Part 5 -- Classification

17-50-501.   Classification of counties.

(1)   Each county shall be classified according to its population.
(2)
(a)   A county with a population of 700,000 or more is a county of the first class.
(b)   A county with a population of 125,000 or more but less than 700,000 is a county of the second class.
(c)   A county with a population of 31,000 or more but less than 125,000 is a county of the third class.
(d)   A county with a population of 11,000 or more but less than 31,000 is a county of the fourth class.
(e)   A county with a population of 4,000 or more but less than 11,000 is a county of the fifth class.
(f)   A county with a population less than 4,000 is a county of the sixth class.

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17-50-502.   Change of class of county.
Effective 3/11/2019

(1)   Each county shall retain its classification under Section 17-50-501 until changed as provided in this section.
(2)   The lieutenant governor shall monitor the population figure for each county as shown on:
(a)   each official census or census estimate of the United States Bureau of the Census; or
(b)   if the population figure for a county is not available from the United States Bureau of the Census, the population estimate from the Utah Population Committee.
(3)   After July 1, 2021, if the applicable population figure under Subsection (2) indicates that a county's population has increased beyond the limit for its current class, the lieutenant governor shall:
(a)   prepare a certificate indicating the class in which the county belongs based on the increased population figure; and
(b)   within 10 days after preparing the certificate, deliver a copy of the certificate to the county legislative body and, if the county has an executive that is separate from the legislative body, the executive of the county whose class was changed.
(4)   A county's change in class is effective on the date of the lieutenant governor's certificate under Subsection (3).

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