

# Statewide Initiatives in Utah

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History, Process, and  
Perspectives



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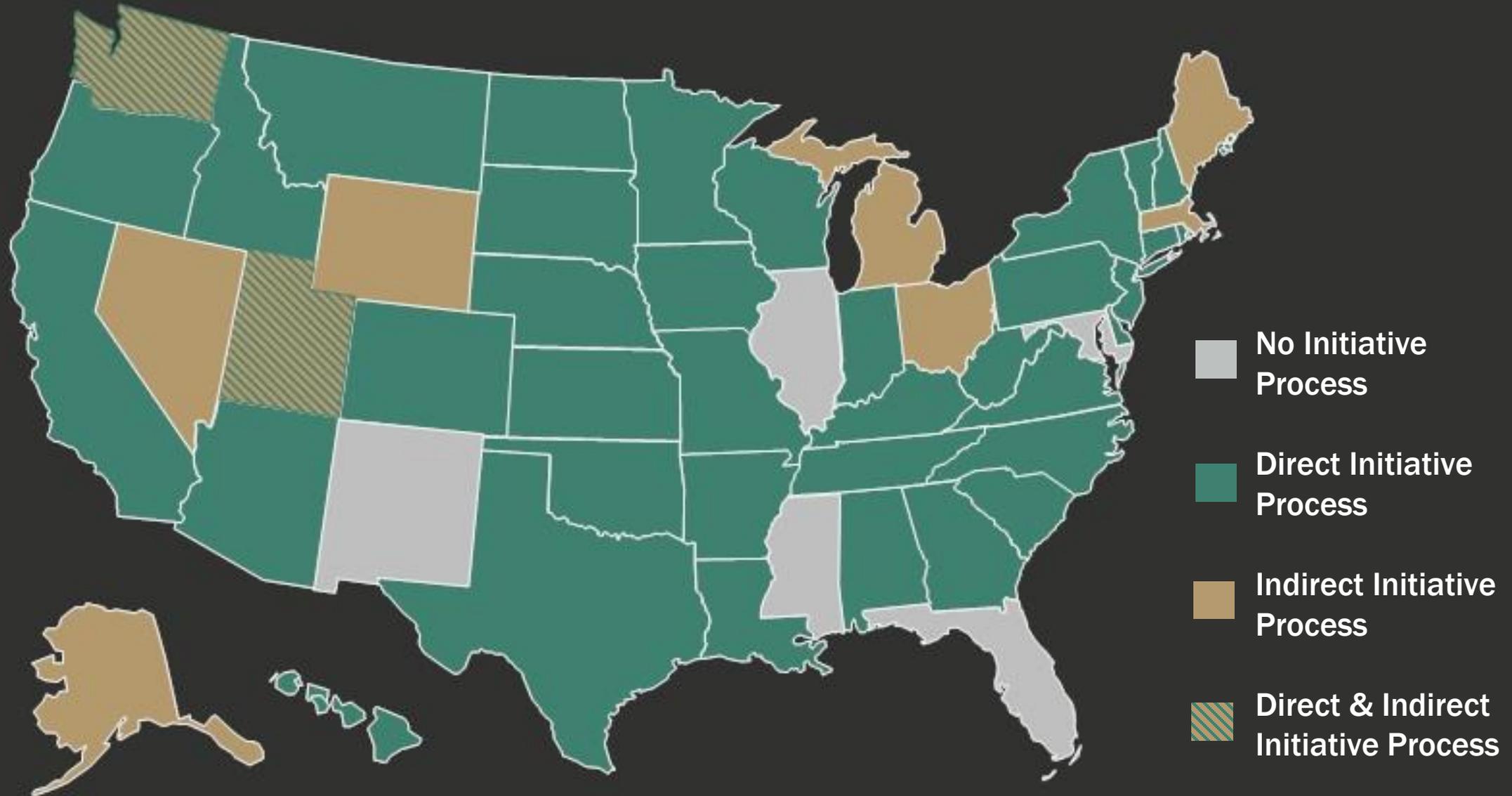


# Road Map:

- Perspectives
- Utah's 2018 initiatives
- Statewide Initiatives Process



# States with Initiative Process



# Utah Constitution - Article VI Section 1

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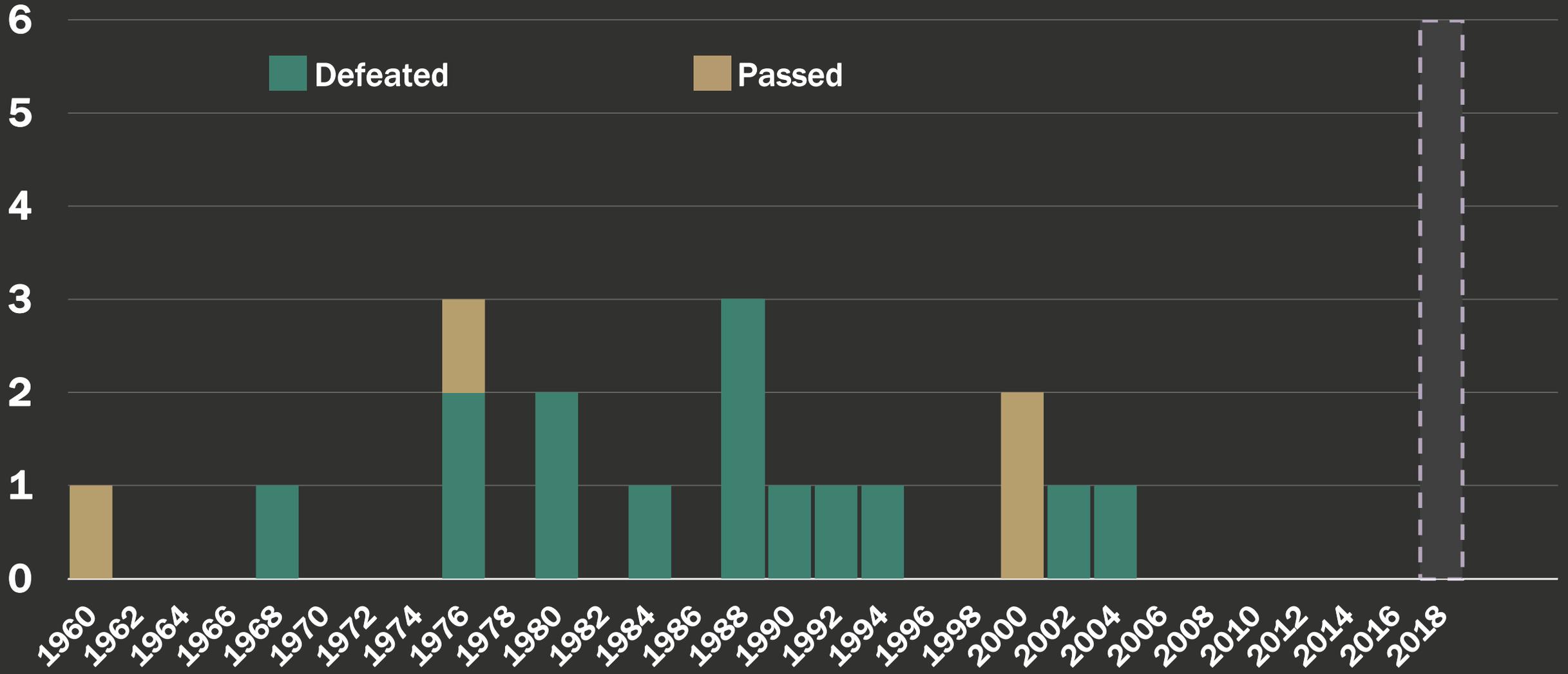
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**in the numbers, under the conditions, in the manner, and within the time provided by statute,**

**may initiate any desired legislation and cause it to be submitted to the people for adoption upon a majority vote of those voting on the legislation, as provided by statute.**

# Utah Initiatives on Ballot by Year



# Six initiatives filed for 2018 election

**OUR SCHOOLS NOW!**

B	★	
O	U	N
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**UTAH**   
**DECIDES**  
HEALTHCARE

 **UTAH**  
**PATIENTS**  
COALITION

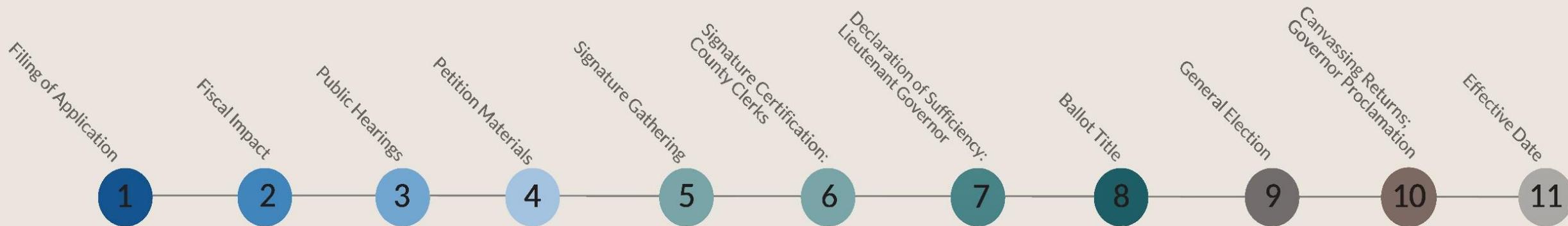
 **KEEP MY**  
**VOICE**

  
*count my vote*  
UTAH

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# 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)**

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Filing of Application

1

UT Decides Healthcare 10/2/17

Count My Vote 9/27/17

Better Boundaries 7/20/17

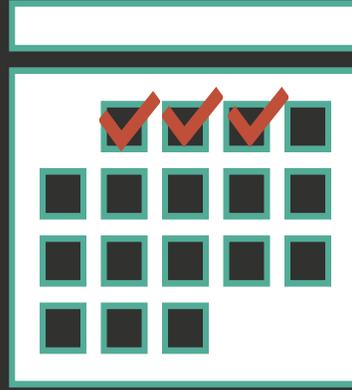
UT Medical Cannabis 6/26/17

Our Schools Now 6/6/17

Keep My Voice 1/9/18

**Step 2:**  
Fiscal Impact  
Estimate

Lieutenant Governor

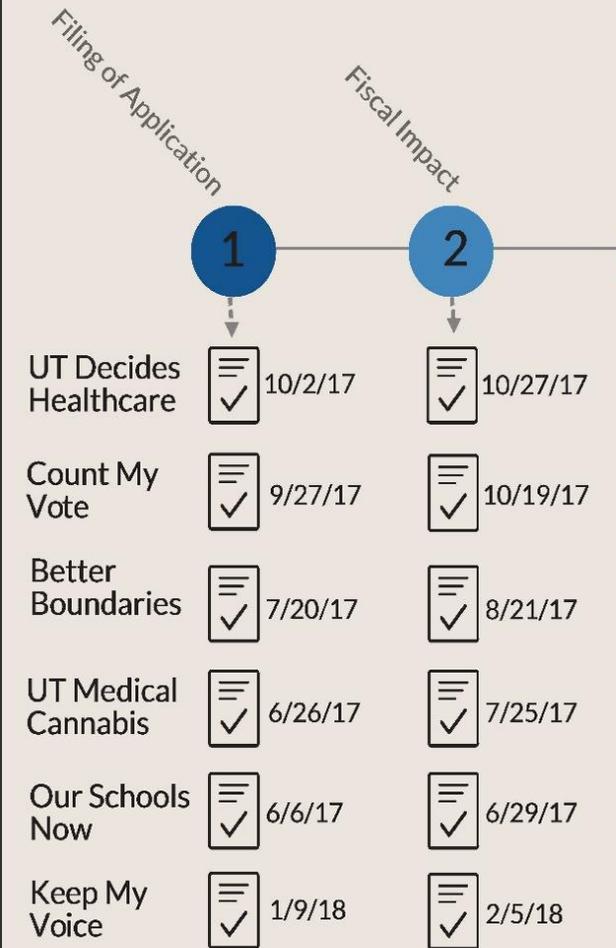


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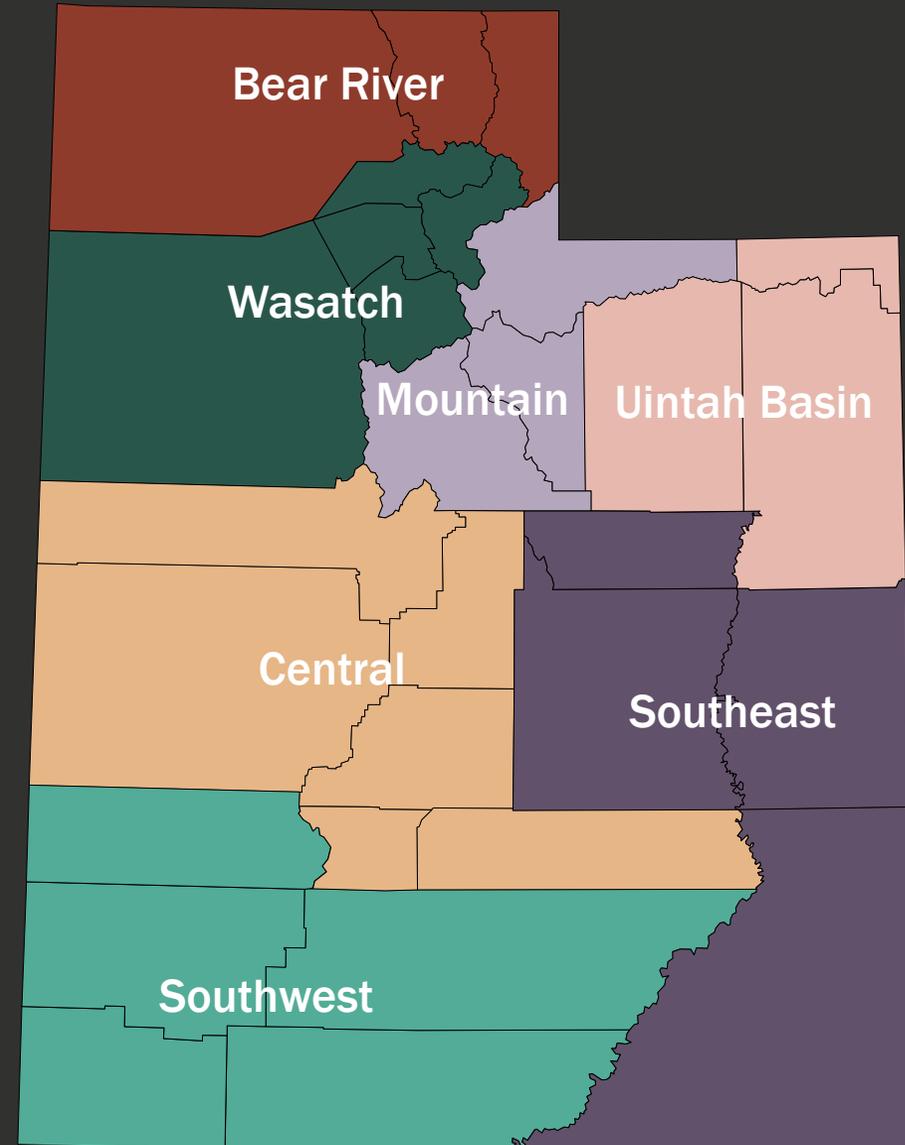
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**Step 3:  
Public  
Hearings**

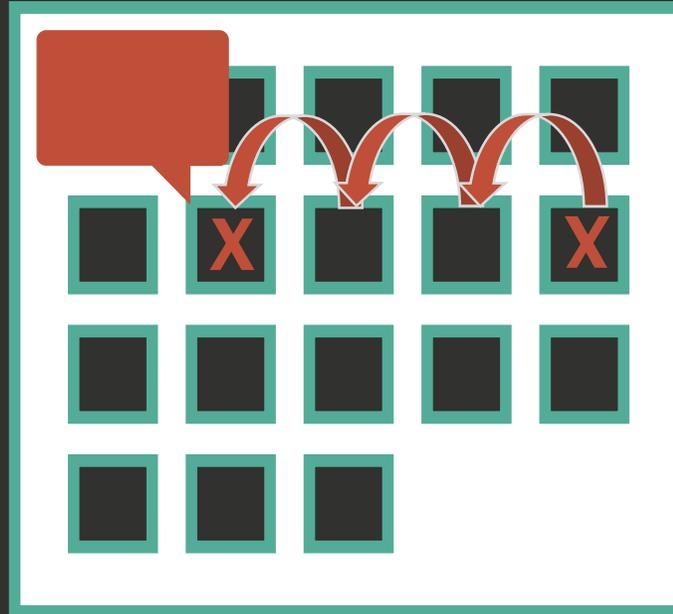
# Required in Each of 7 Regions

2 in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Counties



# Step 3: Public Hearings

## Public Notice

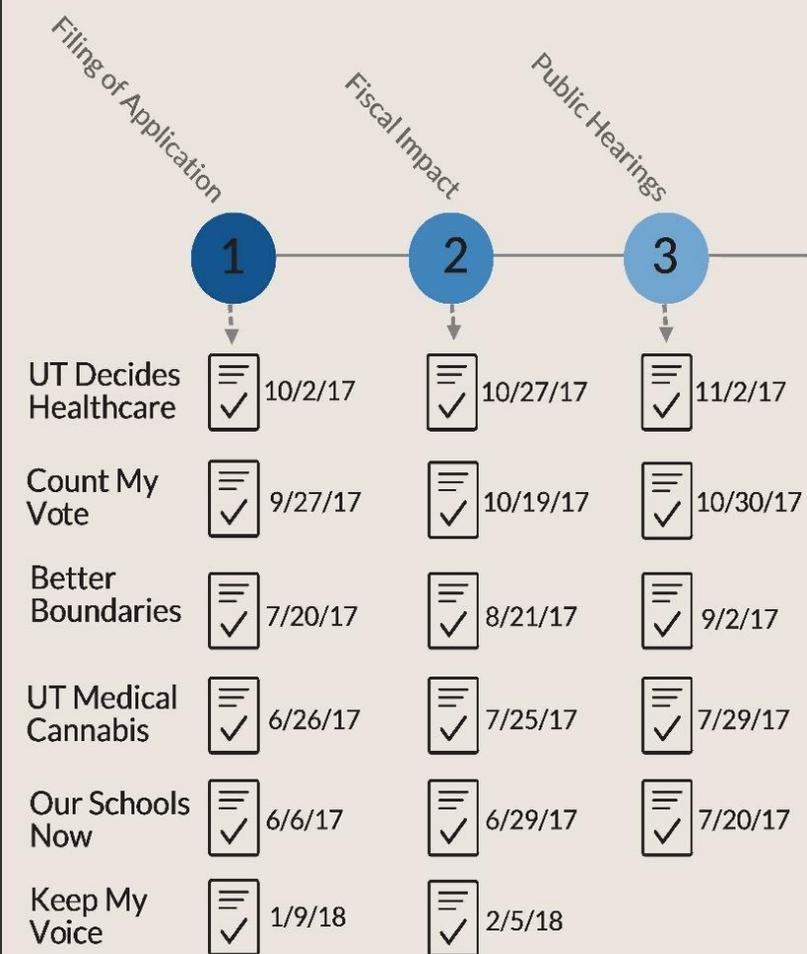


Minutes

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# Lieutenant Governor:

**Step 4:**  
Petition  
Materials



Approves Petition Materials

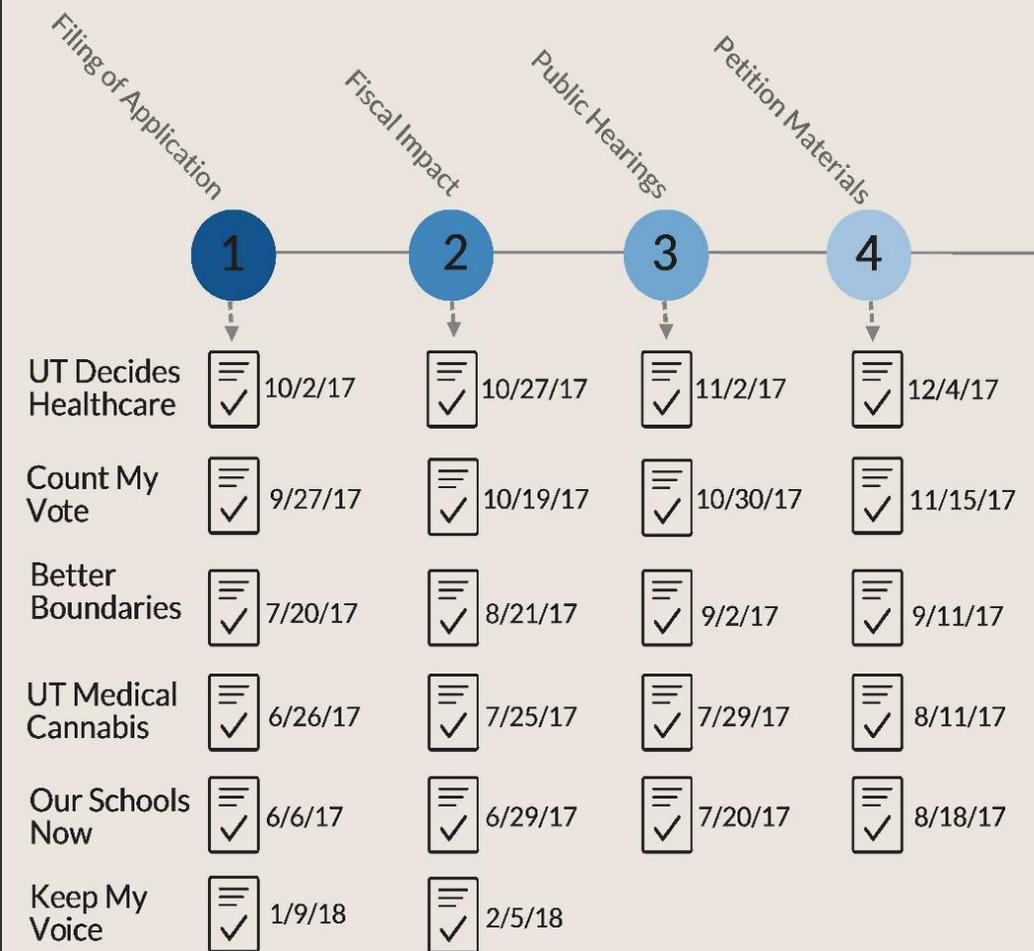


Provides signature sheets

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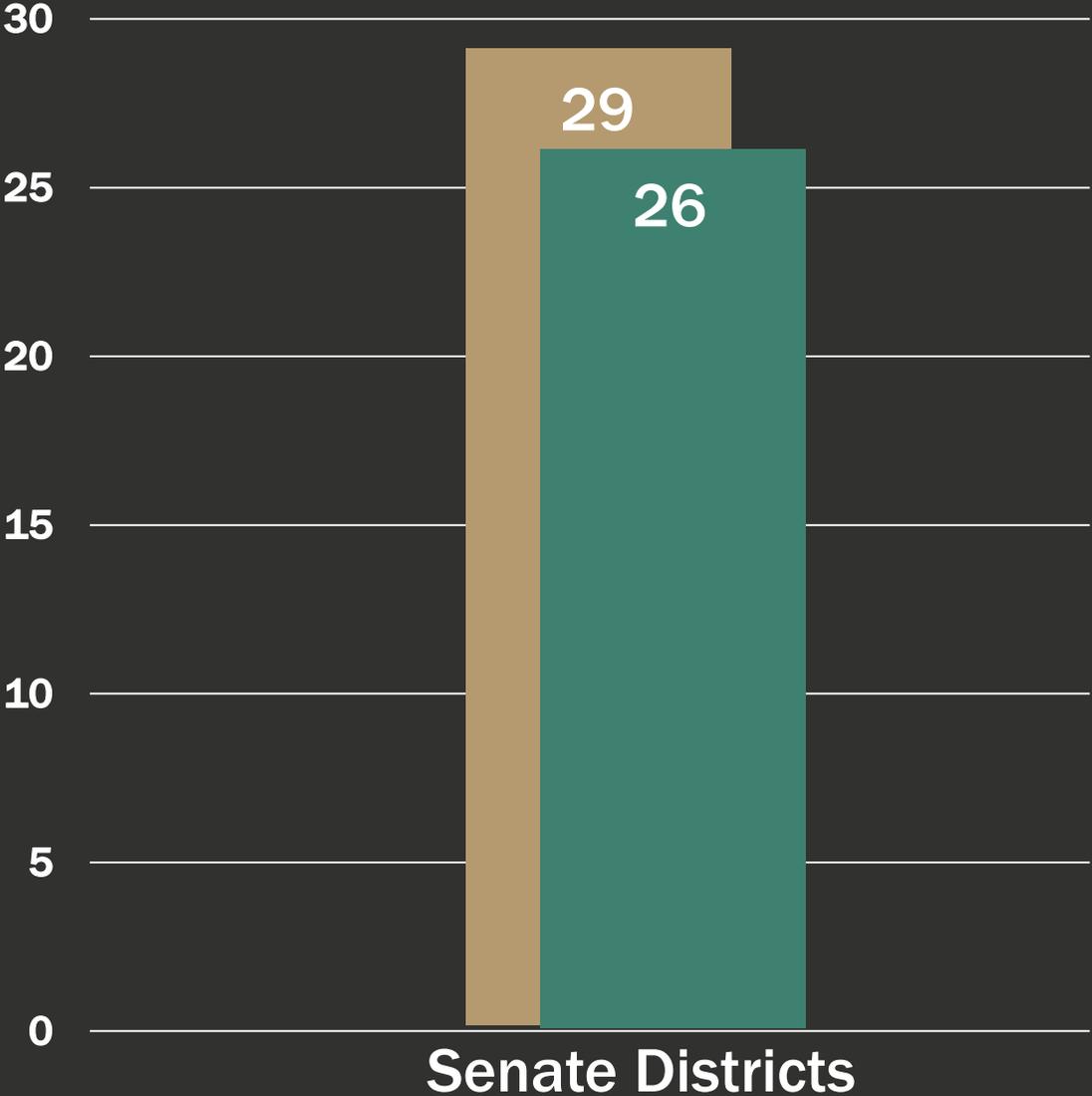
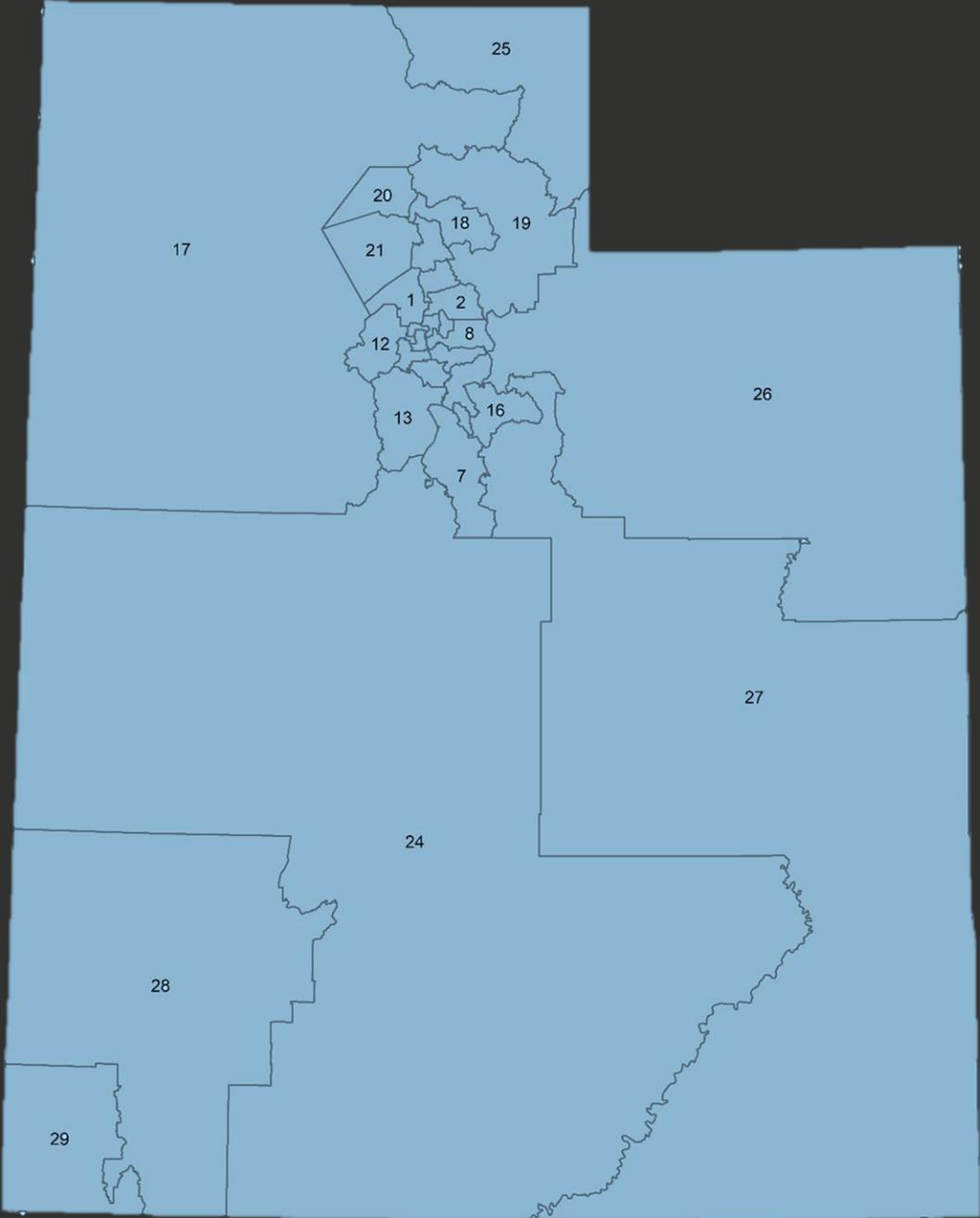
**10%**

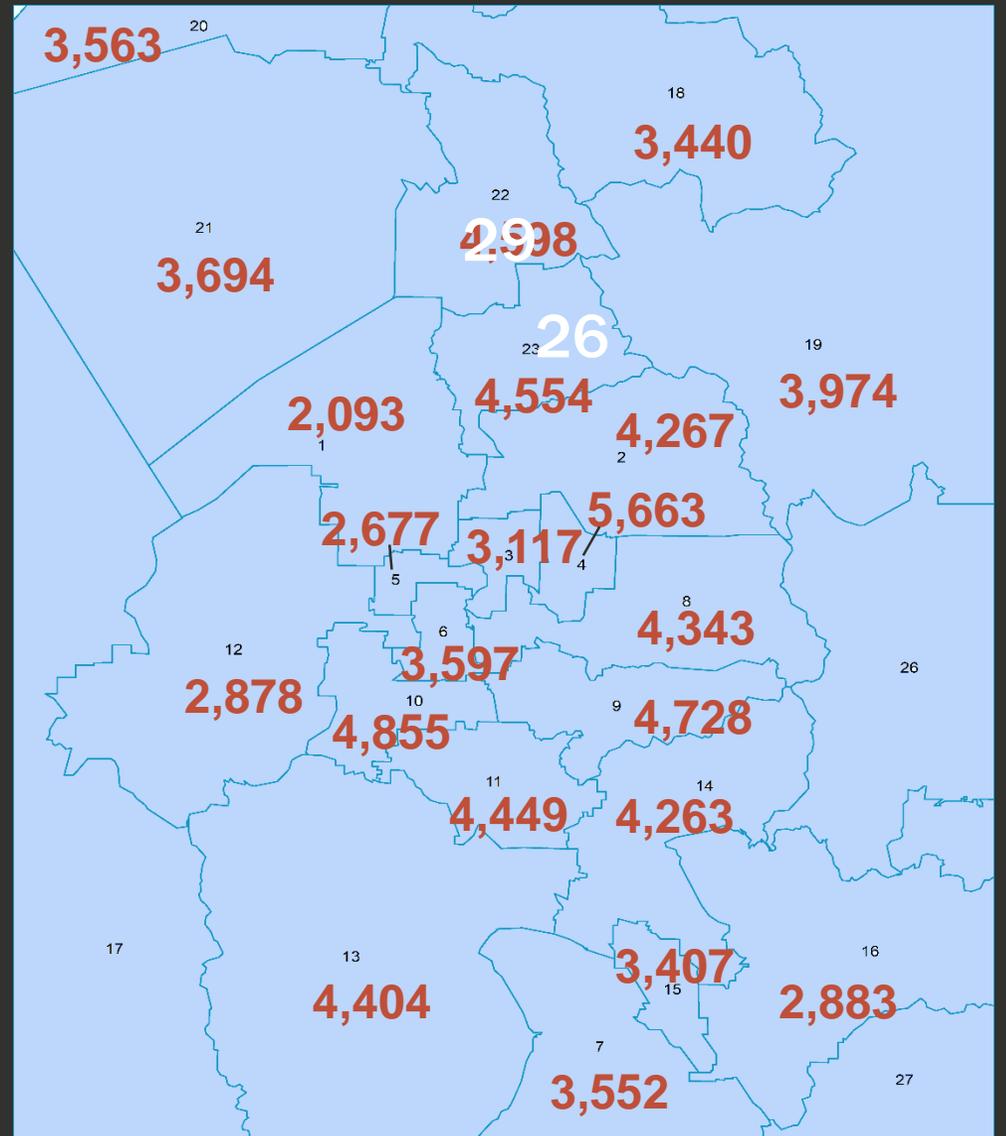
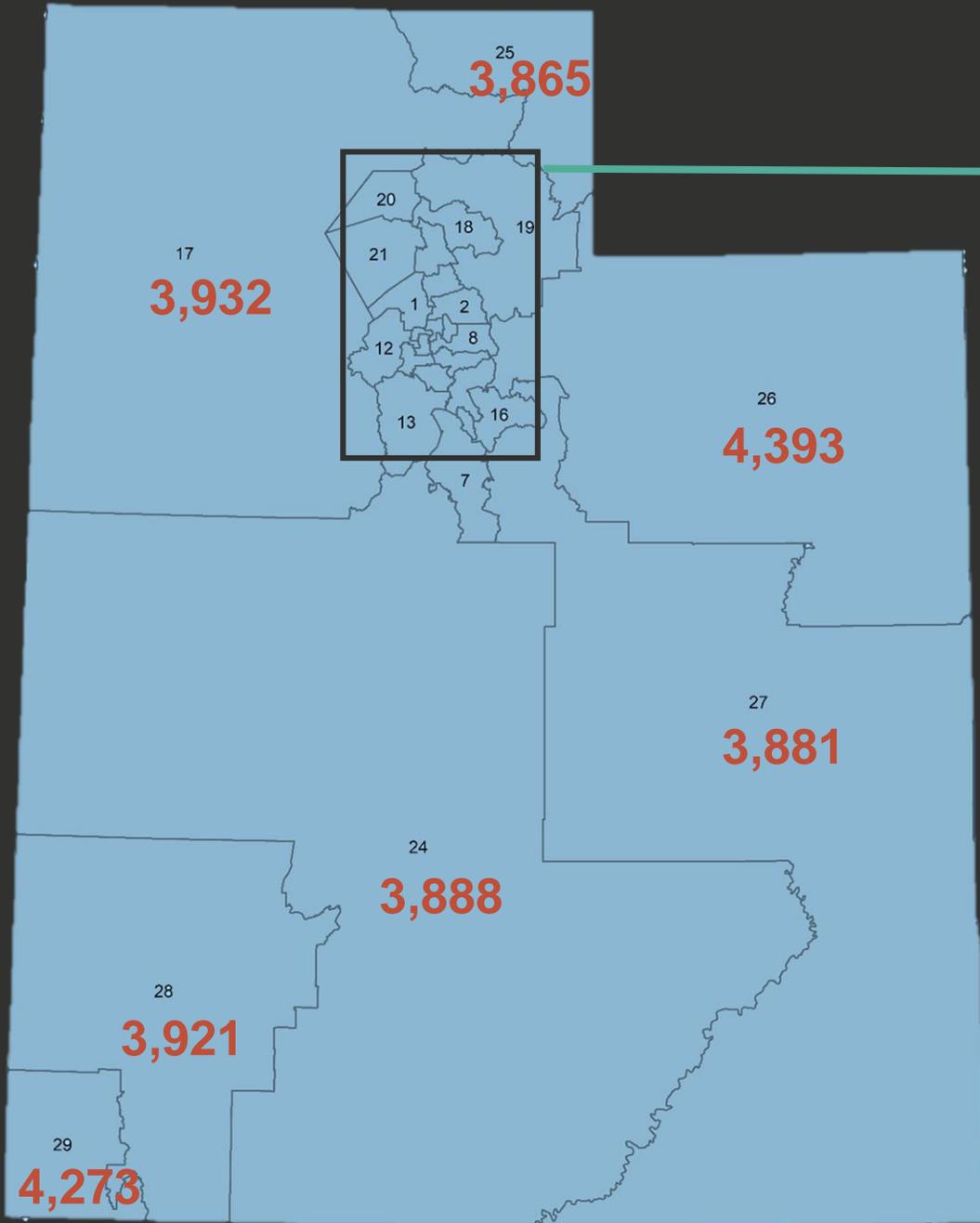
**113, 143**

**10%**

**26**

# Senate districts in which 10% threshold must be reached





**Step 5:**  
Signature  
Gathering

# Submission Deadline

**Sooner of:**

**April 15**

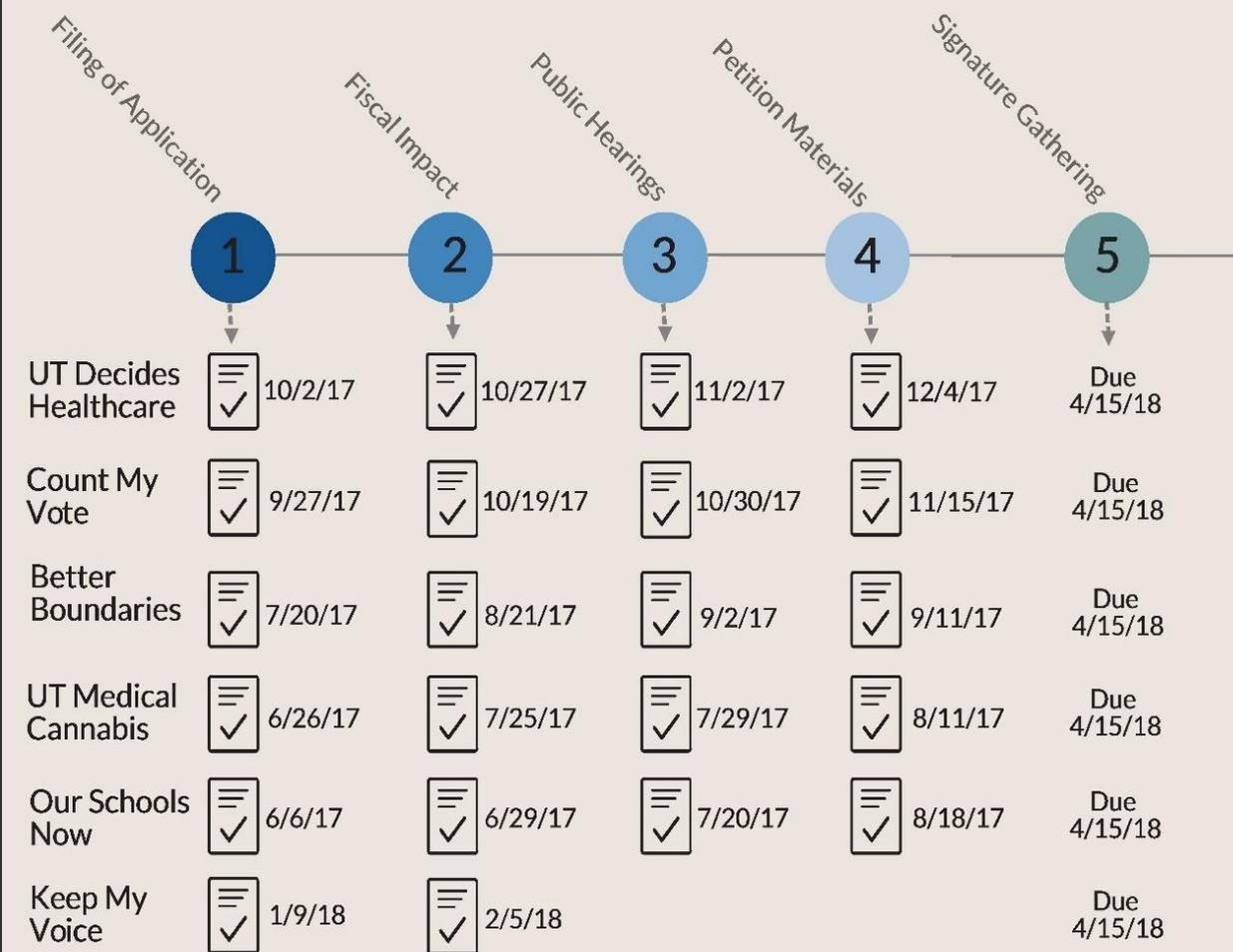
**-or-**

**316 days after  
filing date**

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**Step 6:  
Signature  
Certification**



**Clerks return signature packets to the  
Lieutenant Governor by May 15**

**Step 7:**  
Signature  
Declaration



**June 1**

**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

Initiative Text

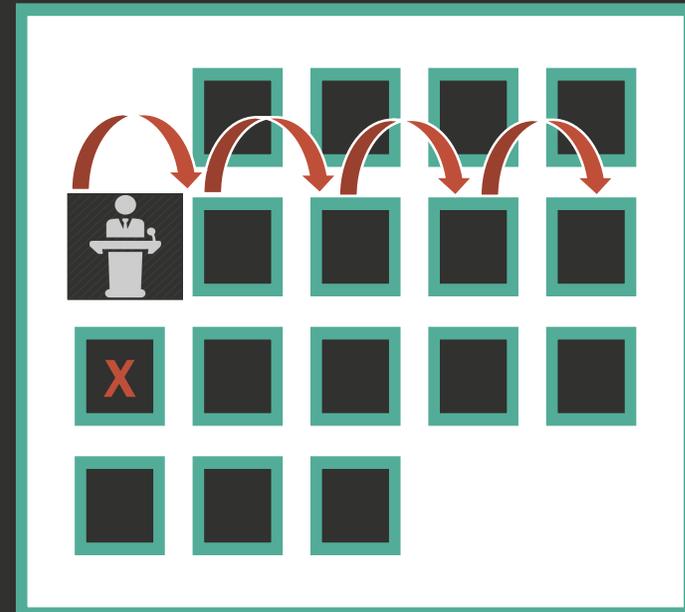


Effective date specified?



5 days after proclamation

Dec. 1, 2018



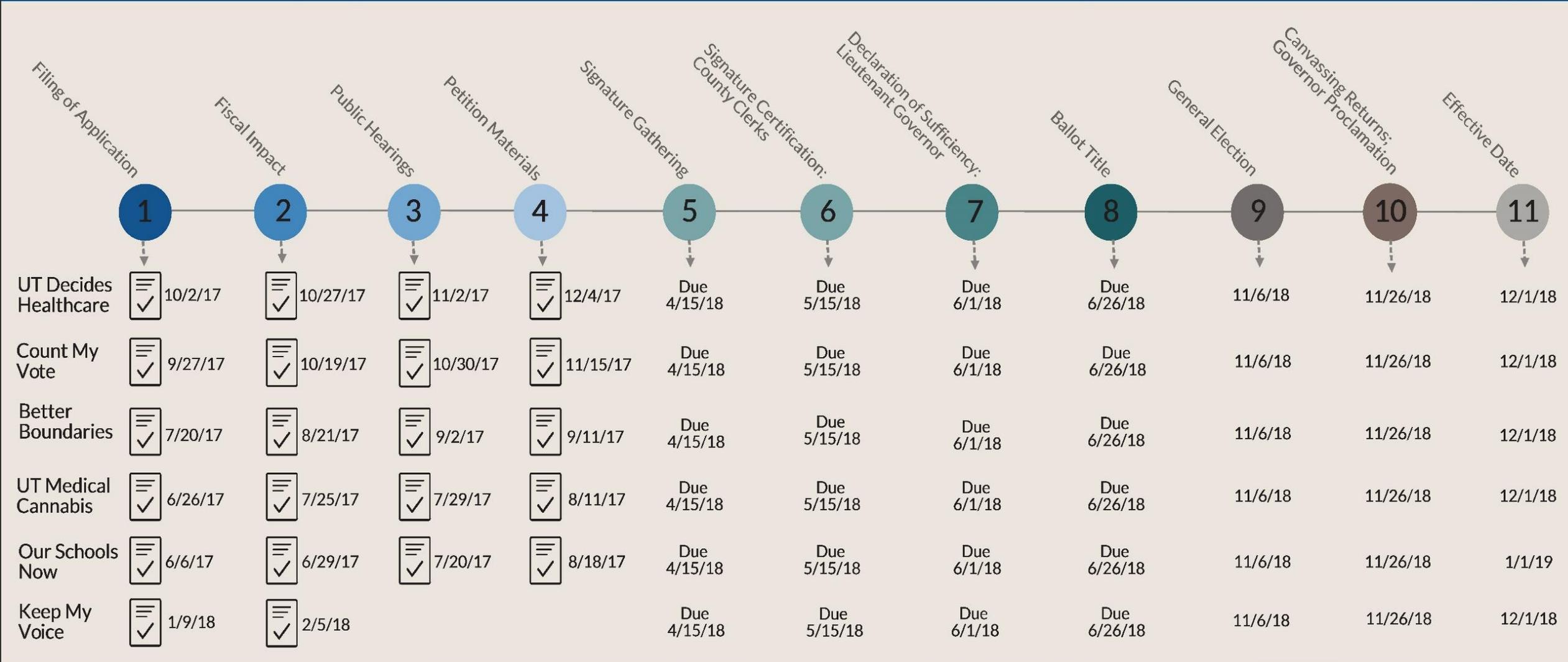
# After Election

- **No Veto**
- **Final Fiscal Impact Statement**
- **Legislature May Legislate**

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# Resources

- [Elections.Utah.gov](http://Elections.Utah.gov) → Election Resources → 2018 Initiatives
- Initiative Summaries
- Initiative Process Summary

# Questions or Comments?



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