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 3972 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;

- 3973 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
3974 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 3975 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3976 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 3977 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
3978 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 3979 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 3980 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
3981 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 3982 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 3983 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,  
3984 and contain the following words "By signing this initiative petition, you are  
3985 stating that you have read and understand the law proposed by this initiative  
3986 petition." in 12-point type;
- 3987 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at  
3988 the bottom of the sheet for the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and
- 3989 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include in the following order:
- 3990 (i) the words "Fiscal and legal impact of" followed by the title of the initiative, in at  
3991 least 12-point, bold type;
- 3992 (ii) the summary statement in the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by  
3993 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost  
3994 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition  
3995 in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3), in not less than 12-point, bold  
3996 type;
- 3997 (iii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in 12-point, bold type:  
3998 "This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax  
3999 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
4000 increase in the current tax rate."; and
- 4001 (iv) the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by the following statement in not  
4002 less than eight-point type:
- 4003 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name  
4004 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
4005 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows  
4006 that the individual is not a registered voter.

4007 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity  
 4008 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
 4009 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified  
 4010 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

4011 (4) The final page of each initiative packet shall contain the following printed or typed  
 4012 statement:

4013 "Verification of signature collector

4014 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

4015 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

4016 I am at least 18 years old;

4017 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be  
 4018 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's  
 4019 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have  
 4020 signed this initiative petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and in  
 4021 the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

4022 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this initiative  
 4023 packet by the initials "AV":

4024 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the initiative  
 4025 petition on the individual's behalf;

4026 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
 4027 capacity to give direction or consent;

4028 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
 4029 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the initiative petition on the individual's behalf;

4030 I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
 4031 or consenting for me to, sign the initiative petition on the individual's behalf; and

4032 I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature  
 4033 sheet;

4034 I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law proposed by  
 4035 the initiative; and

4036 I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
 4037 correctly, that each signer has read the law proposed by the initiative, and that each signer is  
 4038 registered to vote in Utah.

4039 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4040 (Name) (Residence Address) (Date)

4041 The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

4042 I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition to  
4043 encourage that individual to sign it.

4044

4045 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Residence Address) (Date)".

4046 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the initiative petitions  
4047 are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

4048 Section 44. Section **20A-7-514** is amended to read:

4049 **20A-7-514 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Form of initiative**  
4050 **petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

4051 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

4052 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

4053 "This INITIATIVE PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk/City  
4054 Recorder/Town Clerk:

4055 The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully demand that the following  
4056 proposed law be submitted to: the legislative body for its approval or rejection at its next  
4057 meeting; and the legal voters of the county/city/town, if the legislative body rejects the  
4058 proposed law or takes no action on it."

4059 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
4060 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
4061 understand the information presented on this screen."

4062 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the title of  
4063 proposed law, described in Subsection 20A-7-502(2)(d)(i), followed by the entire text  
4064 of the proposed law.

4065 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
4066 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
4067 and understand the entire text of the proposed law."

4068 (4) Subsequent screens shall be presented on the device in the following order, with the  
4069 individual viewing the device being required, before advancing to the next screen, to  
4070 click a link at the bottom of the screen with the following statement, "By clicking here, I  
4071 attest that I have read and understand the information presented on this screen.":

4072 (a)(i) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement, "This initiative  
4073 seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax percentage  
4074 difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent

- 4075 increase in the current tax rate."; or
- 4076 (ii) if the initiative does not propose a tax increase, the following statement, "This
- 4077 initiative does not propose a tax increase.";
- 4078 (b) the summary statement from the initial fiscal impact and legal statement issued by
- 4079 the budget officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(2)(b) and the cost
- 4080 estimate for printing and distributing information related to the initiative petition in
- 4081 accordance with Subsection 20A-7-502.5(3);
- 4082 (c) a statement indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the initiative petition
- 4083 may be paid for gathering signatures; and
- 4084 (d) the following statement, followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":
- 4085 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;
- 4086 I am personally signing this petition;
- 4087 I am registered to vote in Utah; and
- 4088 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is
- 4089 accurate.

4090 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign an initiative petition with a name

4091 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than

4092 once for the same initiative petition, or to sign an initiative petition when the individual knows

4093 that the individual is not a registered voter.

4094 [WARNING

4095 ~~Even if your voter registration record is classified as private, your name, voter~~

4096 ~~identification number, and date of signature in relation to signing this initiative petition will be~~

4097 ~~made public.]~~

4098 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4099 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be

4100 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter

4101 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

4102 Do you wish to continue and sign this initiative petition?"

- 4103 (5)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection
- 4104 (4)(d), the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your
- 4105 time. Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."
- 4106 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection
- 4107 (4)(d), the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the
- 4108 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the petition through the signature

4109 process described in Section 20A-21-201.

4110 Section 45. Section **20A-7-516** is amended to read:

4111 **20A-7-516 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic initiative process -- Collecting**  
4112 **signatures -- Email notification -- Removal of signatures.**

4113 (1) This section applies only to the electronic initiative process.

4114 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m., the earlier of:

4115 (a) 316 calendar days after the day on which the initiative application is filed; or

4116 (b)(i) for a county initiative, April 15 immediately before the next regular general  
4117 election immediately after the initiative application is filed under Section  
4118 20A-7-502; or

4119 (ii) for a municipal initiative, April 15 immediately before the next municipal general  
4120 election immediately after the initiative application is filed under Section  
4121 20A-7-502.

4122 (3) The local clerk shall send to each individual who provides a valid email address during  
4123 the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

4124 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding  
4125 Your Petition Signature"; and

4126 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

4127 "You signed a petition for the following initiative:

4128 [insert title of initiative]

4129 To access a copy of the initiative petition, the text of the law proposed by the initiative,  
4130 the initial fiscal impact and legal statement, and information on the deadline for removing your  
4131 signature from the initiative petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource  
4132 locator that takes the individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that  
4133 includes the information referred to in the email]."

4134 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days  
4135 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs an initiative petition is  
4136 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [~~name,~~]voter identification number[~~,~~] and  
4137 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a  
4138 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor.

4139 (5)(a) If the local clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under  
4140 Subsection 20A-7-515(4), the local clerk shall:

4141 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are  
4142 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

4143 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the initiative petition and the initiative petition  
4144 signature totals.

4145 (b) The local clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

4146 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

4147 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement  
4148 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-515(4).

4149 Section 46. Section **20A-7-603** is amended to read:

4150 **20A-7-603 (Effective 05/25/26). Manual referendum process -- Form of**  
4151 **referendum petition and signature sheet.**

4152 (1) This section applies only to the manual referendum process.

4153 (2)(a) Each proposed referendum petition shall be printed in substantially the following form:

4154 "REFERENDUM PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk/City  
4155 Recorder/Town Clerk:

4156 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, respectfully order that (description of local law or  
4157 portion of local law being challenged), passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ be referred to the voters for their  
4158 approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on  
4159 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year);

4160 Each signer says:

4161 I have personally signed this referendum petition or, if I am an individual with a  
4162 qualifying disability, I have signed this referendum petition by directing the signature gatherer  
4163 to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;

4164 The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the  
4165 petition;

4166 I have personally read the entire statement included with this packet;

4167 I am registered to vote in Utah; and

4168 My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.["]

4169 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4170 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
4171 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
4172 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

4173 (b) The sponsors of a referendum or an agent of the sponsors shall attach a copy of the  
4174 law that is the subject of the referendum to each referendum petition.

4175 (3) Each referendum signature sheet shall:

4176 (a) be printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

- 4177 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~three-fourths inch~~ .75 inches from the top, with the  
4178 space above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
- 4179 (c) include the title of the referendum printed below the horizontal line, in at least  
4180 14-point type;
- 4181 (d) include a table immediately below the title of the referendum, and beginning .5 inch  
4182 from the left side of the paper, as follows:
- 4183 (i) the first column shall be .5 inch wide and include three rows;
- 4184 (ii) the first row of the first column shall be .85 inch tall and contain the words "For  
4185 Office Use Only" in 10-point type;
- 4186 (iii) the second row of the first column shall be .35 inch tall;
- 4187 (iv) the third row of the first column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4188 (v) the second column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 4189 (vi) the first row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
4190 "Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)" in 10-point  
4191 type;
- 4192 (vii) the second row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4193 (viii) the third row of the second column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
4194 "Street Address, City, Zip Code" in 10-point type;
- 4195 (ix) the fourth row of the second column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4196 (x) the third column shall be 2.75 inches wide;
- 4197 (xi) the first row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
4198 "Signature of Registered Voter" in 10-point type;
- 4199 (xii) the second row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4200 (xiii) the third row of the third column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
4201 "Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)" in 10-point type;
- 4202 (xiv) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4203 (xv) the fourth column shall be one inch wide;
- 4204 (xvi) the first row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
4205 "Date Signed" in 10-point type;
- 4206 (xvii) the second row of the fourth column shall be .5 inch tall;
- 4207 (xviii) the third row of the fourth column shall be .35 inch tall and contain the words  
4208 "Birth Date or Age (optional)" in 10-point type;
- 4209 (xix) the fourth row of the third column shall be .5 inch tall; and
- 4210 (xx) the fifth row of the entire table shall be the width of the entire table, .4 inch tall,

4211 and contain the following words, "By signing this referendum petition, you are  
4212 stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition  
4213 seeks to overturn." in 12-point type;

4214 (e) the table described in Subsection (3)(d) shall be repeated, leaving sufficient room at  
4215 the bottom of the sheet or the information described in Subsection (3)(f); and

4216 (f) at the bottom of the sheet, include the word "Warning," in 12-point, bold type, followed by  
4217 the following statement in not less than eight-point type:

4218 "It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name  
4219 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
4220 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual  
4221 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

4222 Birth date or age information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity  
4223 with voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
4224 verified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures are verified  
4225 or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration records."

4226 (4) The final page of each referendum packet shall contain the following printed or typed  
4227 statement:

4228 "Verification of signature collector

4229 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

4230 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:

4231 I am at least 18 years old;

4232 All the names that appear in this packet were signed by individuals who professed to be  
4233 the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's  
4234 name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have  
4235 signed this referendum petition on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and  
4236 in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;

4237 I certify that, for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum  
4238 packet by the initials "AV":

4239 I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum  
4240 petition on the individual's behalf;

4241 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual lacked the mental  
4242 capacity to give direction or consent;

4243 I do not believe, or have reason to believe, that the individual did not  
4244 understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition on the individual's

4245           behalf;

4246                       I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to,  
4247 or consenting for me to, sign the referendum petition on the individual's behalf; and

4248                       I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature  
4249 sheet;

4250           I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact concerning the law this petition  
4251 seeks to overturn; and

4252           I believe that each individual's name, post office address, and residence is written  
4253 correctly, that each signer has read the law that the referendum seeks to overturn, and that each  
4254 signer is registered to vote in Utah.

4255 \_\_\_\_\_  
4256 (Name)                               (Residence Address)               (Date)

4257           The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name.

4258           I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this referendum  
4259 packet to encourage that individual to sign it.

4260 \_\_\_\_\_  
4261 (Name)                               (Residence Address)               (Date)".

4262 (5) If the forms described in this section are substantially followed, the referendum  
4263 petitions are sufficient, notwithstanding clerical and merely technical errors.

4264           Section 47. Section **20A-7-614** is amended to read:

4265           **20A-7-614 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Form of**  
4266 **referendum petition -- Circulation requirements -- Signature collection.**

4267 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

4268 (2)(a) The first screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement:

4269           "This REFERENDUM PETITION is addressed to the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, County  
4270 Clerk/City Recorder/Town Clerk:

4271           The citizens of Utah who sign this petition respectfully order that (description of local  
4272 law or portion of local law being challenged), passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ be referred to the voters for  
4273 their approval or rejection at the regular/municipal general election to be held on  
4274 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year)."

4275 (b) An individual may not advance to the second screen until the individual clicks a link  
4276 at the bottom of the first screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read and  
4277 understand the information presented on this screen."

4278 (3)(a) The second screen presented on the approved device shall include the entire text

4279 of the law that is the subject of the referendum petition.

4280 (b) An individual may not advance to the third screen until the individual clicks a link at  
4281 the bottom of the second screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
4282 and understand the entire text of the law that is the subject of the referendum  
4283 petition."

4284 (4)(a) The third screen presented on the approved device shall include a statement  
4285 indicating whether persons gathering signatures for the referendum petition may be  
4286 paid for gathering signatures.

4287 (b) An individual may not advance to the fourth screen until the individual clicks a link  
4288 at the bottom of the third screen stating, "By clicking here, I attest that I have read  
4289 and understand the information presented on this screen."

4290 (5) The fourth screen presented on the approved device shall include the following statement,  
4291 followed by links where the individual may click "yes" or "no":

4292 "I have personally read the entirety of each statement presented on this device;  
4293 I am personally signing this referendum petition;  
4294 I am registered to vote in Utah; and  
4295 All information I enter on this device, including my residence and post office address, is  
4296 accurate.

4297 It is a class A misdemeanor for an individual to sign a referendum petition with a name  
4298 other than the individual's own name, or to knowingly sign the individual's name more than  
4299 once for the same referendum petition, or to sign a referendum petition when the individual  
4300 knows that the individual is not a registered voter.

4301 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4302 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
4303 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
4304 registration record that has been classified as a private record.

4305 Do you wish to continue and sign this referendum petition?"

4306 (6)(a) If the individual clicks "no" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),  
4307 the next screen shall include the following statement, "Thank you for your time.  
4308 Please return this device to the signature-gatherer."

4309 (b) If the individual clicks "yes" in response to the question described in Subsection (5),  
4310 the website, or the application that accesses the website, shall take the  
4311 signature-gatherer and the individual signing the referendum petition through the  
4312 signature process described in Section 20A-21-201.

4313 Section 48. Section **20A-7-616** is amended to read:

4314 **20A-7-616 (Effective 05/25/26). Electronic referendum process -- Collecting**  
4315 **signatures -- Removal of signatures.**

4316 (1) This section applies only to the electronic referendum process.

4317 (2) A signature-gatherer may not collect a signature after 5 p.m. 45 calendar days after the  
4318 day on which the first three sponsors receive notice, under Section 20A-7-602.7 or  
4319 20A-7-602.8, that the referendum is legally referable to voters.

4320 (3) The local clerk shall send to each individual who provides a valid email address during  
4321 the signature-gathering process an email that includes the following:

4322 (a) the subject of the email shall include the following statement, "Notice Regarding  
4323 Your Petition Signature"; and

4324 (b) the body of the email shall include the following statement in 12-point type:

4325 "You signed a petition for the following referendum:

4326 [insert title of referendum]

4327 To access a copy of the referendum petition, the law that is the subject of the referendum  
4328 petition, and information on the deadline for removing your signature from the referendum  
4329 petition, please visit the following link: [insert a uniform resource locator that takes the  
4330 individual directly to the page on the lieutenant governor's website that includes the  
4331 information referred to in the email]."

4332 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the county clerk shall, within two business days  
4333 after the day on which the signature of an individual who signs a referendum petition is  
4334 certified under Section 20A-21-201, post the [~~name,~~]voter identification number[~~,~~] and  
4335 the date of signature of the individual on the lieutenant governor's website, in a  
4336 conspicuous location designated by the lieutenant governor, for at least 45 calendar days.

4337 (5)(a) If the local clerk timely receives a statement requesting signature removal under  
4338 Subsection 20A-7-615(4), the local clerk shall:

4339 (i) ensure that the voter's name, voter identification number, and date of signature are  
4340 not included in the posting described in Subsection (4); and

4341 (ii) remove the voter's signature from the referendum petition and the signature totals.

4342 (b) The local clerk shall comply with Subsection (5)(a) before the later of:

4343 (i) the deadline described in Subsection (4); or

4344 (ii) two business days after the day on which the county clerk receives a statement  
4345 requesting signature removal under Subsection 20A-7-615(4).

4346 Section 49. Section **20A-7-702** is amended to read:

4347           **20A-7-702 (Effective upon governor's approval). Voter information pamphlet --**  
 4348 **Form -- Contents.**

4349           The voter information pamphlet shall contain the following items in this order:

- 4350           (1) a cover title page;
- 4351           (2) an introduction to the pamphlet by the lieutenant governor;
- 4352           (3) a table of contents;
- 4353           (4) a list of all candidates for constitutional offices;
- 4354           (5) a list of candidates for each legislative district;
- 4355           (6) a 100-word statement of qualifications for each candidate for the office of governor,  
 4356           lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, or state treasurer, if submitted by the  
 4357           candidate to the lieutenant governor's office before 5 p.m. on the first business day in  
 4358           August before the date of the election;
- 4359           (7) information pertaining to all measures to be submitted to the voters, beginning a new  
 4360           page for each measure and containing, in the following order for each measure:
- 4361           (a) a copy of the number and ballot title of the measure;
- 4362           (b) the final vote cast by the Legislature on the measure if it is a measure submitted by  
 4363           the Legislature or by referendum;
- 4364           (c)(i) for a measure other than a measure described in Section 20A-7-103, the  
 4365           impartial analysis of the measure prepared by the Office of Legislative Research  
 4366           and General Counsel; or
- 4367           (ii) for a measure described in Section 20A-7-103, the analysis of the measure  
 4368           prepared by the ~~[presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel;
- 4369           (d) the arguments in favor of the measure, the rebuttal to the arguments in favor of the  
 4370           measure, the arguments against the measure, and the rebuttal to the arguments against  
 4371           the measure, with the name and title of the authors at the end of each argument or  
 4372           rebuttal;
- 4373           (e) for each constitutional amendment, a complete copy of the text of the constitutional  
 4374           amendment, with all new language underlined, and all deleted language placed within  
 4375           brackets;
- 4376           (f) for each initiative qualified for the ballot:
- 4377           (i) a copy of the initiative as certified by the lieutenant governor and a copy of the  
 4378           initial fiscal impact statement prepared according to Section 20A-7-202.5; and
- 4379           (ii) if the initiative proposes a tax increase, the following statement in bold type:
- 4380           **"This initiative seeks to increase the current (insert name of tax) rate by (insert the tax**

- 4381 percentage difference) percent, resulting in a(n) (insert the tax percentage increase) percent  
4382 increase in the current tax rate."; and
- 4383 (g) for each referendum qualified for the ballot, a complete copy of the text of the law  
4384 being submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection, with all new language  
4385 underlined and all deleted language placed within brackets, as applicable;
- 4386 (8) a description provided by the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission of the  
4387 selection and retention process for judges, including, in the following order:
- 4388 (a) a description of the judicial selection process;
- 4389 (b) a description of the judicial performance evaluation process;
- 4390 (c) a description of the judicial retention election process;
- 4391 (d) a list of the criteria of the judicial performance evaluation and the certification  
4392 standards;
- 4393 (e) the names of the judges standing for retention election; and
- 4394 (f) for each judge:
- 4395 (i) a list of the counties in which the judge is subject to retention election;
- 4396 (ii) a short biography of professional qualifications and a recent photograph;
- 4397 (iii) a narrative concerning the judge's performance;
- 4398 (iv) for each certification standard under Section 78A-12-205, a statement identifying  
4399 whether, under Section 78A-12-205, the judge met the standard and, if not, the  
4400 manner in which the judge failed to meet the standard;
- 4401 (v) a statement that the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission:
- 4402 (A) has determined that the judge meets or exceeds minimum performance  
4403 standards;
- 4404 (B) has determined that the judge does not meet or exceed minimum performance  
4405 standards; or
- 4406 (C) has not made a determination regarding whether the judge meets or exceeds  
4407 minimum performance standards;
- 4408 (vi) any statement, described in Subsection 78A-12-206(3)(b), provided by a judge  
4409 whom the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission determines does not meet  
4410 or exceed minimum performance standards;
- 4411 (vii) in a bar graph, the average of responses to each survey category, displayed with  
4412 an identification of the minimum acceptable score as set by Section 78A-12-205  
4413 and the average score of all judges of the same court level; and
- 4414 (viii) a website address that contains the Judicial Performance Evaluation

- 4415 Commission's report on the judge's performance evaluation;
- 4416 (9) for each judge, a statement provided by the Utah Supreme Court identifying the
- 4417 cumulative number of informal reprimands, when consented to by the judge in
- 4418 accordance with Title 78A, Chapter 11, Judicial Conduct Commission, formal
- 4419 reprimands, and all orders of censure and suspension issued by the Utah Supreme Court
- 4420 under Utah Constitution, Article VIII, Section 13, during the judge's current term and the
- 4421 immediately preceding term, and a detailed summary of the supporting reasons for each
- 4422 violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct that the judge has received;
- 4423 (10) an explanation of ballot marking procedures prepared by the lieutenant governor,
- 4424 indicating the ballot marking procedure used by each county and explaining how to
- 4425 mark the ballot for each procedure;
- 4426 (11) voter registration information, including information on how to obtain a ballot;
- 4427 (12) a list of all county clerks' offices and phone numbers;
- 4428 (13) the address of the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website, with a statement
- 4429 indicating that the election officer will post on the website any changes to the location of
- 4430 a polling place and the location of any additional polling place;
- 4431 (14) a phone number that a voter may call to obtain information regarding the location of a
- 4432 polling place; and
- 4433 (15) on the back cover page, a printed copy of the following statement signed by the lieutenant
- 4434 governor:
- 4435 "I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), Lieutenant Governor of Utah, certify that the
- 4436 measures contained in this pamphlet will be submitted to the voters of Utah at the election to
- 4437 be held throughout the state on \_\_\_\_ (date of election), and that this pamphlet is complete and
- 4438 correct according to law.

4439 SEAL

4440 Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Salt Lake City, Utah this \_\_\_\_ day

4441 of \_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_ (year)

4442

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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Lieutenant Governor".

4444 Section 50. Section **20A-7-703.1** is amended to read:

4445 **20A-7-703.1 (Effective upon governor's approval). Analysis of measure**

4446 **submitted to voters by Legislature -- Determination of fiscal effects.**

- 4447 [~~(1) The presiding officers shall:~~]
- 4448 [~~(a) prepare an analysis of each measure, described in Section 20A-7-103, that is~~
- 4449 ~~submitted to the voters by the Legislature; and]~~
- 4450 [~~(b) submit the analysis to the lieutenant governor no later than 90 calendar days before~~
- 4451 ~~the date of the election in which the measure will appear on the ballot.]~~
- 4452 (1) As provided in this section, the legislative general counsel shall prepare an analysis of
- 4453 each measure described in Section 20A-7-103 that the Legislature submits to the voters.
- 4454 (2) The [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall ensure that the analysis:
- 4455 (a) is not more than 1,000 words long;
- 4456 (b) is prepared in clear and concise language that will easily be understood by the
- 4457 average voter;
- 4458 (c) to the extent possible, avoids the use of technical terms;
- 4459 (d) shows the effect of the measure on existing law;
- 4460 (e) describes the measure;
- 4461 (f) identifies the measure's fiscal effects over the time period or time periods determined
- 4462 by the [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel to be most useful in
- 4463 understanding the estimated fiscal impact of the measure; and
- 4464 (g) identifies the amount of any increase or decrease in revenue or cost to state or local
- 4465 government.
- 4466 (3) The [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall analyze the measure as the
- 4467 measure is proposed to be adopted, without considering any implementing legislation,
- 4468 unless the implementing legislation has been enacted and will become effective upon the
- 4469 adoption of the measure by the voters.
- 4470 (4)(a) In determining the fiscal effects of a measure, the [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative
- 4471 general counsel shall confer with the legislative fiscal analyst.
- 4472 (b) The [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative general counsel shall consider any measure that
- 4473 requires implementing legislation in order to take effect to have no financial effect,
- 4474 unless implementing legislation has been enacted that will become effective upon
- 4475 adoption of the measure by the voters.
- 4476 (5) If the [~~presiding officers request]~~ legislative general counsel requests the assistance of
- 4477 any state department, agency, or official in preparing the analysis described in this
- 4478 section, that department, agency, or official shall assist the [~~presiding officers]~~ legislative
- 4479 general counsel.
- 4480 (6) The legislative general counsel shall submit the analysis to the lieutenant governor no

4481 later than 90 calendar days before the date of the election in which the measure will  
 4482 appear on the ballot.

4483 (7) Consistent with Section 36-12-12, the legislative general counsel performs the duties in  
 4484 this section as counsel for the presiding officers.

4485 Section 51. Section **20A-8-103** is amended to read:

4486 **20A-8-103 (Effective 05/25/26). Petition procedures -- Criminal penalty --**  
 4487 **Removal of signature.**

4488 (1) As used in this section, the proposed name or emblem of a registered political party is  
 4489 "distinguishable" if a reasonable person of average intelligence will be able to perceive a  
 4490 difference between the proposed name or emblem and any name or emblem currently  
 4491 being used by another registered political party.

4492 (2) To become a registered political party, an organization of registered voters that is not a  
 4493 continuing political party shall:

4494 (a) circulate a petition seeking registered political party status beginning no earlier than  
 4495 the date of the statewide canvass held after the last regular general election and  
 4496 ending before 5 p.m. no later than November 30 of the year before the year in which  
 4497 the next regular general election will be held;

4498 (b) file a petition with the lieutenant governor that is signed, with a holographic  
 4499 signature, by at least 2,000 registered voters before 5 p.m. no later than November 30  
 4500 of the year in which a regular general election will be held; and

4501 (c) file, with the petition described in Subsection (2)(b), a document certifying:

4502 (i) the identity of one or more registered political parties whose members may vote  
 4503 for the organization's candidates;

4504 (ii) whether unaffiliated voters may vote for the organization's candidates; and

4505 (iii) whether, for the next election, the organization intends to nominate the  
 4506 organization's candidates in accordance with the provisions of Section 20A-9-406.

4507 (3) The petition shall:

4508 (a) be on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

4509 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line [~~3/4 inch~~] .75 inches from the top, with the space  
 4510 above that line blank for the purpose of binding;

4511 (c) contain the name of the political party and the words "Political Party Registration  
 4512 Petition" printed directly below the horizontal line;

4513 (d) contain the [~~word "Warning" printed~~] following statement directly under the words  
 4514 described in Subsection (3)(c)[;] , in at least the same size type as the majority of the

4515 other statements on the page:

4516 [(e) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed in not less  
4517 than eight-point, single-leaded type:]

4518 "WARNING

4519 ["It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a political party registration  
4520 petition signature sheet with any name other than the individual's own name or more than once  
4521 for the same party or if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend  
4522 to become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant  
4523 governor.[";

4524 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4525 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
4526 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
4527 registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

4528 [(f)] (e) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [  
4529 (3)(e)] (3)(d):

4530 "POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION PETITION To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_,  
4531 Lieutenant Governor:

4532 We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, seek registered political party status for \_\_\_\_\_  
4533 (name);

4534 Each signer says:

4535 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

4536 I am registered to vote in Utah or will register to vote in Utah before the petition is  
4537 submitted to the lieutenant governor;

4538 I am or desire to become a member of the political party; and

4539 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

4540 [(g)] (f) be vertically divided into columns as follows:

4541 (i) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be 5/8 inch wide, be  
4542 headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a light vertical line  
4543 down the middle;

4544 (ii) the next column shall be [2-1/2] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's  
4545 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";

4546 (iii) the next column shall be [2-1/2] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Holographic Signature  
4547 of Registered Voter";

4548 (iv) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age (Optional)";

4549 (v) the final column shall be [~~4-3/8~~] 4.375 inches wide, headed "Street Address, City,  
4550 Zip Code"; and

4551 (vi) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age  
4552 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with voter  
4553 registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may not be  
4554 certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition signatures  
4555 are certified or if the information you provide does not match your voter  
4556 registration records.";

4557 [~~(h)~~] (g) have a final page bound to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that  
4558 contains the following printed statement:

4559 "Verification

4560 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_

4561 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that:

4562 I am at least 18 years old;

4563 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by  
4564 individuals who professed to be the individuals whose names appear on the signature sheets,  
4565 and each individual signed the individual's name on the signature sheets in my presence; and

4566 I believe that each individual has printed and signed the individual's name and written  
4567 the individual's street address correctly, and that each individual is registered to vote in Utah or  
4568 will register to vote in Utah before the petition is submitted to the lieutenant governor.

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4570 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)"; and

4571 [~~(i)~~] (h) be bound to a cover sheet that:

4572 (i) identifies the political party's name, which may not exceed four words, and the  
4573 emblem of the party;

4574 (ii) states the process that the organization will follow to organize and adopt a  
4575 constitution and bylaws; and

4576 (iii) is signed by a filing officer, who agrees to receive communications on behalf of  
4577 the organization.

4578 (4) The filing officer described in Subsection [~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) shall ensure that the  
4579 individual in whose presence each signature sheet is signed:

4580 (a) is at least 18 years old; and

4581 (b) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more  
4582 signature sheets that are bound together.

- 4583 (5) An individual may not sign the verification if the individual signed a signature sheet  
4584 bound to the verification.
- 4585 (6) The lieutenant governor shall:
- 4586 (a) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer is  
4587 a registered voter;
- 4588 (b) review the proposed name and emblem to determine if they are "distinguishable"  
4589 from the names and emblems of other registered political parties; and
- 4590 (c) certify the lieutenant governor's findings to the filing officer described in Subsection [  
4591 ~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) within 30 calendar days after the day on which the organization  
4592 files the petition described in Subsection (2)(b).
- 4593 (7)(a) If the lieutenant governor determines that the petition meets the requirements of  
4594 this section, and that the proposed name and emblem are distinguishable, the  
4595 lieutenant governor shall authorize the filing officer described in Subsection [  
4596 ~~(3)(i)(iii)~~] (3)(h)(iii) to organize the prospective political party.
- 4597 (b) If the lieutenant governor finds that the name, emblem, or both are not  
4598 distinguishable from the names and emblems of other registered political parties, the  
4599 lieutenant governor shall notify the filing officer that the filing officer has seven  
4600 calendar days to electronically submit a new name or emblem to the lieutenant  
4601 governor.
- 4602 (8) A registered political party may not change its name or emblem during the regular  
4603 general election cycle.
- 4604 (9)(a) It is unlawful for an individual to:
- 4605 (i) knowingly sign a political party registration petition:
- 4606 (A) with any name other than the individual's own name;
- 4607 (B) more than once for the same political party; or
- 4608 (C) if the individual is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to  
4609 become registered to vote in this state before the petition is submitted to the  
4610 lieutenant governor; or
- 4611 (ii) sign the verification of a political party registration petition signature sheet if the  
4612 individual:
- 4613 (A) has not witnessed the signing by those individuals whose names appear on the  
4614 political party registration petition signature sheet; or
- 4615 (B) knows that an individual whose signature appears on the political party  
4616 registration petition signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and

4617 does not intend to become registered to vote in this state.

4618 (b) An individual who violates this Subsection (9) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

4619 (10)(a) A voter who signs a petition under this section may have the voter's signature

4620 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on

4621 which the petition is filed with the lieutenant governor, submitting to the lieutenant

4622 governor a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

4623 (b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements

4624 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4625 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection

4626 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a

4627 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

4628 Section 52. Section **20A-9-203** is amended to read:

4629 **20A-9-203 (Effective 05/25/26). Declarations of candidacy -- Municipal general**  
 4630 **elections -- Nomination petition -- Removal of signature.**

4631 (1) An individual may become a candidate for any municipal office if:

4632 (a) the individual is a registered voter; and

4633 (b)(i) the individual has resided within the municipality in which the individual seeks

4634 to hold elective office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date

4635 of the election; or

4636 (ii) the territory in which the individual resides was annexed into the municipality,

4637 the individual has resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12

4638 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.

4639 (2)(a) For purposes of determining whether an individual meets the residency

4640 requirement of Subsection (1)(b)(i) in a municipality that was incorporated less than

4641 12 months before the election, the municipality is considered to have been

4642 incorporated 12 months before the date of the election.

4643 (b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), each candidate for a municipal

4644 council position shall, if elected from a district, be a resident of the council district

4645 from which the candidate is elected.

4646 (c) In accordance with Utah Constitution, Article IV, Section 6, a mentally incompetent

4647 individual, an individual convicted of a felony, or an individual convicted of treason

4648 or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the

4649 right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5.

4650 (3)(a) An individual seeking to become a candidate for a municipal office shall,

- 4651 regardless of the nomination method by which the individual is seeking to become a  
4652 candidate:
- 4653 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), [~~Section 10-2a-214, or Chapter 4, Part 6,~~  
4654 ~~Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project,~~] and subject to Subsection  
4655 20A-9-404(3)(e), file a declaration of candidacy, in person with the city recorder  
4656 or town clerk, during the filing period described in Subsection (3)(d) and the  
4657 office hours described in Subsection 10-3-301(3); and
- 4658 (ii) pay the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- 4659 (b) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), an individual may designate an agent to file a  
4660 declaration of candidacy with the city recorder or town clerk if:
- 4661 (i) the individual is located outside of the state during the entire filing period;  
4662 (ii) the designated agent appears in person before the city recorder or town clerk;  
4663 (iii) the individual communicates with the city recorder or town clerk using an  
4664 electronic device that allows the individual and city recorder or town clerk to see  
4665 and hear each other; and
- 4666 (iv) the individual provides the city recorder or town clerk with an email address to  
4667 which the city recorder or town clerk may send the individual the copies described  
4668 in Subsection (4).
- 4669 (c) Any resident of a municipality may nominate a candidate for a municipal office by:
- 4670 (i) [~~except as provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods~~  
4671 ~~Pilot Project,~~] filing a nomination petition with the city recorder or town clerk  
4672 during the filing period described in Subsection (3)(d) and the office hours  
4673 described in Subsection 10-3-301(3) that includes signatures in support of the  
4674 nomination petition of the lesser of at least:
- 4675 (A) 25 registered voters who reside in the municipality; or  
4676 (B) 20% of the registered voters who reside in the municipality; and
- 4677 (ii) paying the filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- 4678 (d) The filing period to file a declaration of candidacy for an elective office that is to be  
4679 filled at the next municipal general election:
- 4680 (i) begins at 8 a.m. on the later of:
- 4681 (A) June 1 of the year in which the next municipal general election is held; or  
4682 (B) if June 1 is not a business day, the first business day after June 1; and
- 4683 (ii) ends at 5 p.m. on the fourth business day after the day on which the filing period  
4684 begins.

- 4685 (4)(a) Before the filing officer may accept any declaration of candidacy or nomination  
4686 petition, the filing officer shall:
- 4687 (i) read to the prospective candidate or individual filing the petition the constitutional  
4688 and statutory qualification requirements for the office that the candidate is seeking;
  - 4689 (ii) require the candidate or individual filing the petition to state whether the  
4690 candidate meets the requirements described in Subsection (4)(a)(i); and
  - 4691 (iii) inform the candidate or the individual filing the petition that an individual who  
4692 holds a municipal elected office may not, at the same time, hold a county elected  
4693 office.
- 4694 (b) If the prospective candidate does not meet the qualification requirements for the  
4695 office, the filing officer may not accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination  
4696 petition.
- 4697 (c) If it appears that the prospective candidate meets the requirements of candidacy, the  
4698 filing officer shall:
- 4699 (i) inform the candidate that, subject to Section 20A-6-109, the candidate's name will  
4700 appear on the ballot as it is written on the declaration of candidacy;
  - 4701 (ii) provide the candidate with a copy of the current campaign financial disclosure  
4702 laws for the office the candidate is seeking and inform the candidate that failure to  
4703 comply will result in disqualification as a candidate and removal of the candidate's  
4704 name from the ballot;
  - 4705 (iii) provide the candidate with a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide  
4706 Electronic Voter Information Website Program and inform the candidate of the  
4707 submission deadline under Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a);
  - 4708 (iv) inform the candidate that the candidate must provide the filing officer with an  
4709 email address that the candidate actively monitors:
    - 4710 (A) to receive a communication from a filing officer or an election officer; and
    - 4711 (B) if the candidate wishes to display a candidate profile on the Statewide  
4712 Electronic Voter Information Website, to submit to the website the  
4713 biographical and other information described in Subsection 20A-7-801(4)(a)(ii);
  - 4714 (v) inform the candidate that the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv) is  
4715 not a record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and  
4716 Management Act;
  - 4717 (vi) obtain from the candidate the email address described in Subsection (4)(c)(iv);
  - 4718 (vii) provide the candidate with a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices

4719 described under Section 20A-9-206 and inform the candidate that:

4720 (A) signing the pledge is voluntary; and

4721 (B) signed pledges shall be filed with the filing officer; and

4722 (viii) accept the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition.

4723 (d) If the candidate elects to sign the pledge of fair campaign practices, the filing officer  
4724 shall:

4725 (i) accept the candidate's pledge; and

4726 (ii) if the candidate has filed for a partisan office, provide a certified copy of the  
4727 candidate's pledge to the chair of the county or state political party of which the  
4728 candidate is a member.

4729 (5)(a) The declaration of candidacy shall be in substantially the following form:

4730 "I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, being first sworn and under penalty of perjury, say that I reside at  
4731 \_\_\_\_\_ Street, City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, state of Utah, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, Telephone Number  
4732 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_; that I am a registered voter; and that I am a candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
4733 (stating the term). I will meet the legal qualifications required of candidates for this office. If  
4734 filing via a designated agent, I attest that I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire  
4735 candidate filing period. I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law  
4736 and I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this  
4737 office and removal of my name from the ballot. I request that my name be printed upon the  
4738 applicable official ballots. (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

4739 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by \_\_\_\_\_ on this  
4740 \_\_\_\_\_(month\day\year).

4741 (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Clerk or other officer qualified to administer oath)."

4742 (b) An agent designated under Subsection (3)(b) to file a declaration of candidacy may  
4743 not sign the form described in Subsection (5)(a).

4744 (c)(i) A nomination petition shall be in substantially the following form:

4745 "NOMINATION PETITION

4746 The undersigned residents of (name of municipality), being registered voters, nominate  
4747 (name of nominee) for the office of (name of office) for the (length of term of office).["]

4748 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4749 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
4750 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
4751 registration record that has been classified as a private record."

4752 (ii) The remainder of the petition shall contain lines and columns for the signatures of

4753 individuals signing the petition and each individual's address and phone number.

4754 (6) If the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition fails to state whether the  
4755 nomination is for the two-year or four-year term, the clerk shall consider the nomination  
4756 to be for the four-year term.

4757 (7)(a) The clerk shall verify with the county clerk that all candidates are registered  
4758 voters.

4759 (b) With the assistance of the county clerk, and using the procedures described in  
4760 Section 20A-1-1002, the municipal clerk shall determine whether the required  
4761 number of signatures of registered voters appears on a nomination petition.

4762 (8) Immediately after expiration of the period for filing a declaration of candidacy, the clerk  
4763 shall:

4764 (a) publicize a list of the names of the candidates as they will appear on the ballot by  
4765 publishing the list for the municipality, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102,  
4766 for seven calendar days; and

4767 (b) notify the lieutenant governor of the names of the candidates as they will appear on  
4768 the ballot.

4769 (9) Except as provided in Subsection (10)(c), an individual may not amend a declaration of  
4770 candidacy or nomination petition filed under this section after the candidate filing period  
4771 ends.

4772 (10)(a) A declaration of candidacy or nomination petition that an individual files under  
4773 this section is valid unless a person files a written objection with the clerk no later  
4774 than 5 p.m. on the first business day that is at least 10 calendar days after the last day  
4775 for filing.

4776 (b) If a person files an objection, the clerk shall:

4777 (i) mail or personally deliver notice of the objection to the affected candidate  
4778 immediately; and

4779 (ii) decide any objection within 48 hours after the objection is filed.

4780 (c) If the clerk sustains the objection, the candidate may, no later than 5 p.m. on the first  
4781 business day that is at least three calendar days after the day on which the clerk  
4782 sustains the objection, correct the problem for which the objection is sustained by  
4783 amending the candidate's declaration of candidacy or nomination petition, or by filing  
4784 a new declaration of candidacy.

4785 (d)(i) The clerk's decision upon objections to form is final.

4786 (ii) The clerk's decision upon substantive matters is reviewable by a district court if

- 4787 prompt application is made to the district court.
- 4788 (iii) The decision of the district court is final unless the Supreme Court, in the  
4789 exercise of its discretion, agrees to review the lower court decision.
- 4790 (11) A candidate who qualifies for the ballot under this section may withdraw as a  
4791 candidate by filing a written affidavit with the municipal clerk.
- 4792 (12)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's  
4793 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after  
4794 the day on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or municipal clerk,  
4795 submitting to the municipal clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be  
4796 removed.
- 4797 (b) A statement described in Subsection (12)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
4798 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 4799 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in  
4800 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the municipal clerk shall determine whether to remove an  
4801 individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid statement  
4802 requesting removal of the signature.
- 4803 Section 53. Section **20A-9-404** is amended to read:
- 4804 **20A-9-404 (Effective 05/25/26). Municipal primary elections.**
- 4805 (1)(a) [~~Except as otherwise provided in this section or Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal~~  
4806 ~~Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, candidates~~] Candidates for municipal office  
4807 in all municipalities shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.
- 4808 (b) Municipal primary elections shall be held:
- 4809 (i) consistent with Section 20A-1-201.5, on the second Tuesday following the first  
4810 Monday in the August before the regular municipal election; and
- 4811 (ii) whenever possible, at the same polling places as the regular municipal election.
- 4812 (c) Subsections (3) through (5) do not apply to an election to elect local school board  
4813 members under Section 53G-3-302.
- 4814 [~~(d) Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, does not apply~~  
4815 ~~to an election to elect local school board members under Section 53G-3-302.~~]
- 4816 (2) [~~Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 4, Part 6, Municipal Alternate Voting~~  
4817 ~~Methods Pilot Project, if~~] If the number of candidates for a particular municipal office  
4818 does not exceed twice the number of individuals needed to fill that office, a primary  
4819 election for that office may not be held and the candidates are considered nominated.
- 4820 (3)(a) For purposes of this Subsection (3), "convention" means an organized assembly of

- 4821 voters or delegates.
- 4822 (b)(i) By ordinance adopted before the May 1 that falls before a regular municipal  
4823 election, any third, fourth, or fifth class city or town may exempt itself from a  
4824 primary election by providing that the nomination of candidates for municipal  
4825 office to be voted upon at a municipal election be nominated by a municipal party  
4826 convention or committee.
- 4827 (ii) The municipal party convention or committee described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)  
4828 shall be held on or before May 30 of an odd-numbered year.
- 4829 (iii) Any primary election exemption ordinance adopted under this Subsection (3)  
4830 remains in effect until repealed by ordinance.
- 4831 (c)(i) A convention or committee may not nominate more than one candidate for each  
4832 of the municipal offices to be voted upon at the municipal election.
- 4833 (ii) A convention or committee may not nominate an individual who has accepted the  
4834 nomination of a different convention or committee.
- 4835 (iii) A municipal party may not have more than one group of candidates placed upon  
4836 the ballot and may not group the same candidates on different tickets by the same  
4837 party under a different name or emblem.
- 4838 (d)(i) On or before May 31 of an odd-numbered year, a convention or committee  
4839 shall prepare and submit to the filing officer a certificate of nomination for each  
4840 individual nominated.
- 4841 (ii) The certificate of nomination shall:
- 4842 (A) contain the name of the office for which each individual is nominated, the  
4843 name, post office address, and, if in a city, the street number of residence and  
4844 place of business, if any, of each individual nominated;
- 4845 (B) designate in not more than five words the party that the convention or  
4846 committee represents;
- 4847 (C) contain a copy of the resolution passed at the convention that authorized the  
4848 committee to make the nomination;
- 4849 (D) contain a statement certifying that the name of the candidate nominated by the  
4850 political party will not appear on the ballot as a candidate for any other  
4851 political party;
- 4852 (E) be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention or  
4853 committee; and
- 4854 (F) contain a statement identifying the residence and post office address of the

- 4855                   presiding officer and secretary and certifying that the presiding officer and  
4856                   secretary were officers of the convention or committee and that the certificates  
4857                   are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.
- 4858           (iii) A candidate nominated by a municipal party convention or committee shall file a  
4859           declaration with the filing officer in accordance with Subsection 20A-9-203(3)  
4860           that includes:
- 4861                   (A) the name of the municipal party or convention that nominated the candidate;  
4862                   and  
4863                   (B) the office for which the convention or committee nominated the candidate.
- 4864           (e) A committee appointed at a convention, if authorized by an enabling resolution, may  
4865           also make nominations or fill vacancies in nominations made at a convention if the  
4866           committee makes the nomination before the deadline for a write-in candidate to file a  
4867           declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-601.
- 4868           (f) The election ballot shall substantially comply with the form prescribed in Chapter 6,  
4869           Part 4, Ballot Form Requirements for Municipal Elections, but the party name shall  
4870           be included with the candidate's name.
- 4871   (4)(a) Any third, fourth, or fifth class city or a town may adopt an ordinance before the  
4872   May 1 that falls before the regular municipal election that:
- 4873           (i) exempts the city or town from the other methods of nominating candidates to  
4874           municipal office provided in this section; and  
4875           (ii) provides for a municipal partisan convention method of nominating candidates as  
4876           provided in this Subsection (4).
- 4877   (b)(i) Any party that was a registered political party at the last regular general  
4878   election or regular municipal election is a municipal political party under this  
4879   section.
- 4880           (ii) Any political party may qualify as a municipal political party by presenting a  
4881           petition to the city recorder that:
- 4882                   (A) is signed, with a holographic signature, by registered voters within the  
4883                   municipality equal to at least 20% of the number of votes cast for all  
4884                   candidates for mayor in the last municipal election at which a mayor was  
4885                   elected;
- 4886                   (B) is filed with the city recorder or town clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the last  
4887                   business day before the day on which the municipal party holds a convention to  
4888                   nominate a candidate under this Subsection (4);

- 4889 (C) is substantially similar to the form of the signature sheets described in Section  
4890 20A-7-303;[and]
- 4891 (D) contains the name of the municipal political party using not more than five  
4892 words[-] ; and
- 4893 (E) includes the following statement on the first page of the petition in at least the  
4894 same size type as the majority of the other statements on the page:  
4895 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
4896 RECORDS  
4897 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you  
4898 signed may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an  
4899 at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private  
4900 record."
- 4901 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk, the city recorder or town clerk shall use  
4902 the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether each signer  
4903 is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition.
- 4904 (c)(i) If the number of candidates for a particular office does not exceed twice the  
4905 number of offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, no primary  
4906 election for that office shall be held and the candidates are considered to be  
4907 nominated.
- 4908 (ii) If the number of candidates for a particular office exceeds twice the number of  
4909 offices to be filled at the regular municipal election, those candidates for  
4910 municipal office shall be nominated at a municipal primary election.
- 4911 (d) The clerk shall ensure that the partisan municipal primary ballot is similar to the  
4912 ballot forms required by Section 20A-6-401 and, as applicable, Section 20A-6-401.1.
- 4913 (e) After marking a municipal primary ballot, the voter shall deposit the ballot in the  
4914 blank ballot box.
- 4915 (f) Immediately after the canvass, the election judges shall, without examination, destroy  
4916 the tickets deposited in the blank ballot box.
- 4917 (5)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (4)(b)(ii) may have the voter's  
4918 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after  
4919 the day on which the petition is filed with the city recorder or town clerk, submitting  
4920 to the city recorder or town clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature be  
4921 removed.
- 4922 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements

4923 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

4924 (c) With the assistance of the county clerk and using the procedures described in  
 4925 Subsection 20A-1-1003(3), the city recorder or town clerk shall determine whether to  
 4926 remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving a timely, valid  
 4927 statement requesting removal of the signature.

4928 Section 54. Section **20A-9-405** is amended to read:

4929 **20A-9-405 (Effective 05/25/26). Nomination petitions for regular primary**  
 4930 **elections.**

4931 (1) This section applies to the form and circulation of nomination petitions for regular  
 4932 primary elections described in Subsection 20A-9-403(3)(a).

4933 (2) A candidate for elective office, and the agents of the candidate, may not circulate  
 4934 nomination petitions until the candidate has submitted a declaration of candidacy in  
 4935 accordance with Subsection 20A-9-202(1).

4936 (3) For the manual candidate qualification process, the nomination petitions shall be in  
 4937 substantially the following form:

4938 (a) the petition shall be printed on paper [~~8-1/2~~] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;

4939 (b) the petition shall be ruled with a horizontal line [~~3/4 inch~~] .75 inches from the top,  
 4940 with the space above that line blank for purposes of binding;

4941 (c) the petition shall be headed by a caption stating the purpose of the petition and the  
 4942 name of the proposed candidate;

4943 (d) the petition shall feature the [~~word "Warning" followed by the~~] following statement  
 4944 in no less than eight-point, single leaded type: ["

4945 "WARNING

4946 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition  
 4947 with any name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same  
 4948 candidate, or if the person is not registered to vote in this state.[";

4949 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 4950 RECORDS

4951 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
 4952 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
 4953 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

4954 (e) the petition shall feature 10 lines spaced [~~one-half inch~~] .5 inches apart and  
 4955 consecutively numbered one through 10;

4956 (f) the signature portion of the petition shall be divided into columns headed by the

4957 following titles:

- 4958 (i) Registered Voter's Printed Name;
- 4959 (ii) Signature of Registered Voter;
- 4960 (iii) Party Affiliation of Registered Voter;
- 4961 (iv) Birth Date or Age (Optional);
- 4962 (v) Street Address, City, Zip Code; and
- 4963 (vi) Date of Signature; and

4964 (g) a photograph of the candidate may appear on the nomination petition.

4965 (4) For the electronic candidate qualification process, the lieutenant governor shall design  
4966 an electronic form, using progressive screens, that includes:

4967 (a) the following [~~warning~~] statement:

4968 "~~Warning:~~ WARNING

4969 It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a nomination petition with any  
4970 name other than the person's own name, or more than once for the same candidate, or if the  
4971 person is not registered to vote in this state.~~["; and]~~

4972 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

4973 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be  
4974 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter  
4975 registration record that has been classified as a private record."; and

4976 (b) the following information for each individual who signs the petition:

- 4977 (i) name;
- 4978 (ii) party affiliation;
- 4979 (iii) date of birth or age, (optional);
- 4980 (iv) street address, city, zip code;
- 4981 (v) date of signature;
- 4982 (vi) other information required under Section 20A-21-201; and
- 4983 (vii) other information required by the lieutenant governor.

4984 (5) For the manual candidate qualification process, if one or more nomination petitions are  
4985 bound together, a page shall be bound to the nomination petition(s) that features the following  
4986 printed verification statement to be signed and dated by the petition circulator:

4987 "Verification

4988 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

4989 I, \_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_, hereby state that:

4990 I am at least 18 years old;

4991 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were, to the best of  
4992 my knowledge, signed by the persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on  
4993 the signature sheets, and each of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my  
4994 presence;

4995 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's  
4996 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah."

4997 (6) The lieutenant governor shall prepare and make public model nomination petition forms  
4998 and associated instructions.

4999 (7) A nomination petition circulator:

5000 (a) must be at least 18 years old; and

5001 (b) may affiliate with any political party.

5002 (8) It is unlawful for any person to:

5003 (a) knowingly sign the nomination petition described in this section or Section  
5004 20A-9-408:

5005 (i) with any name other than the person's own name;

5006 (ii) more than once for the same candidate; or

5007 (iii) if the person is not registered to vote in this state;

5008 (b) sign the verification of a signature for a nomination petition if the person:

5009 (i) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the  
5010 nomination petition; or

5011 (ii) knows that a person whose signature appears on the nomination petition is not  
5012 registered to vote in this state;

5013 (c) pay compensation to any person to sign a nomination petition; or

5014 (d) pay compensation to any person to circulate a nomination petition, if the  
5015 compensation is based directly on the number of signatures submitted to a filing  
5016 officer rather than on the number of signatures verified or on some other basis.

5017 (9) Any person violating Subsection (8) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

5018 (10)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition may have the voter's signature removed  
5019 from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on which the  
5020 candidate files the petition with the appropriate filing officer, submitting to the filing  
5021 officer a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.

5022 (b) A statement described in Subsection (10)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
5023 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5024 (c) The filing officer shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to

5025 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a nomination petition  
5026 after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5027 Section 55. Section **20A-9-408** is amended to read:

5028 **20A-9-408 (Effective 05/25/26). Signature-gathering process to seek the**  
5029 **nomination of a qualified political party -- Removal of signature.**

5030 (1) This section describes the requirements for a member of a qualified political party who  
5031 is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office through  
5032 the signature-gathering process described in this section.

5033 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-201(7)(a), the form of the declaration of candidacy  
5034 for a member of a qualified political party who is nominated by, or who is seeking the  
5035 nomination of, the qualified political party under this section shall be substantially as  
5036 described in Section 20A-9-408.5.

5037 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(a), and except as provided in Subsection  
5038 20A-9-202(4), a member of a qualified political party who, under this section, is seeking  
5039 the nomination of the qualified political party for an elective office that is to be filled at  
5040 the next general election shall:

5041 (a) except to the extent otherwise provided in Subsection (13)(a), during the applicable  
5042 declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, and before  
5043 gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing officer on a form approved  
5044 by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy that  
5045 includes:

5046 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered  
5047 political party under this section;

5048 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking  
5049 nomination;

5050 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;

5051 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and

5052 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;

5053 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in  
5054 person, with the filing officer during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing  
5055 period described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and

5056 (c) pay the filing fee.

5057 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(2)(a), a member of a qualified political party  
5058 who, under this section, is seeking the nomination of the qualified political party for the

- 5059 office of district attorney within a multicounty prosecution district that is to be filled at  
5060 the next general election shall:
- 5061 (a) during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section  
5062 20A-9-201.5, and before gathering signatures under this section, file with the filing  
5063 officer on a form approved by the lieutenant governor a notice of intent to gather  
5064 signatures for candidacy that includes:
- 5065 (i) the name of the member who will attempt to become a candidate for a registered  
5066 political party under this section;
- 5067 (ii) the name of the registered political party for which the member is seeking  
5068 nomination;
- 5069 (iii) the office for which the member is seeking to become a candidate;
- 5070 (iv) the address and telephone number of the member; and
- 5071 (v) other information required by the lieutenant governor;
- 5072 (b) except as provided in Subsection 20A-9-202(1)(c), file a declaration of candidacy, in  
5073 person, with the filing officer during the applicable declaration of candidacy filing  
5074 period described in Section 20A-9-201.5; and
- 5075 (c) pay the filing fee.
- 5076 (5) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-202(3)(a)(iii), a lieutenant governor candidate who  
5077 files as the joint-ticket running mate of an individual who is nominated by a qualified  
5078 political party, under this section, for the office of governor shall, during the applicable  
5079 declaration of candidacy filing period described in Section 20A-9-201.5, file a  
5080 declaration of candidacy and submit a letter from the candidate for governor that names  
5081 the lieutenant governor candidate as a joint-ticket running mate.
- 5082 (6) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that the certification described in Subsection  
5083 20A-9-701(1) also includes the name of each candidate nominated by a qualified  
5084 political party under this section.
- 5085 (7) Notwithstanding Subsection 20A-9-701(2), the ballot shall, for each candidate who is  
5086 nominated by a qualified political party under this section, designate the qualified  
5087 political party that nominated the candidate.
- 5088 (8) A member of a qualified political party may seek the nomination of the qualified  
5089 political party for an elective office by:
- 5090 (a) complying with the requirements described in this section; and
- 5091 (b) collecting signatures, on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies  
5092 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), during the period beginning on the day on which the

- 5093 member files a notice of intent to gather signatures and ending at the applicable  
5094 deadline described in Subsection (12), in the following amounts:
- 5095 (i) for a statewide race, 28,000 signatures of registered voters in the state who are  
5096 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's  
5097 candidates in a primary election;
  - 5098 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (13)(b), for a congressional district race, 7,000  
5099 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the congressional district and  
5100 are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political  
5101 party's candidates in a primary election;
  - 5102 (iii) for a state Senate district race, 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are  
5103 residents of the state Senate district and are permitted by the qualified political  
5104 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
  - 5105 (iv) for a state House district race, 1,000 signatures of registered voters who are  
5106 residents of the state House district and are permitted by the qualified political  
5107 party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election;
  - 5108 (v) for a State Board of Education race, the lesser of:
    - 5109 (A) 2,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the State Board of  
5110 Education district and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for  
5111 the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election; or
    - 5112 (B) 3% of the registered voters of the qualified political party who are residents of  
5113 the applicable State Board of Education district; and
  - 5114 (vi) for a county office race, signatures of 3% of the registered voters who are  
5115 residents of the area permitted to vote for the county office and are permitted by  
5116 the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in  
5117 a primary election.
- 5118 (9)(a) This Subsection (9) applies only to the manual candidate qualification process.
- 5119 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the  
5120 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, using  
5121 the manual candidate qualification process, the member shall:
    - 5122 (i) collect the signatures on a form approved by the lieutenant governor that complies  
5123 with Subsection 20A-9-405(3), using the same circulation and verification  
5124 requirements described in Sections 20A-7-105 and 20A-7-204; and
    - 5125 (ii) in accordance with Section 20A-9-408.3, submit the signatures to the election  
5126 officer before the applicable deadline described in Subsection (12).

- 5127 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), and in  
5128 accordance with Section 20A-9-408.3, the election officer shall, no later than the  
5129 earlier of 14 calendar days after the day on which the election officer receives the  
5130 signatures, or one day before the day on which the qualified political party holds the  
5131 convention to select a nominee for the elective office to which the signature packets  
5132 relate:
- 5133 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature  
5134 packet to determine whether each individual is at least 18 years old;
  - 5135 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (9)(c)(i) who is not at  
5136 least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney;
  - 5137 (iii) with the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, determine whether each  
5138 signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the petition, using the same  
5139 method, described in Section 20A-1-1002, used to verify a signature on a petition;  
5140 and
  - 5141 (iv) certify whether each name is that of a registered voter who is qualified to sign the  
5142 signature packet.
- 5143 (d)(i) A registered voter who physically signs a form under Subsections (8) and (9)(b)  
5144 may have the voter's signature removed from the form by, no later than 5 p.m.  
5145 three business days after the day on which the member submits the signature form  
5146 to the election officer, submitting to the election officer a statement requesting  
5147 that the voter's signature be removed.
- 5148 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (9)(d)(i) shall comply with the requirements  
5149 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
  - 5150 (iii) With the assistance of the county clerk as applicable, the election officer shall  
5151 use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether  
5152 to remove an individual's signature after receiving a timely, valid statement  
5153 requesting removal of the signature.
- 5154 (e)(i) An election officer shall, in accordance with this Subsection (9)(e) and rules  
5155 made under Section 20A-3a-106, conduct regular audits of signature comparisons  
5156 made between signatures gathered under this section and voter signatures  
5157 maintained by the election officer.
- 5158 (ii) An individual who conducts an audit of signature comparisons under this section  
5159 may not audit the individual's own work.
  - 5160 (iii) The election officer shall:

- 5161 (A) audit 1% of all signature comparisons described in Subsection (9)(e)(i) to  
5162 determine the accuracy of the comparisons made;
- 5163 (B) record the individuals who conducted the audit;
- 5164 (C) record the audit results;
- 5165 (D) provide additional training or staff reassignments, as needed, based on the  
5166 results of an audit described in Subsection (9)(e)(i); and
- 5167 (E) record any remedial action taken.
- 5168 (iv) The audit results described in Subsection (9)(e)(iii)(C) are a public record.
- 5169 (f) An election officer who certifies signatures under Subsection (9)(c) or  
5170 20A-9-403(3)(d) shall, after certifying enough signatures to establish that a candidate  
5171 has reached the applicable signature threshold described in Subsection (8) or  
5172 20A-9-403(3)(a), as applicable, continue to certify signatures submitted for the  
5173 candidate in excess of the number of signatures required, until the election officer  
5174 either:
- 5175 (i) certifies signatures equal to 110% of the applicable signature threshold; or
- 5176 (ii) has reviewed all signatures submitted for the candidate before reaching an  
5177 amount equal to 110% of the applicable signature threshold.
- 5178 (10)(a) This Subsection (10) applies only to the electronic candidate qualification  
5179 process.
- 5180 (b) In order for a member of the qualified political party to qualify as a candidate for the  
5181 qualified political party's nomination for an elective office under this section, the  
5182 member shall, before the deadline described in Subsection (12), collect signatures  
5183 electronically:
- 5184 (i) in accordance with Section 20A-21-201; and
- 5185 (ii) using progressive screens, in a format approved by the lieutenant governor, that  
5186 complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(4).
- 5187 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), the  
5188 election officer shall, no later than the earlier of 14 calendar days after the day on  
5189 which the election officer receives the signatures, or one day before the day on which  
5190 the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee for the elective  
5191 office to which the signature packets relate:
- 5192 (i) check the name of each individual who completes the verification for a signature  
5193 to determine whether each individual is at least 18 years old; and
- 5194 (ii) submit the name of each individual described in Subsection (10)(c)(i) who is not

- 5195 at least 18 years old to the attorney general and the county attorney.
- 5196 (11)(a) An individual may not gather signatures under this section until after the  
5197 individual files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this  
5198 section.
- 5199 (b) An individual who files a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy,  
5200 described in Subsection (3)(a) or (4)(a), is, beginning on the day on which the  
5201 individual files the notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy:
- 5202 (i) required to comply with the reporting requirements that a candidate for office is  
5203 required to comply with; and
- 5204 (ii) subject to the same enforcement provisions, and civil and criminal penalties, that  
5205 apply to a candidate for office in relation to the reporting requirements described  
5206 in Subsection (11)(b)(i).
- 5207 (c) Upon timely receipt of the signatures described in Subsections (8) and (9)(b), or  
5208 Subsections (8) and (10)(b), the election officer shall, no later than the day before the  
5209 day on which the qualified political party holds the convention to select a nominee  
5210 for the elective office to which the signature packets relate, notify the qualified  
5211 political party and the lieutenant governor of the name of each member of the  
5212 qualified political party who qualifies as a nominee of the qualified political party,  
5213 under this section, for the elective office to which the convention relates.
- 5214 (d) Upon receipt of a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy described in this  
5215 section, the lieutenant governor shall post the notice of intent to gather signatures for  
5216 candidacy on the lieutenant governor's website in the same location that the  
5217 lieutenant governor posts a declaration of candidacy.
- 5218 (12) The deadline before which a member of a qualified political party must collect and  
5219 submit signatures to the election officer under this section is 5 p.m. on the last business  
5220 day that is at least 14 calendar days before the day on which the qualified political  
5221 party's convention for the office begins.
- 5222 (13) For the 2026 election year only, an individual who desires to gather signatures to seek  
5223 the nomination of a qualified political party for the office of United States representative  
5224 shall:
- 5225 (a) in accordance with Subsection (3)(a), file a notice of intent to gather signatures  
5226 during the period beginning at 8 a.m. on the first business day of January and ending  
5227 at 5 p.m. on March 13, 2026; and
- 5228 (b) during the period beginning on the day on which the individual files the notice of

5229 intent to gather signatures and ending at 5 p.m. on March 13, 2026, on a form  
 5230 approved by the lieutenant governor that complies with Subsection 20A-9-405(3),  
 5231 collect 7,000 signatures of registered voters who are residents of the state and are  
 5232 permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's  
 5233 candidates in a primary election.

5234 Section 56. Section **20A-9-502** is amended to read:

5235 **20A-9-502 (Effective 05/25/26). Certificate of nomination -- Contents --**

5236 **Circulation -- Verification -- Criminal penalty -- Removal of petition signature.**

5237 (1) The candidate shall:

5238 (a) prepare a certificate of nomination in substantially the following form:

5239 "State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_\_

5240 I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare my intention of becoming an unaffiliated candidate for the  
 5241 political group designated as \_\_\_\_ for the office of \_\_\_\_\_. I do solemnly swear that I can  
 5242 qualify to hold that office both legally and constitutionally if selected, and that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_  
 5243 Street, in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, state of \_\_\_\_\_, zip code \_\_\_\_\_, phone \_\_\_\_\_, and  
 5244 that I am providing, or have provided, the required number of holographic signatures of  
 5245 registered voters required by law; that as a candidate at the next election I will not knowingly  
 5246 violate any election or campaign law; that, if filing via a designated agent for an office other  
 5247 than president of the United States, I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate  
 5248 filing period; I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and I  
 5249 understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office  
 5250 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)";

5256 (b) for each signature packet, bind signature sheets to a copy of the certificate of

5257 nomination and the circulator verification, that:

- 5258 (i) are printed on sheets of paper [8-1/2] 8.5 inches long and 11 inches wide;
- 5259 (ii) are ruled with a horizontal line [3/4 inch] .75 inches from the top, with the space
- 5260 above that line blank for the purpose of binding;
- 5261 (iii) contain the name of the proposed candidate and the words "Unaffiliated
- 5262 Candidate Certificate of Nomination Petition" printed directly below the
- 5263 horizontal line;
- 5264 (iv) contain the [word "Warning" printed] following statement, directly under the
- 5265 words described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii)[;] ,

5266 [(v) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed] in not less

5267 than eight-point, single leaded type:

5268 "WARNING

5269 ["]It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a certificate of nomination

5270 signature sheet with any name other than the person's own name or more than once for the

5271 same candidate or if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to

5272 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the signatures.[";]

5273 WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

5274 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be

5275 publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter

5276 registration record that has been classified as a private record.";

5277 [(vi)] (v) contain the following statement directly under the statement described in Subsection [

5278 (1)(b)(v)] (1)(b)(iv):

5279 "Each signer says:

5280 I have personally signed this petition with a holographic signature;

5281 I am registered to vote in Utah or intend to become registered to vote in Utah before the

5282 county clerk certifies my signature; and

5283 My street address is written correctly after my name.";

5284 [(vii)] (vi) contain horizontally ruled lines, [3/8 inch] .375 inches apart under the

5285 statement described in Subsection [(1)(b)(vi)] (1)(b)(v); and

5286 [(viii)] (vii) be vertically divided into columns as follows:

5287 (A) the first column shall appear at the extreme left of the sheet, be [5/8 inch] .625

5288 inches wide, be headed with "For Office Use Only," and be subdivided with a

5289 light vertical line down the middle;

5290 (B) the next column shall be [2-1/2] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Registered Voter's

5291 Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)";

- 5292 (C) the next column shall be [~~2-1/2~~] 2.5 inches wide, headed "Holographic  
5293 Signature of Registered Voter";
- 5294 (D) the next column shall be one inch wide, headed "Birth Date or Age  
5295 (Optional)";
- 5296 (E) the final column shall be [~~4-3/8~~] 4.375 inches wide, headed "Street Address,  
5297 City, Zip Code"; and
- 5298 (F) at the bottom of the sheet, contain the following statement: "Birth date or age  
5299 information is not required, but it may be used to verify your identity with  
5300 voter registration records. If you choose not to provide it, your signature may  
5301 not be certified as a valid signature if you change your address before petition  
5302 signatures are certified or if the information you provide does not match your  
5303 voter registration records."; and

- 5304 (c) bind a final page to one or more signature sheets that are bound together that contains,  
5305 except as provided by Subsection (3), the following printed statement:

5306 "Verification

5307 State of Utah, County of \_\_\_\_

5308 I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that:

5309 I am at least 18 years old;

5310 All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by  
5311 persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on the signature sheets, and each  
5312 of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my presence;

5313 I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's  
5314 street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah or will register to  
5315 vote in Utah before the county clerk certifies the signatures on the signature sheet.

5316 \_\_\_\_\_  
5317 (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)".

- 5318 (2) An agent designated to file a certificate of nomination under Subsection  
5319 20A-9-503(2)(b) or (4)(b) may not sign the form described in Subsection (1)(a).
- 5320 (3)(a) The candidate shall circulate the nomination petition and ensure that the person in  
5321 whose presence each signature sheet is signed:
- 5322 (i) is at least 18 years old; and
- 5323 (ii) verifies each signature sheet by completing the verification bound to one or more  
5324 signature sheets that are bound together.
- 5325 (b) A person may not sign the circulator verification if the person signed a signature

5326 sheet bound to the verification.

5327 (4)(a) It is unlawful for any person to:

5328 (i) knowingly sign a certificate of nomination signature sheet:

5329 (A) with any name other than the person's own name;

5330 (B) more than once for the same candidate; or

5331 (C) if the person is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to

5332 become registered to vote in this state before the county clerk certifies the

5333 signatures; or

5334 (ii) sign the verification of a certificate of nomination signature sheet if the person:

5335 (A) has not witnessed the signing by those persons whose names appear on the

5336 certificate of nomination signature sheet; or

5337 (B) knows that a person whose signature appears on the certificate of nomination

5338 signature sheet is not registered to vote in this state and does not intend to

5339 become registered to vote in this state.

5340 (b) Any person violating this Subsection (4) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

5341 (5)(a) To qualify for placement on the general election ballot, the candidate shall, no

5342 earlier than the start of the applicable declaration of candidacy period described in

5343 Section 20A-9-201.5 and no later than 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in which the

5344 election will be held:

5345 (i) comply with Subsection 20A-9-503(1); and

5346 (ii) submit each signature packet to the county clerk where the majority of the

5347 signatures in the packet were collected, with signatures totaling:

5348 (A) at least 1,000 registered voters residing within the state when the nomination

5349 is for an office to be filled by the voters of the entire state; or

5350 (B) at least 300 registered voters residing within a political division or at least 5%

5351 of the registered voters residing within a political division, whichever is less,

5352 when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the voters of any political

5353 division smaller than the state.

5354 (b) A candidate has not complied with Subsection (5)(a)(ii), unless the county clerks

5355 verify that each required signature is a valid signature of a registered voter who is

5356 eligible to sign the signature packet and has not signed a signature packet to nominate

5357 another candidate for the same office.

5358 (c) In reviewing the signature packets, the county clerk shall count and certify only those

5359 persons who signed with a holographic signature, who:

- 5360 (i) are registered voters within the political division that the candidate seeks to  
 5361 represent; and  
 5362 (ii) did not sign any other certificate of nomination for that office.
- 5363 (d) The county clerk shall count and certify the number of registered voters who validly  
 5364 signed a signature packet, no later than 30 calendar days after the day on which the  
 5365 candidate submits the signature packet.
- 5366 (e) The candidate may supplement the signatures or amend the certificate of nomination  
 5367 or declaration of candidacy at any time on or before 5 p.m. on June 15 of the year in  
 5368 which the election will be held.
- 5369 (f) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to  
 5370 determine whether a signer is a registered voter who is qualified to sign the signature  
 5371 packet.
- 5372 (6)(a) A voter who signs a signature packet under this section may have the voter's  
 5373 signature removed from the signature packet by, no later than 5 p.m. three business  
 5374 days after the day on which the candidate submits the signature packet to the county  
 5375 clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's signature  
 5376 be removed.
- 5377 (b) A statement described in Subsection (6)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
 5378 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5379 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
 5380 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a signature packet after  
 5381 receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5382 Section 57. Section **20A-15-103** is amended to read:

5383 **20A-15-103 (Effective 05/25/26). Delegates -- Candidacy -- Qualifications --**  
 5384 **Nominating procedures -- Removal of petition signature.**

- 5385 (1) Candidates for the office of delegate to the ratification convention shall be citizens,  
 5386 residents of Utah, and at least 21 years old.
- 5387 (2) Persons wishing to be delegates to the ratification convention shall:
- 5388 (a) circulate a nominating petition meeting the requirements of this section; and  
 5389 (b) obtain the signature of at least 100 registered voters.
- 5390 (3)(a) A single nominating petition may nominate any number of candidates up to 21,  
 5391 the total number of delegates to be elected.
- 5392 (b) Nominating petitions may not contain anything identifying a candidate's party or  
 5393 political affiliation.

- 5394 (c) Each nominating petition shall contain a written statement signed by each nominee,  
5395 indicating either that the candidate will:  
5396 (i) vote for ratification of the proposed amendment; or  
5397 (ii) vote against ratification of the proposed amendment.
- 5398 (d) A nominating petition containing the names of more than one nominee may not  
5399 contain the name of any nominee whose stated position in the nominating petition is  
5400 inconsistent with that of any other nominee listed in the petition.
- 5401 (e) The first page of a nominating petition described in this section shall include the  
5402 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other  
5403 statements on the page:  
5404 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
5405 RECORDS  
5406 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
5407 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
5408 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."
- 5409 (4)(a) A candidate shall file the candidate's nominating petition with the lieutenant  
5410 governor no later than 5 p.m. on the last business day that is at least 40 calendar days  
5411 before the proclaimed date of the election.
- 5412 (b) Within 10 calendar days after the last day for filing the petitions, the lieutenant  
5413 governor shall:  
5414 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether a signer  
5415 is a registered voter;  
5416 (ii) declare nominated the 21 nominees in favor of ratification and the 21 nominees  
5417 against ratification whose nominating petitions have been signed by the largest  
5418 number of registered voters;  
5419 (iii) decide any ties by lot drawn by the lieutenant governor; and  
5420 (iv) certify the nominated candidates of each group to the county clerk of each county  
5421 within the state.
- 5422 (5)(a) A voter who signs a nomination petition under this section may have the voter's  
5423 signature removed from the petition by, no later than 5 p.m. three business days after  
5424 the last day for filing the petitions, submitting to the lieutenant governor a statement  
5425 requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 5426 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
5427 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5428 (c) The lieutenant governor shall use the procedures described in Subsection  
 5429 20A-1-1003(3) to determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a  
 5430 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5431 Section 58. Section **53G-3-301.1** is amended to read:

5432 **53G-3-301.1 (Effective 05/25/26). Creation of a new school district -- Citizens'**  
 5433 **petition -- Procedures to follow -- Removal or reinstatement of signature.**

5434 (1) Citizens may file a petition to create a new school district in accordance with this  
 5435 section and Section 53G-3-301.

5436 (2)(a) The county clerk shall ensure that a petition described in Subsection (1) is signed  
 5437 by registered voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new  
 5438 school district in an amount equal to at least 10% of all votes cast within the  
 5439 geographic boundaries of the proposed new school district for all candidates for  
 5440 president of the United States at the last regular general election at which a president  
 5441 of the United States was elected.

5442 (b) The sponsors of a petition described in Subsection (1) shall file the petition with the  
 5443 clerk of each county in which any part of the proposed new school district is located.

5444 (c) The petition sponsors shall ensure that the petition described in Subsection (1):

5445 (i) indicates the typed or printed name and current residence address of each voter  
 5446 who signs the petition;

5447 (ii) describes the proposed new school district boundaries; and

5448 (iii) designates up to five signers of the petition as sponsors, designating one as the  
 5449 contact sponsor, with the mailing address and telephone number of each.

5450 (d) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
 5451 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
 5452 page:

5453 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION

5454 RECORDS

5455 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
 5456 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
 5457 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

5458 (3)(a)(i) A signer of a petition described in Subsection (1) may remove or, once  
 5459 removed, reinstate the signer's signature by filing a written statement requesting  
 5460 removal or reinstatement with the county clerk no later than three business days  
 5461 after the day on which the petition is filed with the county clerk.

- 5462 (ii) A statement described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) shall comply with the requirements  
5463 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 5464 (iii) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3)  
5465 to determine whether to remove or reinstate an individual's signature from a  
5466 petition after receiving a timely, valid statement.
- 5467 (b) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to  
5468 determine whether the petition has been signed by the required number of registered  
5469 voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the proposed new school  
5470 district.
- 5471 (4) Within 14 days after the day on which a petition described in Subsection (1) is filed, the  
5472 clerk of each county with which the request or petition is filed shall:
- 5473 (a) determine whether the petition complies with Subsections (2) and (3), as applicable,  
5474 and Section 53G-3-301; and
- 5475 (b)(i) if the county clerk determines that the request or petition complies with the  
5476 applicable requirements:
- 5477 (A) certify the petition and deliver the certified petition to the county legislative  
5478 body; and
- 5479 (B) mail or deliver written notification of the certification to the contact sponsor;  
5480 or
- 5481 (ii) if the county clerk determines that the petition fails to comply with any of the  
5482 applicable requirements, reject the petition and notify the contact sponsor in  
5483 writing of the rejection and reasons for the rejection.
- 5484 (5)(a) If the county clerk fails to certify or reject a petition within the time specified in  
5485 Subsection (4), the petition is considered to be certified.
- 5486 (b) If the county clerk rejects a petition, the individual who submitted the petition may  
5487 amend the petition to correct the deficiencies for which the county clerk rejected the  
5488 petition and refile the petition.
- 5489 (6) Within 10 days after the day on which a county legislative body receives a certified  
5490 petition as described in Subsection (4) or (5), the county legislative body shall request a  
5491 feasibility study.
- 5492 (7)(a) The county legislative body shall:
- 5493 (i) provide for a 30-day public comment period to begin on the day the county  
5494 legislative body receives the study under Subsection (6); and
- 5495 (ii) hold at least two public hearings on the study and recommendations.

- 5496 (b) Within five business days after the day on which the public comment period ends,  
 5497 the legislative body of each county with which a petition is filed shall vote on the  
 5498 creation of the proposed new school district.
- 5499 (c) A county legislative body approves a petition proposing a new school district if a  
 5500 majority of the members of the legislative body vote in favor of the petition.
- 5501 (8)(a) Within five business days after the day on which a county legislative body  
 5502 approves a petition proposing a new school district under Subsection (7), the county  
 5503 legislative body shall provide notice of the approval and a copy of the petition to  
 5504 which the approval relates to the county clerk of each county described in Subsection  
 5505 (2)(b).
- 5506 (b) If each county described in Subsection (2)(b) approves a petition proposing a new  
 5507 school district, the county clerks of the counties shall submit the proposal for the  
 5508 creation of a new school district to all legal voters in the proposed new school district  
 5509 for approval or rejection at the next regular general election that is at least 65 days  
 5510 after the day on which all of the counties described in Subsection (2)(b) have  
 5511 complied with Subsection (8)(a).
- 5512 (c) The new school district proposed in the petition and the reorganized new school  
 5513 district are created if a majority of the voters in the proposed new school district vote  
 5514 in favor of creating the new school district.

5515 Section 59. Section **53G-3-401** is amended to read:

5516 **53G-3-401 (Effective 05/25/26). Consolidation of school districts -- Resolution by**  
 5517 **local school board members -- Petition by electors -- Certification of petition signatures --**  
 5518 **Removal of signature -- Election.**

- 5519 (1) Two or more school districts may unite and form a single school district in one of the  
 5520 following ways:
- 5521 (a) a majority of the members of each of the local school boards of the affected districts  
 5522 shall approve and present to the county legislative body of the affected counties a  
 5523 resolution to consolidate the districts. Once this is done, consolidation shall be  
 5524 established under this chapter; or
- 5525 (b) a majority of the members of the local school board of each affected district, or 15%  
 5526 of the registered voters in each of the affected districts, shall sign and present a  
 5527 petition to the county legislative body of each affected county. The question shall be  
 5528 voted upon at an election called for that purpose, which shall be the next general or  
 5529 municipal election. Consolidation shall occur if a majority of those voting on the

5530 question in each district favor consolidation.

5531 (2) The first page of a petition described in this section shall include the following  
5532 statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other statements on the  
5533 page:

5534 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS  
5535 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
5536 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
5537 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

5538 [(2)] (3) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under  
5539 Subsection (1)(b):

5540 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body  
5541 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the  
5542 county clerk; and

5543 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
5544 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:

5545 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
5546 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1)(b) for a registered voter  
5547 petition;

5548 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the  
5549 affected districts; and

5550 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

5551 [(3)] (4)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection (1)(b) may  
5552 have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three business  
5553 days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition to the  
5554 county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the voter's  
5555 signature be removed.

5556 (b) A statement described in Subsection [(3)(a)] (4)(a) shall comply with the  
5557 requirements described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5558 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
5559 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
5560 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5561 [(4)] (5) The elections required under Subsection (1)(b) shall be conducted and the returns  
5562 canvassed as provided by election laws.

5563 Section 60. Section **53G-3-501** is amended to read:

5564           **53G-3-501 (Effective 05/25/26). Transfer of a portion of a school district --**  
 5565           **Required boundary adjustments -- Local school board petition -- Elector petition --**  
 5566           **Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature -- Transfer election.**

5567           (1)(a) Part of a school district may be transferred to another district in one of the  
 5568           following ways:

5569           [(a)] (i) presentation to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of  
 5570           a resolution requesting the transfer, approved by at least four-fifths of the  
 5571           members of the local school board of each affected school district;

5572           [(b)] (ii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a  
 5573           petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by a majority of the  
 5574           members of the local school board of each affected school district;

5575           [(c)] (iii) presentation to the county legislative body of each affected county of a  
 5576           petition requesting that the voters vote on the transfer, signed by 15% of the  
 5577           registered voters in each of the affected school districts within that county; or

5578           [(d)] (iv) for a boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2) or (3), submission  
 5579           to the county legislative body of each of the affected counties of a resolution  
 5580           requesting the transfer from the local school board of the school district that is  
 5581           required to initiate the boundary adjustment.

5582           (b) The first page of a petition described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii) shall include the  
 5583           following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other  
 5584           statements on the page:

5585           "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION  
 5586           RECORDS

5587           If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
 5588           may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
 5589           with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

5590           (2)(a) As used in this Subsection (2):

5591           (i) "Expansion area" means the area of land approved for annexation and located  
 5592           outside the boundaries of a specified school district.

5593           (ii) "Municipality" means a city or town.

5594           (iii) "Originating school district" means the school district whose boundaries an  
 5595           expansion area is located within prior to the boundary adjustment required under  
 5596           Subsection (2)(b).

5597           (iv) "Specified school district" means a school district:

- 5598 (A) that serves residents within a single municipality; and  
5599 (B) for which the municipality whose residents the school district serves enacts an  
5600 ordinance in accordance with [~~Title 10, Chapter 2, Part 4, Annexation~~] Title 10,  
5601 Chapter 2, Part 8, Annexation, approving the annexation of an area of land  
5602 located outside the boundaries of the school district.
- 5603 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter and except as provided in  
5604 Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the local school board of a specified school district shall initiate  
5605 boundary adjustment proceedings under Subsection [~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv):  
5606 (i) to request the expansion area to be transferred to the specified school district from  
5607 the originating school district; and  
5608 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [  
5609 ~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv), within 60 days after the day on which the municipality enacts the  
5610 ordinance approving annexation of the expansion area.
- 5611 (c)(i) Before initiating the boundary adjustment required under Subsection (2)(b), the  
5612 local school board presidents of the specified school district and the originating  
5613 school district shall, within the timeframe described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), meet  
5614 to determine whether allowing the expansion area to remain within the boundaries  
5615 of the originating school district is in the best interests of the municipality's  
5616 residents.  
5617 (ii) The requirements of Subsection (2)(b) do not apply to a specified school district  
5618 if, upon meeting under Subsection (2)(c)(i), the presidents of the local school  
5619 boards mutually agree that allowing the expansion area to remain within the  
5620 boundaries of the originating school district is in the best interests of the  
5621 municipality's residents.
- 5622 (3)(a) This Subsection (3) applies to a school district that:  
5623 (i) serves residents within a single municipality; and  
5624 (ii) in calendar year 2018, completed construction on a secondary school within an  
5625 area of land located outside the boundaries of the school district.
- 5626 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the local school board of a  
5627 school district described in Subsection (3)(a) shall initiate boundary adjustment  
5628 proceedings under Subsection [~~(1)(d)~~] (1)(a)(iv):  
5629 (i) to request the land described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii) to be transferred to the school  
5630 district from the school district whose boundaries the land is located within; and  
5631 (ii) by submitting the resolution requesting the transfer, as provided in Subsection [  
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5632 ~~(1)(d)~~ (1)(a)(iv), on or before June 1, 2024.

5633 (4) If a registered voter petition is presented to the county legislative body under Subsection [  
5634 ~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii):

5635 (a) within three business days after the day on which the county legislative body  
5636 receives the petition, the county legislative body shall provide the petition to the  
5637 county clerk; and

5638 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition from the  
5639 county legislative body, the county clerk shall:

5640 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
5641 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii) for a registered  
5642 voter petition;

5643 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in one of the  
5644 affected districts; and

5645 (iii) deliver the certified petition to the county legislative body.

5646 (5)(a) A voter who signs a registered voter petition under Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(a)(iii)

5647 may have the voter's signature removed from the petition by, no later than three  
5648 business days after the day on which the county legislative body provides the petition  
5649 to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a statement requesting that the  
5650 voter's signature be removed.

5651 (b) A statement described in Subsection (5)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
5652 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).

5653 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
5654 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving  
5655 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

5656 (6)(a) The voters of each affected district shall vote on the transfer requested under  
5657 Subsection [~~(1)(b) or (e)~~] (1)(a)(ii) or (iii) at an election called for that purpose, which  
5658 may be the next general election.

5659 (b) The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed as provided by election  
5660 law.

5661 (c) A transfer is effected only if a majority of votes cast by the voters in both the  
5662 proposed transferor district and in the proposed transferee district are in favor of the  
5663 transfer.

5664 Section 61. Section **53H-3-1304** is enacted to read:

5665 **53H-3-1304 (Effective 04/06/26). Research university -- Duty to research.**

5666 (1) As used in this section, "research university" means the University of Utah or Utah State  
 5667 University.

5668 (2) The conduct of research by a research university is, for purposes of Section 20A-2-605,  
 5669 an official duty imposed by law on the research university.

5670 Section 62. Section **63G-2-202** is amended to read:

5671 **63G-2-202 (Effective upon governor's approval). Access to private, controlled,**  
 5672 **and protected documents.**

5673 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (11)(a), a governmental entity:

5674 (a) shall, upon request, disclose a private record to:

5675 (i) the subject of the record;

5676 (ii) the parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor who is the subject of the  
 5677 record;

5678 (iii) the legal guardian of a legally incapacitated individual who is the subject of the  
 5679 record;

5680 (iv) any other individual who:

5681 (A) has a power of attorney from the subject of the record;

5682 (B) submits a notarized release from the subject of the record or the individual's  
 5683 legal representative dated no more than 90 days before the date the request is  
 5684 made; or

5685 (C) if the record is a medical record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(b), is a  
 5686 health care provider, as defined in Section 26B-8-501, if releasing the record or  
 5687 information in the record is consistent with normal professional practice and  
 5688 medical ethics; or

5689 (v) any person to whom the record must be provided pursuant to:

5690 (A) court order as provided in Subsection (7); or

5691 (B) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative  
 5692 Subpoena Powers; and

5693 (b) may disclose a private record described in Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (n),  
 5694 without complying with Section 63G-2-206, to another governmental entity for a  
 5695 purpose related to administering:

5696 (i) the voter registration list; or

5697 (ii) ~~the administration of~~ an election.

5698 (2)(a) Upon request, a governmental entity shall disclose a controlled record to:

5699 (i) a physician, physician assistant, psychologist, certified social worker, insurance

- 5700 provider or producer, or a government public health agency upon submission of:
- 5701 (A) a release from the subject of the record that is dated no more than 90 days
- 5702 prior to the date the request is made; and
- 5703 (B) a signed acknowledgment of the terms of disclosure of controlled information
- 5704 as provided by Subsection (2)(b); and
- 5705 (ii) any person to whom the record must be disclosed pursuant to:
- 5706 (A) a court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
- 5707 (B) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative
- 5708 Subpoena Powers.
- 5709 (b) A person who receives a record from a governmental entity in accordance with
- 5710 Subsection (2)(a)(i) may not disclose controlled information from that record to any
- 5711 person, including the subject of the record.
- 5712 (3) If there is more than one subject of a private or controlled record, the portion of the
- 5713 record that pertains to another subject shall be segregated from the portion that the
- 5714 requester is entitled to inspect.
- 5715 (4) Upon request, and except as provided in Subsection (11)(b), a governmental entity shall
- 5716 disclose a protected record to:
- 5717 (a) the person that submitted the record;
- 5718 (b) any other individual who:
- 5719 (i) has a power of attorney from all persons, governmental entities, or political
- 5720 subdivisions whose interests were sought to be protected by the protected
- 5721 classification; or
- 5722 (ii) submits a notarized release from all persons, governmental entities, or political
- 5723 subdivisions whose interests were sought to be protected by the protected
- 5724 classification or from their legal representatives dated no more than 90 days prior
- 5725 to the date the request is made;
- 5726 (c) any person to whom the record must be provided pursuant to:
- 5727 (i) a court order as provided in Subsection (7); or
- 5728 (ii) a legislative subpoena as provided in Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative Subpoena
- 5729 Powers; or
- 5730 (d) the owner of a mobile home park, subject to the conditions of Subsection
- 5731 41-1a-116(5).
- 5732 (5) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a governmental entity may disclose a private,
- 5733 controlled, or protected record to another governmental entity, political subdivision,

- 5734 state, the United States, or a foreign government only as provided by Section 63G-2-206.
- 5735 (6) Before releasing a private, controlled, or protected record, the governmental entity shall  
5736 obtain evidence of the requester's identity.
- 5737 (7) A governmental entity shall disclose a record pursuant to the terms of a court order  
5738 signed by a judge from a court of competent jurisdiction, provided that:
- 5739 (a) the record deals with a matter in controversy over which the court has jurisdiction;
- 5740 (b) the court has considered the merits of the request for access to the record;
- 5741 (c) the court has considered and, where appropriate, limited the requester's use and  
5742 further disclosure of the record in order to protect:
- 5743 (i) privacy interests in the case of private or controlled records;
- 5744 (ii) business confidentiality interests in the case of records protected under  
5745 Subsection 63G-2-305(1), (2), (40)(a)(ii), or (40)(a)(vi); and
- 5746 (iii) privacy interests or the public interest in the case of other protected records;
- 5747 (d) to the extent the record is properly classified private, controlled, or protected, the  
5748 interests favoring access, considering limitations thereon, are greater than or equal to  
5749 the interests favoring restriction of access; and
- 5750 (e) where access is restricted by a rule, statute, or regulation referred to in Subsection  
5751 63G-2-201(3)(b), the court has authority independent of this chapter to order  
5752 disclosure.
- 5753 (8)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(d), a governmental entity may disclose or  
5754 authorize disclosure of private or controlled records for research purposes if the  
5755 governmental entity:
- 5756 (i) determines that the research purpose cannot reasonably be accomplished without  
5757 use or disclosure of the information to the researcher in individually identifiable  
5758 form;
- 5759 (ii) determines that:
- 5760 (A) the proposed research is bona fide; and
- 5761 (B) the value of the research is greater than or equal to the infringement upon  
5762 personal privacy;
- 5763 (iii)(A) requires the researcher to assure the integrity, confidentiality, and security  
5764 of the records; and
- 5765 (B) requires the removal or destruction of the individual identifiers associated  
5766 with the records as soon as the purpose of the research project has been  
5767 accomplished;

- 5768 (iv) prohibits the researcher from:
- 5769 (A) disclosing the record in individually identifiable form, except as provided in
- 5770 Subsection (8)(b); or
- 5771 (B) using the record for purposes other than the research approved by the
- 5772 governmental entity; and
- 5773 (v) secures from the researcher a written statement of the researcher's understanding
- 5774 of and agreement to the conditions of this Subsection (8) and the researcher's
- 5775 understanding that violation of the terms of this Subsection (8) may subject the
- 5776 researcher to criminal prosecution under Section 63G-2-801.
- 5777 (b) A researcher may disclose a record in individually identifiable form if the record is
- 5778 disclosed for the purpose of auditing or evaluating the research program and no
- 5779 subsequent use or disclosure of the record in individually identifiable form will be
- 5780 made by the auditor or evaluator except as provided by this section.
- 5781 (c) A governmental entity may require indemnification as a condition of permitting
- 5782 research under this Subsection (8).
- 5783 (d) A governmental entity may not disclose or authorize disclosure of a private record
- 5784 for research purposes as described in this Subsection (8) if the private record is a
- 5785 record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(x).
- 5786 (9)(a) Under Subsections 63G-2-201(5)(b) and 63G-2-401(6), a governmental entity
- 5787 may disclose to persons other than those specified in this section records that are:
- 5788 (i) private under Section 63G-2-302; or
- 5789 (ii) protected under Section 63G-2-305, subject to Section 63G-2-309 if a claim for
- 5790 business confidentiality has been made under Section 63G-2-309.
- 5791 (b) Under Subsection 63G-2-403(11)(b), the State Records Committee may require the
- 5792 disclosure to persons other than those specified in this section of records that are:
- 5793 (i) private under Section 63G-2-302;
- 5794 (ii) controlled under Section 63G-2-304; or
- 5795 (iii) protected under Section 63G-2-305, subject to Section 63G-2-309 if a claim for
- 5796 business confidentiality has been made under Section 63G-2-309.
- 5797 (c) Under Subsection 63G-2-404(7), the court may require the disclosure of records that
- 5798 are private under Section 63G-2-302, controlled under Section 63G-2-304, or
- 5799 protected under Section 63G-2-305 to persons other than those specified in this
- 5800 section.
- 5801 (10)(a) A private record described in Subsection 63G-2-302(2)(f) may only be disclosed

- 5802 as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(v).
- 5803 (b) A protected record described in Subsection 63G-2-305(43) may only be disclosed as  
5804 provided in Subsection (4)(c) or Section 26B-6-212.
- 5805 (11)(a) A private, protected, or controlled record described in Section 26B-1-506 shall  
5806 be disclosed as required under:
- 5807 (i) Subsections 26B-1-506(1)(b) and (2); and  
5808 (ii) Subsections 26B-1-507(1) and (6).
- 5809 (b) A record disclosed under Subsection (11)(a) shall retain its character as private,  
5810 protected, or controlled.
- 5811 Section 63. Section **63G-2-210** is amended to read:
- 5812 **63G-2-210 (Effective upon governor's approval). Access to and use of voter or**  
5813 **election information by a government officer.**
- 5814 (1) As used in this section, "government officer" means:
- 5815 (a) an elected official; or  
5816 (b) an officer, employee, volunteer, or agent of a governmental entity.
- 5817 (2) A government officer may not:
- 5818 (a) disclose, or attempt to discover, any information from a ballot cast by an identifiable  
5819 voter;
- 5820 (b) except as provided in Subsection (3), disclose in relation to an identifiable voter:
- 5821 (i) the method by which the voter voted or returned a ballot;  
5822 (ii) when or where the voter voted;  
5823 (iii) how or when the voter's ballot was received;  
5824 (iv) whether a ballot was mailed to the voter;  
5825 (v) whether the voter placed postage on a return envelope; or  
5826 (vi) any information from the return envelope of a voter.
- 5827 (3) Subsection (2) does not prohibit the disclosure, in mass, of the information [~~included in~~  
5828 ~~a voting history record, in accordance with Section 20A-5-410]~~ disclosed in accordance  
5829 with Title 20A, Chapter 2, Part 6, Provision and Protection of Voter Data.
- 5830 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a government officer who, due to the government  
5831 officer's position as a government officer, has access to election records, may not access,  
5832 use, copy, or release the information except to the extent that the access, use, copying, or  
5833 release:
- 5834 (a) is reasonably related to a duty of the government officer;  
5835 (b) is in accordance with the requirements of law; and

- 5836 (c) is not done for a primarily personal purpose, including:
- 5837 (i) a political purpose;
- 5838 (ii) furthering the government officer's personal agenda; or
- 5839 (iii) a purpose relating to the government officer's private business, hobbies, or
- 5840 personal interests.
- 5841 (5) Subsection (4) does not prevent a government officer from accessing, using, copying, or
- 5842 releasing government information in the same manner available to a member of the
- 5843 general public, including by filing a record request under Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604,
- 5844 or 63G-2-204.
- 5845 Section 64. Section **63G-2-301** is amended to read:
- 5846 **63G-2-301 (Effective 04/06/26). Public records.**
- 5847 (1) As used in this section:
- 5848 (a) "Business address" means a single address of a governmental agency designated for
- 5849 the public to contact an employee or officer of the governmental agency.
- 5850 (b) "Business email address" means a single email address of a governmental agency
- 5851 designated for the public to contact an employee or officer of the governmental
- 5852 agency.
- 5853 (c) "Business telephone number" means a single telephone number of a governmental
- 5854 agency designated for the public to contact an employee or officer of the
- 5855 governmental agency.
- 5856 (d) "Correctional facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-16b-102.
- 5857 (2) The following records are public except to the extent they contain information expressly
- 5858 permitted to be treated confidentially under the provisions of Subsections
- 5859 63G-2-201(3)(b) and (6)(a):
- 5860 (a) laws;
- 5861 (b) the name, gender, gross compensation, job title, job description, business address,
- 5862 business email address, business telephone number, number of hours worked per pay
- 5863 period, dates of employment, and relevant education, previous employment, and
- 5864 similar job qualifications of a current or former employee or officer of the
- 5865 governmental entity, excluding:
- 5866 (i) undercover law enforcement personnel; and
- 5867 (ii) investigative personnel if disclosure could reasonably be expected to impair the
- 5868 effectiveness of investigations or endanger any individual's safety;
- 5869 (c) final opinions, including concurring and dissenting opinions, and orders that are

- 5870 made by a governmental entity in an administrative, adjudicative, or judicial  
5871 proceeding except that if the proceedings were properly closed to the public, the  
5872 opinion and order may be withheld to the extent that they contain information that is  
5873 private, controlled, or protected;
- 5874 (d) final interpretations of statutes or rules by a governmental entity unless classified as  
5875 protected as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(17) or (18);
- 5876 (e) information contained in or compiled from a transcript, minutes, or report of the open  
5877 portions of a meeting of a governmental entity as provided by Title 52, Chapter 4,  
5878 Open and Public Meetings Act, including the records of all votes of each member of  
5879 the governmental entity;
- 5880 (f) judicial records unless a court orders the records to be restricted under the rules of  
5881 civil or criminal procedure or unless the records are private under this chapter;
- 5882 (g) unless otherwise classified as private under Section 63G-2-303, records or parts of  
5883 records filed with or maintained by county recorders, clerks, treasurers, surveyors,  
5884 zoning commissions, the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the School and  
5885 Institutional Trust Lands Administration, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the  
5886 Division of Water Rights, or other governmental entities that give public notice of:
- 5887 (i) titles or encumbrances to real property;
- 5888 (ii) restrictions on the use of real property;
- 5889 (iii) the capacity of persons to take or convey title to real property; or
- 5890 (iv) tax status for real and personal property;
- 5891 (h) records of the Department of Commerce that evidence incorporations, mergers, name  
5892 changes, and uniform commercial code filings;
- 5893 (i) data on individuals that would otherwise be private under this chapter if the  
5894 individual who is the subject of the record has given the governmental entity written  
5895 permission to make the records available to the public;
- 5896 (j) documentation of the compensation that a governmental entity pays to a contractor or  
5897 private provider;
- 5898 (k) summary data;
- 5899 [~~(l) voter registration records, including an individual's voting history, except for a voter  
5900 registration record or those parts of a voter registration record that are classified as  
5901 private under Subsections 63G-2-302(1)(j) through (n) or withheld under Subsection  
5902 20A-2-104(7);]~~
- 5903 (l) subject to Title 20A, Chapter 2, Part 6, Provision and Protection of Voter Data,

- 5904            standard voter data, as defined in Section 20A-2-601, in the voter registration record  
5905            of a public registered voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601;
- 5906            (m) for an elected official, as defined in Section 11-47-102, a telephone number, if  
5907            available, and email address, if available, where that elected official may be reached  
5908            as required in Title 11, Chapter 47, Access to Elected Officials;
- 5909            (n) for a school community council member, a telephone number, if available, and email  
5910            address, if available, where that elected official may be reached directly as required  
5911            in Section 53G-7-1203;
- 5912            (o) annual audited financial statements of the Utah Educational Savings Plan described  
5913            in Section 53H-10-210; and
- 5914            (p) an initiative packet, as defined in Section 20A-7-101, and a referendum packet, as  
5915            defined in Section 20A-7-101, after the packet is submitted to a county clerk.
- 5916            (3) The following records are normally public, but to the extent that a record is expressly  
5917            exempt from disclosure, access may be restricted under Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b),  
5918            Section 63G-2-302, 63G-2-304, or 63G-2-305:
- 5919            (a) administrative staff manuals, instructions to staff, and statements of policy;
- 5920            (b) records documenting a contractor's or private provider's compliance with the terms  
5921            of a contract with a governmental entity;
- 5922            (c) records documenting the services provided by a contractor or a private provider to  
5923            the extent the records would be public if prepared by the governmental entity;
- 5924            (d) contracts entered into by a governmental entity;
- 5925            (e) any account, voucher, or contract that deals with the receipt or expenditure of funds  
5926            by a governmental entity;
- 5927            (f) records relating to government assistance or incentives publicly disclosed, contracted  
5928            for, or given by a governmental entity, encouraging a person to expand or relocate a  
5929            business in Utah, except as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(35);
- 5930            (g) chronological logs and initial contact reports;
- 5931            (h) correspondence by and with a governmental entity in which the governmental entity  
5932            determines or states an opinion upon the rights of the state, a political subdivision,  
5933            the public, or any person;
- 5934            (i) empirical data contained in drafts if:
- 5935                (i) the empirical data is not reasonably available to the requester elsewhere in similar  
5936                form; and
- 5937                (ii) the governmental entity is given a reasonable opportunity to correct any errors or

- 5938                   make nonsubstantive changes before release;
- 5939           (j) drafts that are circulated to anyone other than:
- 5940                   (i) a governmental entity;
- 5941                   (ii) a political subdivision;
- 5942                   (iii) a federal agency if the governmental entity and the federal agency are jointly
- 5943                   responsible for implementation of a program or project that has been legislatively
- 5944                   approved;
- 5945                   (iv) a government-managed corporation; or
- 5946                   (v) a contractor or private provider;
- 5947           (k) drafts that have never been finalized but were relied upon by the governmental entity
- 5948                   in carrying out action or policy;
- 5949           (l) original data in a computer program if the governmental entity chooses not to
- 5950                   disclose the program;
- 5951           (m) arrest warrants after issuance, except that, for good cause, a court may order
- 5952                   restricted access to arrest warrants prior to service;
- 5953           (n) search warrants after execution and filing of the return, except that a court, for good
- 5954                   cause, may order restricted access to search warrants prior to trial;
- 5955           (o) records that would disclose information relating to formal charges or disciplinary
- 5956                   actions against a past or present governmental entity employee if:
- 5957                   (i) the disciplinary action has been completed and all time periods for administrative
- 5958                   appeal have expired; and
- 5959                   (ii) the charges on which the disciplinary action was based were sustained;
- 5960           (p) records maintained by the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the School and
- 5961                   Institutional Trust Lands Administration, or the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining that
- 5962                   evidence mineral production on government lands;
- 5963           (q) final audit reports;
- 5964           (r) occupational and professional licenses;
- 5965           (s) business licenses;
- 5966           (t) a notice of violation, a notice of agency action under Section 63G-4-201, or similar
- 5967                   records used to initiate proceedings for discipline or sanctions against persons
- 5968                   regulated by a governmental entity, but not including records that initiate employee
- 5969                   discipline; and
- 5970           (u)(i) records that disclose a standard, regulation, policy, guideline, or rule regarding
- 5971                   the operation of a correctional facility or the care and control of inmates

5972 committed to the custody of a correctional facility; and  
 5973 (ii) records that disclose the results of an audit or other inspection assessing a  
 5974 correctional facility's compliance with a standard, regulation, policy, guideline, or  
 5975 rule described in Subsection (3)(u)(i).

5976 (4) The list of public records in this section is not exhaustive and should not be used to limit  
 5977 access to records.

5978 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

5979 Section 65. Section **63G-2-302** is amended to read:

5980 **63G-2-302 (Effective 04/06/26). Private records.**

5981 (1) The following records are private:

5982 (a) records concerning an individual's eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits,  
 5983 social services, welfare benefits, or the determination of benefit levels;

5984 (b) records containing data on individuals describing medical history, diagnosis,  
 5985 condition, treatment, evaluation, or similar medical data;

5986 (c) records of publicly funded libraries that when examined alone or with other records  
 5987 identify a patron;

5988 (d) records received by or generated by or for:

5989 (i) the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission, except for:

5990 (A) the commission's summary data report that is required under legislative rule;  
 5991 and

5992 (B) any other document that is classified as public under legislative rule; or

5993 (ii) a Senate or House Ethics Committee in relation to the review of ethics  
 5994 complaints, unless the record is classified as public under legislative rule;

5995 (e) records received by, or generated by or for, the Independent Executive Branch Ethics  
 5996 Commission, except as otherwise expressly provided in Title 63A, Chapter 14,  
 5997 Review of Executive Branch Ethics Complaints;

5998 (f) records received or generated for a Senate confirmation committee concerning  
 5999 character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual:

6000 (i) if, prior to the meeting, the chair of the committee determines release of the  
 6001 records:

6002 (A) reasonably could be expected to interfere with the investigation undertaken by  
 6003 the committee; or

6004 (B) would create a danger of depriving a person of a right to a fair proceeding or  
 6005 impartial hearing; and

- 6006 (ii) after the meeting, if the meeting was closed to the public;
- 6007 (g) employment records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for  
6008 employment with, a governmental entity that would disclose that individual's home  
6009 address, home telephone number, social security number, insurance coverage, marital  
6010 status, or payroll deductions;
- 6011 (h) records or parts of records under Section 63G-2-303 that a current or former  
6012 employee identifies as private according to the requirements of that section;
- 6013 (i) that part of a record indicating a person's social security number or federal employer  
6014 identification number if provided under Section 31A-23a-104, 31A-25-202,  
6015 31A-26-202, 58-1-301, 58-55-302, 61-1-4, or 61-2f-203;
- 6016 (j) that part of a voter registration record identifying a voter's:  
6017 (i) driver license or identification card number;  
6018 (ii) social security number, or last four digits of the social security number;  
6019 (iii) email address;  
6020 (iv) [date] day, month, or year of birth; or  
6021 (v) phone number;
- 6022 (k) a voter registration record that is classified as a private record by the lieutenant  
6023 governor or a county clerk under Subsection 20A-2-101.1(5)(a)[, 20A-2-104(4)(h),]  
6024 or 20A-2-204(4)(b);
- 6025 (l) a voter registration record [~~that is withheld under Subsection 20A-2-104(7)~~] of an  
6026 at-risk voter, as defined in Section 20A-2-601;
- 6027 (m) the following forms and supporting verification:  
6028 (i) a withholding request form used, before April 6, 2026, to request that a voter's  
6029 voter registration be withheld as a private record, and any verification submitted  
6030 in support of the form;
- 6031 (ii) an at-risk voter designation request form described in [Subsections 20A-2-104(7)  
6032 and (8)] Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted in support of the form;
- 6033 (iii) a notice described in Section 20A-2-602; and  
6034 (iv) a form relating to a request described in Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604,  
6035 20A-2-605, or 20A-2-607;
- 6036 (n) a record or information regarding whether a voter returned a ballot with postage  
6037 attached;
- 6038 (o) a record that:  
6039 (i) contains information about an individual;

- 6040 (ii) is voluntarily provided by the individual; and
- 6041 (iii) goes into an electronic database that:
- 6042 (A) is designated by and administered under the authority of the [~~Chief~~
- 6043 ~~Information Officer~~] chief information officer; and
- 6044 (B) acts as a repository of information about the individual that can be
- 6045 electronically retrieved and used to facilitate the individual's online interaction
- 6046 with a state agency;
- 6047 (p) information provided to the [~~Commissioner of Insurance~~] commissioner of insurance
- 6048 under:
- 6049 (i) Subsection 31A-23a-115(3)(a);
- 6050 (ii) Subsection 31A-23a-302(4); or
- 6051 (iii) Subsection 31A-26-210(4);
- 6052 (q) information obtained through a criminal background check under Title 11, Chapter
- 6053 40, Criminal Background Checks by Political Subdivisions Operating Water Systems;
- 6054 (r) information provided by an offender that is:
- 6055 (i) required by the registration requirements of Title 53, Chapter 29, Sex, Kidnap, and
- 6056 Child Abuse Offender Registry; and
- 6057 (ii) not required to be made available to the public under Subsection 53-29-404(3)(a);
- 6058 (s) a statement and any supporting documentation filed with the attorney general in
- 6059 accordance with Section 34-45-107, if the federal law or action supporting the filing
- 6060 involves homeland security;
- 6061 (t) electronic toll collection customer account information received or collected under
- 6062 Section 72-6-118 and customer information described in Section 17B-2a-815
- 6063 received or collected by a public transit district, including contact and payment
- 6064 information and customer travel data;
- 6065 (u) an email address provided by a military or overseas voter under Section 20A-16-501;
- 6066 (v) a completed military-overseas ballot that is electronically transmitted under Title
- 6067 20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act;
- 6068 (w) records received by or generated by or for the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review
- 6069 Commission established in Section 63A-15-201, except for:
- 6070 (i) the commission's summary data report that is required in Section 63A-15-202; and
- 6071 (ii) any other document that is classified as public in accordance with Title 63A,
- 6072 Chapter 15, Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission;
- 6073 (x) a record described in Section 53G-9-604 that verifies that a parent was notified of an

- 6074 incident or threat;
- 6075 (y) a criminal background check or credit history report conducted in accordance with  
6076 Section 63A-3-201;
- 6077 (z) a record described in Subsection 53-5a-104(7);
- 6078 (aa) on a record maintained by a county for the purpose of administering property taxes,  
6079 an individual's:
- 6080 (i) email address;
- 6081 (ii) phone number; or
- 6082 (iii) personal financial information related to a person's payment method;
- 6083 (bb) a record submitted by a taxpayer to establish the taxpayer's eligibility for an  
6084 exemption, deferral, abatement, or relief under:
- 6085 (i) Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 11, Exemptions; or
- 6086 (ii) Title 59, Chapter 2a, Tax Relief Through Property Tax;
- 6087 (cc) a record provided by the State Tax Commission in response to a request under  
6088 Subsection 59-1-403(4)(y)(iii);
- 6089 (dd) a record of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel regarding an individual  
6090 child welfare case, as described in Subsection 36-33-103(3);
- 6091 (ee) a record relating to drug or alcohol testing of a state employee under Section  
6092 63A-17-1004;
- 6093 (ff) a record relating to a request by a state elected official or state employee who has  
6094 been threatened to the Division of Technology Services to remove personal  
6095 identifying information from the open web under Section 63A-16-109;
- 6096 (gg) a record including confidential information as that term is defined in Section  
6097 67-27-106; and
- 6098 (hh) a record or notice received or generated under Title 53, Chapter 30, Security  
6099 Improvements Act, relating to:
- 6100 (i) an application for certification described in Section 53-30-201; or
- 6101 (ii) a security improvement, including a building permit application or building  
6102 permit for a security improvement described in Section 53-30-301.
- 6103 (2) The following records are private if properly classified by a governmental entity:
- 6104 (a) records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for employment  
6105 with a governmental entity, including performance evaluations and personal status  
6106 information such as race, religion, or disabilities, but not including records that are  
6107 public under Subsection 63G-2-301(2)(b) or 63G-2-301(3)(o) or private under

- 6108 Subsection (1)(b);
- 6109 (b) records describing an individual's finances, except that the following are public:
- 6110 (i) records described in Subsection 63G-2-301(2);
- 6111 (ii) information provided to the governmental entity for the purpose of complying
- 6112 with a financial assurance requirement; or
- 6113 (iii) records that must be disclosed in accordance with another statute;
- 6114 (c) records of independent state agencies if the disclosure of those records would
- 6115 conflict with the fiduciary obligations of the agency;
- 6116 (d) other records containing data on individuals the disclosure of which constitutes a
- 6117 clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- 6118 (e) records provided by the United States or by a government entity outside the state that
- 6119 are given with the requirement that the records be managed as private records, if the
- 6120 providing entity states in writing that the record would not be subject to public
- 6121 disclosure if retained by it;
- 6122 (f) any portion of a record in the custody of the Division of Aging and Adult Services,
- 6123 created in Section 26B-6-102, that may disclose, or lead to the discovery of, the
- 6124 identity of a person who made a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a
- 6125 vulnerable adult; and
- 6126 (g) audio and video recordings created by a body-worn camera, as defined in Section
- 6127 77-7a-103, that record sound or images inside a home or residence except for
- 6128 recordings that:
- 6129 (i) depict the commission of an alleged crime;
- 6130 (ii) record any encounter between a law enforcement officer and a person that results
- 6131 in death or bodily injury, or includes an instance when an officer fires a weapon;
- 6132 (iii) record any encounter that is the subject of a complaint or a legal proceeding
- 6133 against a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency;
- 6134 (iv) contain an officer-involved critical incident as defined in Subsection
- 6135 76-2-408(1)(f); or
- 6136 (v) have been requested for reclassification as a public record by a subject or
- 6137 authorized agent of a subject featured in the recording.
- 6138 (3)(a) As used in this Subsection (3), "medical records" means medical reports, records,
- 6139 statements, history, diagnosis, condition, treatment, and evaluation.
- 6140 (b) Medical records in the possession of the University of Utah Hospital, its clinics,
- 6141 doctors, or affiliated entities are not private records or controlled records under

- 6142 Section 63G-2-304 when the records are sought:
- 6143 (i) in connection with any legal or administrative proceeding in which the patient's
- 6144 physical, mental, or emotional condition is an element of any claim or defense; or
- 6145 (ii) after a patient's death, in any legal or administrative proceeding in which any
- 6146 party relies upon the condition as an element of the claim or defense.
- 6147 (c) Medical records are subject to production in a legal or administrative proceeding
- 6148 according to state or federal statutes or rules of procedure and evidence as if the
- 6149 medical records were in the possession of a nongovernmental medical care provider.

6150 Section 66. Section **63G-2-303** is amended to read:

6151 **63G-2-303 (Effective 04/06/26). Private information concerning certain**

6152 **government employees.**

6153 (1) As used in this section:

- 6154 (a) "At-risk government employee" means a current or former:
- 6155 (i) peace officer as specified in Section 53-13-102;
- 6156 (ii) state or federal judge of an appellate, district, justice, or juvenile court, or court
- 6157 commissioner;
- 6158 (iii) judge authorized by Title 39A, Chapter 5, Utah Code of Military Justice;
- 6159 (iv) judge authorized by Armed Forces, Title 10, United States Code;
- 6160 (v) federal prosecutor;
- 6161 (vi) prosecutor appointed pursuant to Armed Forces, Title 10, United States Code;
- 6162 (vii) law enforcement official as defined in Section 53-5a-311;
- 6163 (viii) prosecutor authorized by Title 39A, Chapter 5, Utah Code of Military Justice; or
- 6164 (ix) state or local government employee who, because of the unique nature of the
- 6165 employee's regular work assignments or because of one or more recent credible
- 6166 threats directed to or against the employee, would be at immediate and substantial
- 6167 risk of physical harm if the employee's personal information is disclosed.
- 6168 (b) "Family member" means the spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of an
- 6169 at-risk government employee who is living with the employee.
- 6170 (c) "Personal information" means the employee's or the employee's family member's
- 6171 home address, home telephone number, personal mobile telephone number, personal
- 6172 pager number, personal email address, social security number, insurance coverage,
- 6173 marital status, or payroll deductions.

6174 (2)(a) Pursuant to Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(h), an at-risk government employee may

6175 file a written application that:

- 6176 (i) gives notice of the employee's status as an at-risk government employee to each  
6177 agency of a government entity holding a record or a part of a record that would  
6178 disclose the employee's personal information; and
- 6179 (ii) requests that the government agency classify those records or parts of records as  
6180 private.
- 6181 (b) An at-risk government employee desiring to file an application under this section  
6182 may request assistance from the government agency to identify the individual records  
6183 containing personal information.
- 6184 (c) Each government agency shall develop a form that:
- 6185 (i) requires the at-risk government employee to designate each specific record or part  
6186 of a record containing the employee's personal information that the applicant  
6187 desires to be classified as private;
- 6188 (ii) affirmatively requests that the government entity holding those records classify  
6189 them as private;
- 6190 (iii) informs the employee that by submitting a completed form the employee may  
6191 not receive official announcements affecting the employee's property, including  
6192 notices about proposed municipal annexations, incorporations, or zoning  
6193 modifications; and
- 6194 (iv) contains a place for the signature required under Subsection (2)(d).
- 6195 (d) A form submitted by an employee under Subsection (2)(c) shall be signed by the  
6196 highest ranking elected or appointed official in the employee's chain of command  
6197 certifying that the employee submitting the form is an at-risk government employee.
- 6198 (3) A county recorder, county treasurer, county auditor, or a county tax assessor may fully  
6199 satisfy the requirements of this section by:
- 6200 (a) providing a method for the assessment roll and index and the tax roll and index that  
6201 will block public access to the home address, home telephone number, situs address,  
6202 and Social Security number; and
- 6203 (b) providing the at-risk government employee requesting the classification with a  
6204 disclaimer informing the employee that the employee may not receive official  
6205 announcements affecting the employee's property, including notices about proposed  
6206 annexations, incorporations, or zoning modifications.
- 6207 (4) A government agency holding records of an at-risk government employee classified as  
6208 private under this section may release the record or part of the record if:
- 6209 (a) the employee or former employee gives written consent;

- 6210 (b) a court orders release of the records; or  
6211 (c) the government agency receives a certified death certificate for the employee or  
6212 former employee[; ~~or~~] .  
6213 [~~(d) as it relates to the employee's voter registration record:]~~  
6214 [~~(i) the person to whom the record or part of the record is released is a qualified~~  
6215 ~~person under Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(n); and]~~  
6216 [~~(ii) the government agency's release of the record or part of the record complies with~~  
6217 ~~the requirements of Subsection 20A-2-104(4)(o).]~~  
6218 (5)(a) If the government agency holding the private record receives a subpoena for the  
6219 records, the government agency shall attempt to notify the at-risk government  
6220 employee or former employee by mailing a copy of the subpoena to the employee's  
6221 last-known mailing address together with a request that the employee either:  
6222 (i) authorize release of the record; or  
6223 (ii) within 10 days of the date that the copy and request are mailed, deliver to the  
6224 government agency holding the private record a copy of a motion to quash filed  
6225 with the court who issued the subpoena.  
6226 (b) The government agency shall comply with the subpoena if the government agency  
6227 has:  
6228 (i) received permission from the at-risk government employee or former employee to  
6229 comply with the subpoena;  
6230 (ii) not received a copy of a motion to quash within 10 days of the date that the copy  
6231 of the subpoena was mailed; or  
6232 (iii) received a court order requiring release of the records.  
6233 (6)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a form submitted under this section  
6234 remains in effect until the earlier of:  
6235 (i) four years after the date the employee signs the form, whether or not the  
6236 employee's employment terminates before the end of the four-year period; and  
6237 (ii) one year after the government agency receives official notice of the death of the  
6238 employee.  
6239 (b) A form submitted under this section may be rescinded at any time by:  
6240 (i) the at-risk government employee who submitted the form; or  
6241 (ii) if the at-risk government employee is deceased, a member of the employee's  
6242 immediate family.  
6243 Section 67. Section **73-10d-4** is amended to read:

6244 **73-10d-4 (Effective 05/25/26). Notice of intention to enter privatization project --**  
6245 **Petition for election -- Certification of petition signatures -- Removal of signature --**  
6246 **Election procedures -- Powers of political subdivision -- Public bidding laws not to apply.**

6247 (1)(a) The governing authority of any political subdivision considering entering into a  
6248 privatization project agreement shall issue a notice of intention setting forth a brief  
6249 summary of the agreement provisions and the time within which and place at which  
6250 petitions may be filed requesting the calling of an election in the political subdivision  
6251 to determine whether the agreement should be approved.

6252 (b) The notice of intention shall specify the form of the petitions.

6253 (c) If, within 30 days after the publication of the notice of intention, petitions are filed  
6254 with the clerk, recorder, or similar officer of the political subdivision, signed by at  
6255 least 5% of the registered voters of the political subdivision (as certified by the  
6256 county clerks of the respective counties within which the political subdivision is  
6257 located pursuant to Subsections (7) and (8)[)] requesting an election be held to  
6258 authorize the agreement, then the governing authority shall proceed to call and hold  
6259 an election.

6260 (d) If an adequate petition is not filed within 30 days, the governing authority may adopt  
6261 a resolution so finding and may proceed to enter into the agreement.

6262 (e) The first page of a petition described in this Subsection (1) shall include the  
6263 following statement in at least the same size type as the majority of the other  
6264 statements on the page:

6265 "WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION

6266 RECORDS

6267 If you sign this petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed  
6268 may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter  
6269 with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record."

6270 (2) If, under Subsection (1), the governing authority of a political subdivision is required to  
6271 call an election to authorize an agreement, the governing authority shall adopt a  
6272 resolution directing that an election be held in the political subdivision for the purpose of  
6273 determining whether the political subdivision may enter into the agreement. The  
6274 resolution calling the election shall be adopted, notice of the election shall be given,  
6275 voting precincts shall be established, the election shall be held, voters' qualifications  
6276 shall be determined, and the results shall be canvassed in the manner and subject to the  
6277 conditions provided for in Title 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act.

- 6278 (3) A political subdivision may, upon approval of an agreement as provided by Subsections  
6279 (1) and (2) and subject to the powers and rules of the supervising agency:
- 6280 (a) supervise and regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of all  
6281 privatization projects within its jurisdiction or in which it has a contractual interest;
  - 6282 (b) contract, by entry into agreements with private owner/operators for the provision  
6283 within its jurisdiction of the services of privatization projects;
  - 6284 (c) levy and collect taxes, as otherwise provided by law, and impose and collect  
6285 assessments, fees, or charges for services provided by privatization projects, as  
6286 appropriate, and, subject to any limitation imposed by the constitution, pledge,  
6287 assign, or otherwise convey as security for the payment of its obligations under any  
6288 agreements any revenues and receipts derived from any assessments, fees, or charges  
6289 for services provided by privatization projects;
  - 6290 (d) require the private owner/operator to obtain any and all licenses as appropriate under  
6291 federal, state, and local law and impose other requirements which are necessary or  
6292 desirable to discharge the responsibility of the political subdivision to supervise and  
6293 regulate the construction, maintenance, ownership, and operation of any privatization  
6294 project;
  - 6295 (e) control the right to contract, maintain, own, and operate any privatization project and  
6296 the services provided in connection with that project within its jurisdiction;
  - 6297 (f) purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire all or any part of a privatization project;
  - 6298 (g) with respect to the services of any privatization project, control the right to establish  
6299 or regulate the rates paid by the users of the services within the jurisdiction of the  
6300 political subdivision;
  - 6301 (h) agree that the sole and exclusive right to provide the services within its jurisdiction  
6302 related to privatization projects be assumed by any private owner/operator;
  - 6303 (i) contract for the lease or purchase of land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles for the  
6304 operation of privatization projects;
  - 6305 (j) lease, sell, or otherwise convey, as permitted by state and local law, but without any  
6306 requirement of competitive public bidding, land, facilities, equipment, and vehicles,  
6307 previously used in connection with privatization projects, to private owner/operators;  
6308 and
  - 6309 (k) establish policies for the operation of any privatization project within its jurisdiction  
6310 or with respect to which it has a contractual interest, including hours of operation, the  
6311 character and kinds of services, and other rules necessary for the safety of operating

- 6312 personnel.
- 6313 (4) Any political subdivision may enter into agreements with respect to privatization  
6314 projects. Agreements may contain provisions relating to, without limitation, any matter  
6315 provided for in this section or consistent with the purposes of this chapter.
- 6316 (5) Any agreement entered into between a political subdivision and a private  
6317 owner/operator for the provision of the services of a privatization project is considered  
6318 an exercise of that political subdivision's business or proprietary power binding upon its  
6319 succeeding governing authorities. Any agreement made by a political subdivision with a  
6320 private owner/operator for payment for services provided or to be provided may not be  
6321 construed to be an indebtedness or a lending of credit of the political subdivision within  
6322 the meaning of any constitutional or statutory restriction.
- 6323 (6) The provisions of the various laws of the state and the rules or ordinances of a political  
6324 subdivision which would otherwise require public bidding in respect to any matter  
6325 provided for in this chapter shall have no application to that matter.
- 6326 (7) If a petition is presented to the clerk of a political subdivision under Subsection (1):  
6327 (a) as applicable, within three business days after the day on which the clerk receives the  
6328 petition, the clerk shall provide the petition to the county clerk for the county in  
6329 which the political subdivision is located; and  
6330 (b) within 14 days after the day on which a county clerk receives a petition under this  
6331 section, the county clerk shall:  
6332 (i) use the procedures described in Section 20A-1-1002 to determine whether the  
6333 petition satisfies the requirements of Subsection (1) for a registered voter petition;  
6334 (ii) certify on the petition whether each name is that of a registered voter in the  
6335 affected political subdivision; and  
6336 (iii) as applicable, deliver the certified petition to the governing authority of the  
6337 affected political subdivision.
- 6338 (8)(a) A voter who signs a petition under Subsection (1) may have the voter's signature  
6339 removed from the petition by, no later than three business days after the day on  
6340 which the petition is provided to the county clerk, submitting to the county clerk a  
6341 statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.
- 6342 (b) A statement described in Subsection (8)(a) shall comply with the requirements  
6343 described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(2).
- 6344 (c) The county clerk shall use the procedures described in Subsection 20A-1-1003(3) to  
6345 determine whether to remove an individual's signature from a petition after receiving

6346 a timely, valid statement requesting removal of the signature.

6347 Section 68. **Effective Date.**

6348 (1) Except as provided in Subsections (2)-(4), this bill takes effect May 25, 2026.

6349 (2)(a) The actions affecting sections described in Subsection (2)(b) take effect:

6350 (i) except as provided in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), May 6, 2026; or

6351 (ii) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:

6352 (A) upon approval by the governor;

6353 (B) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time

6354 limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or

6355 (C) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

6356 (b) Subsection (2)(a) applies to the actions affecting the following sections:

6357 (i) Section 20A-1-102 (Effective upon governor's approval);

6358 (ii) Section 20A-2-504 (Effective upon governor's approval);

6359 (iii) Section 20A-2-601 (Effective upon governor's approval);

6360 (iv) Section 20A-2-602 (Effective upon governor's approval);

6361 (v) Section 20A-2-607 (Effective upon governor's approval);

6362 (vi) Section 20A-7-103 (Effective upon governor's approval) (Contingently Superseded  
**01/01/27);**

6363 (vii) Section 20A-7-702 (Effective upon governor's approval);

6364 (viii) Section 20A-7-703.1 (Effective upon governor's approval);

6365 (ix) Section 63G-2-202 (Effective upon governor's approval); and

6366 (x) Section 63G-2-210 (Effective upon governor's approval).

6367 (3)(a) The actions affecting sections described in Subsection (3)(b) take effect:

6368 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), May 6, 2026; or

6369 (ii) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house, the later of April  
 6370 6, 2026; or:

6371 (A) upon approval by the governor;

6372 (B) without the governor's approval, the day following the constitutional time

6373 limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or

6374 (C) with the governor's veto and a vote of the Legislature to override the veto, the  
 6375 date of veto override.

6376 (b) Subsection (3)(a) applies to the actions affecting the following sections:

6377 (i) Section 20A-2-101.1 (Effective 04/06/26);

6378 (ii) Section 20A-2-104 (Effective 04/06/26);

- 6379            (iii) Section 20A-2-108 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6380            (iv) Section 20A-2-204 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6381            (v) Section 20A-2-206 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6382            (vi) Section 20A-2-304 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6383            (vii) Section 20A-2-505 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6384            (viii) Section 20A-2-603 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6385            (ix) Section 20A-2-604 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6386            (x) Section 20A-2-605 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6387            (xi) Section 20A-2-606 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6388            (xii) Section 20A-5-410 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6389            (xiii) Section 20A-3a-401 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6390            (xiv) Section 20A-6-105 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6391            (xv) Section 53H-3-1304 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6392            (xvi) Section 63G-2-301 (Effective 04/06/26);  
 6393            (xvii) Section 63G-2-302 (Effective 04/06/26); and  
 6394            (xviii) Section 63G-2-303 (Effective 04/06/26).  
 6395            (4) The actions affecting Section 20A-7-103 (Contingently Effective 01/01/27) take effect  
 6396            on January 1, 2027.

6397            **Section 69. Coordinating S.B. 153 with H.B. 209.**

6398            If S.B. 153, Election Amendments, and H.B. 209, Voting Amendments, both pass and  
 6399            become law, the Legislature intends that:

6400            (1) Subsections 20A-2-204(3)(c) and (4), in S.B. 153 and H.B. 209, be amended to read:

6401            "(c) on or before the first business day that is at least five calendar days after the day on  
 6402            which the division receives a voter registration form, electronically transmit the form to the [  
 6403            Office of the Lieutenant Governor] lieutenant governor, including the following for the  
 6404            individual named on the form:

6405            (i) the name, date of birth, driver license or state identification card number, last four digits  
 6406            of the social security number, Utah residential address, place of birth, and signature;

6407            (ii) a mailing address, if different from the individual's Utah residential address;

6408            (iii) an email address and phone number, if available;

6409            (iv) the desired political affiliation, if indicated;

6410            ~~[(v) an indication of whether the individual requested that the individual's voter registration~~  
 6411            ~~record be classified as a private record under Subsection 20A-2-108(2)(b); and]~~

6412            ~~[(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) (i) a voter registration record[ that is withheld under Subsection 20A-2-104(7);] 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

6447 form;

6448 (ii) an at-risk voter designation request form described in [Subsections 20A-2-104(7) and (8)]

6449 Section 20A-2-606 and any verification submitted in support of the form;

6450 (iii) a notice described in Section 20A-2-602; and

6451 (iv) a form relating to a request described in Section 20A-2-603, 20A-2-604, 20A-2-605, or  
6452 20A-2-607;";

6453 (3) Subsection 20A-2-104(2)(d) in H.B. 209 not be enacted as Subsection 20A-2-104(2)(d)  
6454 and, instead, be enacted as Subsection 20A-2-104(1)(c) in S.B.153;

6455 (4) Subsection 20A-2-104(7) in H.B. 209 not be enacted as 20A-2-104(7) and, instead, be  
6456 enacted as Subsection 20A-2-104(4) in S.B. 153; and

6457 (5) Subsections (1) through (4) of this coordination clause take effect on:

6458 (a) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), May 6, 2026; or

6459 (b) April 6, 2026, if S.B. 153 and H.B. 209 are both approved by two-thirds of all members  
6460 elected to each house.

6461 **Section 70. Coordinating S.B. 153 with H.B. 361.**

6462 If S.B. 153, Election Amendments, and H.B. 361, Election Provisions Amendments,

6463 both pass and become law, the Legislature intends that, on May 6, 2026, Subsections  
6464 20A-2-504(4) through (7), in S.B. 153 and H.B. 361, be amended to read:

6465 "[(3)] (4) The county clerk shall remove a voter's name from the official register within five  
6466 business days after the day on which the county clerk:

6467 (a) receives, from the lieutenant governor, the information described in Subsection (3) or  
6468 26B-8-114(11) in relation to the voter; or

6469 (b) receives confirmation [from the Office of Vital Records-]that the voter is deceased[-]  
6470 from:

6471 (i) the Office of Vital Records and Statistics or the lieutenant governor;

6472 (ii) the United States Social Security Administration data; or

6473 (iii) another reliable source or document that clearly identifies that the voter is deceased.

6474 (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), the county clerk may not remove the name  
6475 of a voter from the official register during the 90 calendar days before a regular primary  
6476 election or the 90 calendar days before a regular general election.

6477 (b) The county clerk may remove the name of a voter from the official register during the  
6478 90 calendar days before a regular primary election or the 90 calendar days before a regular  
6479 general election if:

6480 (i) the voter requests, in writing, that the voter's name be removed; or

\_6481 (ii) the voter dies.  
\_6482 [~~(4)~~] (6) No later than 90 calendar days before each primary election day and general  
6483 election day[;] :  
\_6484 (a) the county clerk shall update the official register by reviewing the official register and  
6485 taking the actions permitted or required by law under this section, Section 20A-2-503, and  
6486 Section 20A-2-505[;] ; and  
\_6487 (b) the lieutenant governor shall compare the records that the lieutenant governor receives  
\_6488 under Subsections (3) and 26B-8-114(11) to the official register to ensure that each county  
\_6489 clerk complies with Subsection (4).  
\_6490 (7) Ninety calendar days before each primary and general election the lieutenant governor  
\_6491 shall compare the information the lieutenant governor has received from the Office of Vital  
\_6492 Records and Statistics, the United States Social Security Administration data, and other  
\_6493 reliable sources with the official register of voters to ensure that all deceased voters have been  
\_6494 removed from the official register."