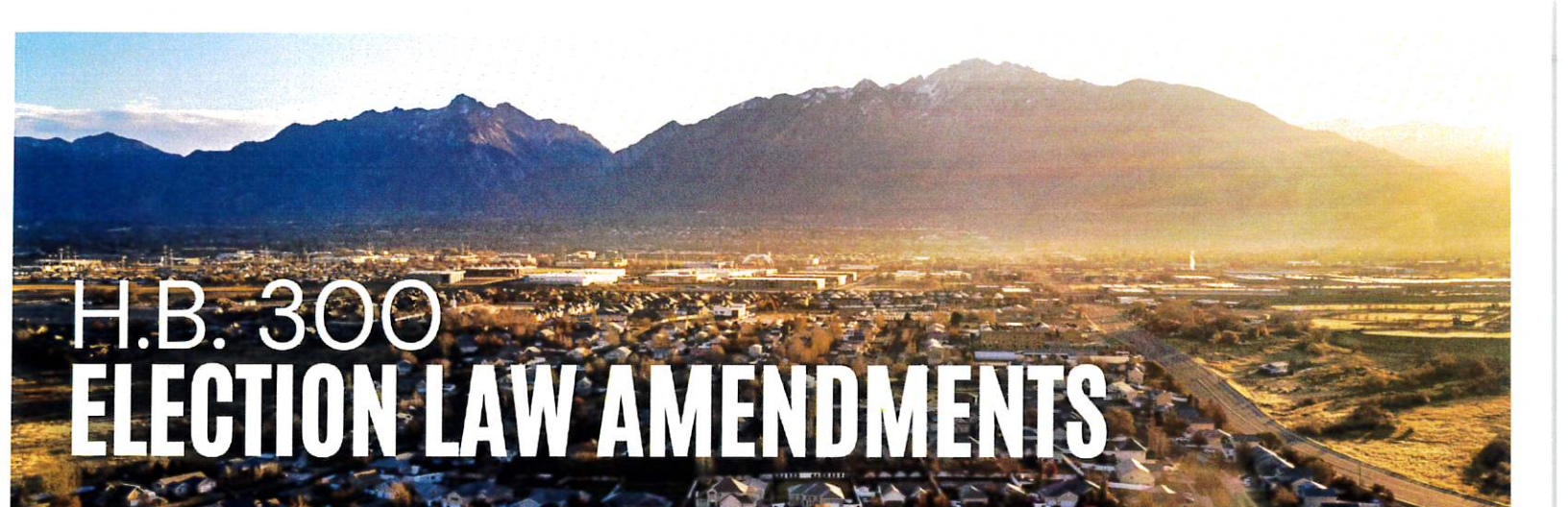




H.B. 300 ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS

KEY POLICY CHANGES

HB 300 PRESERVES VOTE-BY-MAIL WHILE MAKING UTAH'S ELECTIONS MORE SECURE.

- 1.** Beginning in 2026, Utah voters with a valid state ID must include the last four digits of their state ID when returning a ballot through the mail or in a drop box. Those without an ID will have their signature cured.
- 2.** Utahns who do not have a valid state ID must obtain one by 2029 to vote by mail.
 - Creates a process for voters to get a free photo ID if needed
- 3.** Beginning in 2029, all voters who vote in person must present a valid photo ID.
 - Under the rare and limited circumstances that a voter cannot obtain a photo ID, they must sign an affidavit and present two forms of alternative ID (SS card, bank statement, paystub, etc.)
- 4.** Requires ballots to be in the county clerks' possession by 8 p.m. on election night.
- 5.** Requires voters to opt in to receive ballots in the mail every 8 years to ensure ballots are only mailed to those who are eligible and want to receive them.
 - All voters will need to opt in initially by 2029
 - Voters will be able to opt in when renewing their driver's license, voting in person, or through an online portal
 - Voters will be informed via mail of the need to opt in
- 6.** Enhances the lieutenant governor's ability to investigate voter registration roll inaccuracies.

IMPROVING UTAH'S SCORE AND RANKING

+6 POINTS Require a photo ID or a unique identifier on mail-in ballots

+5 POINTS Provide a free photo ID for those who cannot afford a state-issued ID

+1 POINT Implement a process to check voter roll anomalies based on address

+1 POINT Use agreements with the federal courts to notify state election officials if an individual on DMV/voter registration lists has been found to be disqualified because of felony conviction or non-citizenship

+1 POINT Don't allow for a permanent absentee ballot list

+1 POINT Implement procedures to investigate the validity of voter registration when an absentee ballot is returned as undelivered

+2 POINTS Implement the use of the SAVE Program to help identify non-citizens who register to vote

+3 POINTS Require those who are assisting voters to provide their identity and reason for assistance

+1 POINT Require that any changes to the state's election law via a court settlement be approved by the legislature

+1 POINT Ranked Choice Voting not to be used by any municipality (programs to end by 2026)

+4 POINTS Do not automatically mail absentee ballot request forms to all registered voters

26 TOTAL POINTS

IMPLEMENTING THESE CHANGES WILL RAISE OUR RANKING TO

FOR ELECTION SECURITY

UTAH RANKS CURRENTLY,

