

AGENDA

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, April 20, 2005 • 8:00 a.m. • Room W130 House Building

Approximate
Time Frame

8:00 **1. Committee Business**

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2004 meeting
- Introductions and Orientation

8:10 **2. Election Voting Equipment**

Since 2002, when Congress passed the "Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)," the Utah Elections Office has been working to ensure the state's compliance with the new federal requirements. HAVA requires that state voting systems allow all voters, including those with disabilities, to independently and privately cast ballots and to verify their selections. The voting systems must notify voters of "overvotes" and allow voters to correct any errors before casting their ballots. The Utah Elections Office has issued a RFP (request for proposals) for new voting equipment that will meet the needs of Utah voters and that complies with HAVA. The Utah Elections Office is currently in the process of evaluating vendor proposals. Both vendors that displayed voting equipment at the March 30 public mock election demonstration have been invited to provide a demonstration for committee members during the meeting. Following a hands-on trial, the vendors will be available to answer questions of committee members. What is the selection process and what is the current status of the process? What decisions remain to be made and who will make the decisions? What is the Legislature's role in the process? How will the new equipment be funded? How will voting equipment security be ensured?

- Gary Herbert, Lieutenant Governor
- Michael Cragun, Elections Division, Lieutenant Governor's Office

10:05 **3. Other Items / Adjourn**