

The Key Feature of HB 371 is to Provide for Verification of Election Results

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- Prohibits the use of ballot drop boxes for absentee ballots (see lines 341, 372, 396-97, 418-19, 900-01)
- **Changes the principal means of voting from universal mail-in voting to primarily in-person voting.** Under this bill, mail-in ballots would no longer be mailed to all eligible voters. (see lines 538, 776-7, 935-47, 953)
- **A person may vote by mail using an absentee ballot** if they will be out of Utah on election day and the early voting days provided, or they are ill, hospitalized, elderly or disabled and unable to vote in person. (see line 1137-61)
- Specifies how a person applies for an absentee ballot (see lines 1162-1212)
- It specifies how an absentee ballot is to be mailed to a voter, and how the voter will vote that ballot. (see lines 1214-1274)
- A person may not possess another person's voter registration card except that an election official, postal worker may possess the registration while performing their official duties, or a person may possess the registration form when assisting someone who is disabled, ill or elderly and has asked the person to deliver the registration on their behalf, or the person lives in the same household as the person whose registration they possess. (see lines 82-21, 1484 to 1496)
- An election officer may not count any ballots prior to the time the polls close on election day. (see line 1446)
- An election officer must release the results of the ballots that are counted after polls close on election day on the day of the election.
- Makes some changes to how provisional ballots are treated, and how a voter may cure a ballot cast without appropriate identification. (see lines 1621-24, 1633-34)
- **Extends the time an election officer must retain ballots and other election materials from 22 month to 36 months** and clarifies how and when an election official may access those records (See lines 1701-13)
- Requires that the Lt. Governor shall, at least 90 days before election day, hire an **independent auditor** to audit the election, requires that each federal election be audited, and specifies how the election will be audited, (see lines 1727-87)
- Prohibits a drive through polling location (See line 1828)
- Specifies election security policies and procedures including that a digitized image of each ballot be taken when it is counted and that these ballot images be available online so that they may be viewed by any individual. (see lines 1937-58)
- Requires that all ballots contain certain security feature including unique identifiers, such as a quick response code, a light sensitive watermark and a foil stamp.(see lines 1971 -77)