

# Lieutenant Governor's Office

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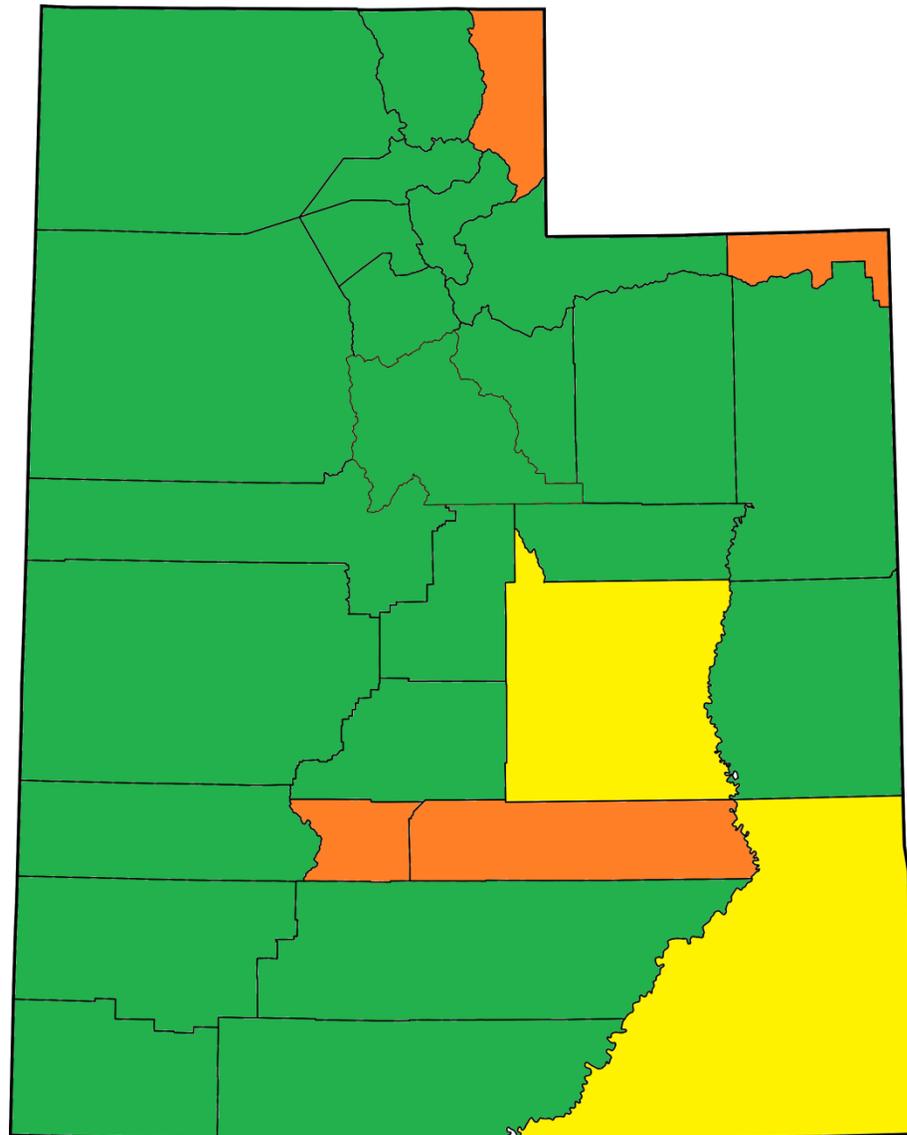
# Utah's Voting Machines

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- Aging machines
  - Purchased machines in 2005
  - Life expectancy is 10-15 years
- Voting Equipment Selection Committee
  - Providing information and recommendations to Lt. Governor
  - RFP to be issued in the coming months

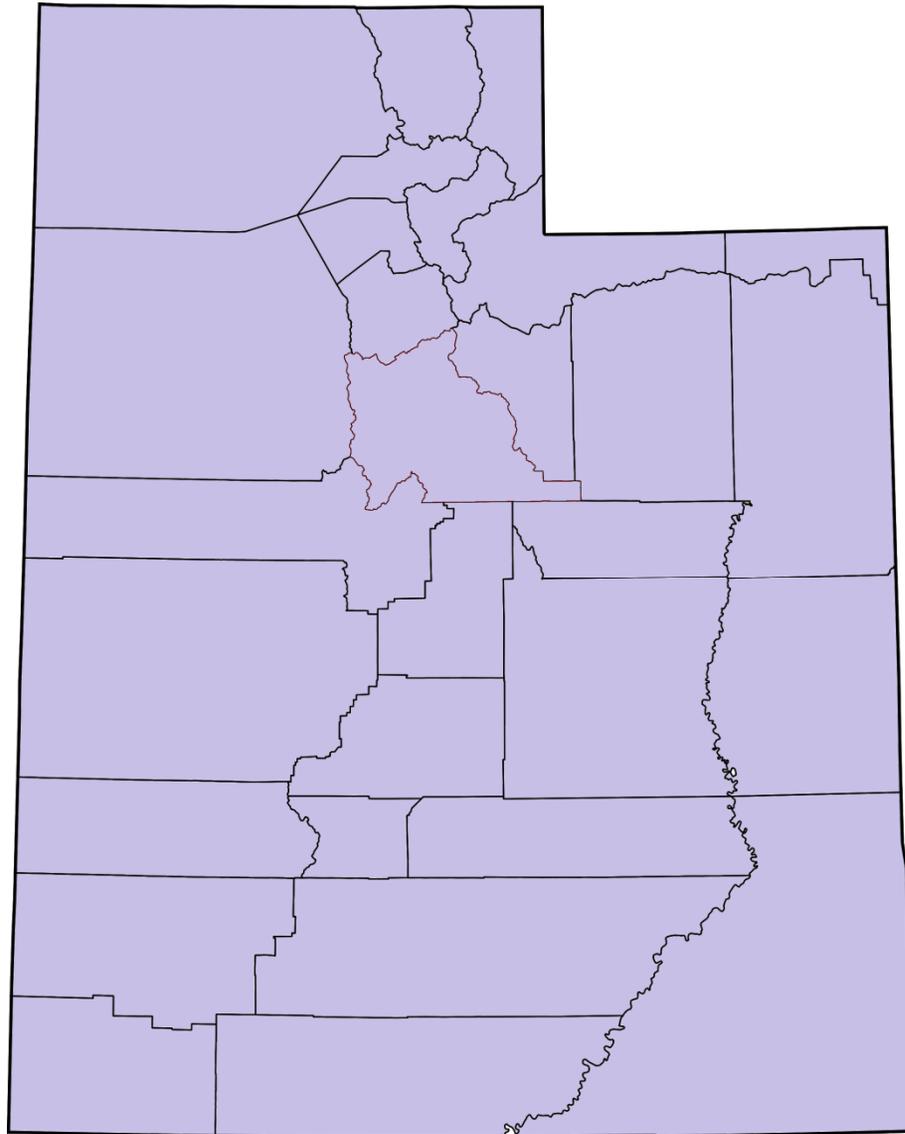


# Voting Machines in 2000



-  Punchcard Ballots
-  Paper Ballots
-  Optical Ballots

# Voting Machines after 2005



■ Electronic Voting Machine

(Utah is 1 of 18 states with a uniform voting system)

# Advantages to a Uniform System

- Cost savings & contract negotiation
- Uniformity of training & procedures
- State support for counties & voters
- Most counties prefer uniform system



# Estimated Cost

- Cost (assuming most counties continue vote by-mail): \$10 million
  - Cost shared with counties
  - Incremental funding over 2-3 years
- Appropriation requests
  - HB16: \$2.5 million
  - Governor's Budget: \$500K

