Road Map:

▪ Perspectives
▪ Utah’s 2018 initiatives
▪ Statewide Initiatives Process
States with Initiative Process

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
States with Initiative Process

- No Initiative Process
- Direct Initiative Process
- Indirect Initiative Process
- Direct & Indirect Initiative Process

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Utah Initiatives on Ballot by Year

- Defeated
- Passed
Six initiatives filed for 2018 election
Step 1: Filing Application

- Clear title and text
- Tax increase statement
- Paid circulators statement
Step 1: Filing Application

Reasons lieutenant governor may reject:
1. patently unconstitutional
2. nonsensical
3. could not become law if passed
4. contains more than one subject
5. unclear title
6. already proposed in last two years (+ signatures submitted)
Step 2: Fiscal Impact Estimate
Step 3: Public Hearings

Required in Each of 7 Regions
2 in 1st or 2nd Class Counties
Step 3: Public Hearings
2018 STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVES
BALLOT INITIATIVE TIMELINE | FEBRUARY 2018

1. UT Decides Healthcare
   - Filing of Application: 10/2/17
   - Fiscal Impact: 10/27/17
   - Public Hearings: 11/2/17

2. Count My Vote
   - Filing of Application: 9/27/17
   - Fiscal Impact: 10/19/17
   - Public Hearings: 10/30/17

3. Better Boundaries
   - Filing of Application: 7/20/17
   - Fiscal Impact: 8/21/17
   - Public Hearings: 9/2/17

4. UT Medical Cannabis
   - Filing of Application: 6/26/17
   - Fiscal Impact: 7/25/17
   - Public Hearings: 7/29/17

5. Our Schools Now
   - Filing of Application: 6/6/17
   - Fiscal Impact: 6/29/17
   - Public Hearings: 7/20/17

6. Keep My Voice
   - Filing of Application: 1/9/18
   - Fiscal Impact: 2/5/18
Step 4: Petition Materials

Approves Petition Materials

Provides signature sheets
Senate districts in which 10% threshold must be reached
Step 5: Signature Gathering

Submission Deadline

Sooner of:

April 15

-or-

316 days after filing date
2018 STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVES
BALLOT INITIATIVE TIMELINE | FEBRUARY 2018

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Clerks return signature packets to the Lieutenant Governor by May 15
June 1

Step 7: Signature Declaration
Step 8: Ballot Title

June 5 – June 26
Step 9: General Election

November 6, 2018
Step 10: Canvass and Proclamation

November 26, 2018 @ noon
Step 11: Effective Date

Effective date specified? 5 days after proclamation

Dec. 1, 2018
After Election

▪ No Veto
▪ Final Fiscal Impact Statement
▪ Legislature May Legislate
Resources

▪ Elections.Utah.gov → Election Resources → 2018 Initiatives
▪ Initiative Summaries
▪ Initiative Process Summary
Questions or Comments?

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